



# NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 31st January 2020



Dear Parents,

## PTA

The PTA met on Wednesday evening and have planned the following events this term:

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 6 – 7.30pm School Disco**, Theme: Wear Pink, Red or Hearts! Price £5 a ticket, which includes drinks and a biscuit. There will be a sweet shop for children to buy sweets / chocolate. Tickets will be on sale from the office soon

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 6.30 – 8.30pm. EASTER EGG BINGO** This was a really enjoyable family event last year and everyone went home with arms full of chocolate! We will hold a non/uniform day on 24<sup>th</sup> March to collect Easter Eggs for prizes.

Thanks to your generosity, our fundraising last year has enabled us to buy new classroom equipment for our EYFS department, and a new guided reading book scheme for Reception class.

## Canal and River Trust Visit

Katie and Nigel came to school on Wednesday and held an assembly on water safety. They work for a charity called the Canal and River Trust and spoke to the children of the dangers of being near open water and how to stay safe near water, especially canals, rivers, lakes and reservoirs.

## Cake Sale Week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February

We would like to hold a cake sale week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> February - so calling all bakers out there. We would be very grateful for cake donations which we will sell to the children at playtime all week (50p a cake). The Faith Ambassadors are going to run the stall and would like the proceeds to go to Save Caitlin Fund – a fund set up to raise money for a 5 year old from Burnley who has been diagnosed with stage 4 Neuroblastoma. Caitlin has already undergone 40 rounds of chemotherapy and needs life-saving treatment in Barcelona which costs £150,000. A very worthy cause for us to support!

## Children's National Mental Health Week – Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> February

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we will be holding "INSIDE OUT DAY!" on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February. This is a national initiative to improve awareness of mental health. Everyone in school will wear their jumper or cardigan INSIDE OUT for the day. This is to highlight that even if people look okay on the outside, they may not feel okay on the inside. We should ALWAYS BE KIND as others may be feeling sad or lonely. The children will have discussions about this in class next week in RE and PSHE lessons. This will also be a good start to us thinking about "Kindness Week" which falls in our half-term holiday.

## Uniform and Book Sale Week Commencing 10<sup>th</sup> February

We are holding a used good quality uniform and second – hand book sale each afternoon after school at 3.30pm week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> February. These will be on sale outside the school hall and all proceeds will go into the school PTA fund. Please come and browse.



## Family Friendly Friday – 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2.45 – 3.30pm

You will shortly receive an invitation to our Family Friendly Friday. We are opening up our classrooms on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February for parents and grandparents to come along and see what the children have been learning this half-term. Just come in at 2.45pm and we will direct you to your child's classroom for some afternoon fun.

## 100 Club Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Mr Keck

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize- N Rourke - *If you would like to have the chance to win – Forms for the 100 club can be obtained from the office. Thank you.*

### **Spring Saturday Special Childcare Day – 14th March**

Due to the popularity of this event in December, we are proposing another Saturday Special. You hardworking parents can have a day to yourselves, (game of golf? Trip to the beauty salon?) drop your child at school at 8am and leave them with us until 4pm. We will entertain them for the day for £25 a child (£20 per sibling). Breakfast, Lunch and snacks will be provided. All monies raised go into the PTA fund to improve the school for your children. Please complete the booking form attached to guarantee a place.

### **KS1 Visitor this term**

We welcome to school Sally Armstrong who is completing a term's teaching practice with us in Y1/2 until Easter. The children already love her so if you meet her, please welcome her to our school family.

### **Water Bottle**

A reminder that all children should have a school water bottle in school every day. Keeping hydrated is so important to their learning. If you need a new one, see Mrs Kendall. The children can refill it daily at the water fountain.

### **EYFS**

In Pre-School and Reception we have been bird watching! We have our binoculars and tick sheets out to spot as many birds as we can! We have been making bird feeders to hang up around our school. Let's hope the birds enjoy them! If you are out and about this weekend see how many birds you can spot!

### **500 Words**

A leaflet was sent home yesterday regarding the 500 Words Competition run by BBC Radio 2. It is open for children from age 5 - 13. Further details can be found on the <https://www.bbc.co.uk/radio2> website.

### **Spanish**

#### **El tiempo.**

This week we have been studying the weather in Spanish. We have been reading stories and singing songs to help us remember.

hace sol – it's sunny	hace calor – it's hot
hace frío – it's cold	hace viento – it's windy
llueve – it's raining	nieva – it's snowing

Remember! In Spanish the 'h' is not pronounced; the 'c' is pronounced like 'th' and the 'll' is pronounced like 'j'

#### **This song is sung to the tune of Frere Jacques!**

Hoy no llueve, hoy no llueve,  
Hace sol, *hace sol.*  
*Mira como brilla, mira como brilla.*  
*¡Qué calor, qué calor!*



### **Young Voices**

What a fabulous evening was had by the choir, staff and parents at the Young Voices concert at Manchester Arena last night! You might have spotted us on Look North West News! There were guest appearances by Tony Hadley and Urban Strides to name just a couple. It was a wonderful spectacle and an unforgettable experience for the children to be part of, singing along with 8000 other school children. Thanks go to Mrs Goffee for preparing her "Wednesday Waffles" for the concert.



## **Sports News**

### **KS2 Dance**

Well done to our dance troop who performed their team dance 'Tokyo Drift' at the Burnley Schools dance competition. They were fantastic and did us proud. They even gave Diversity a run for their money.



### **Y3 and Y4 Gymnastics**

Our year 3 and 4 Gymnastics team competed in a Gymnastics event at the BEST Centre. They performed confidently during their floor routine and the vault and weren't fazed by the huge audience.

