



# NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023



Dear Parents,

This half term is flying by! Autumn is here and our grounds are changing - they are beautiful at this time of year. The children are loving their weekly Forest School lesson and there are lots of super photos on Facebook and the website showing the exciting activities they do with Mrs Taylor. Please do take time to go down to the forest school area next week on Family Friendly Friday.

Parents and grandparents are all invited to enjoy some time in school next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. The afternoon will begin at 1.45pm with tea and cake in the dining room for a chat with other parents. Then you are invited to go to your child's class from 2.45pm to join in some activities with them. We hope that you can join us.

The juniors are enjoying their weekly swimming lesson. We decided to change the day to Tuesday because we can give the children more space in the pool and group them better. Thank you for your patience with us - it is new to us as we have only ever taken year 3 before now, so we were bound to encounter teething problems. Hopefully all will be smooth going forward.

A date for your diary is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm onwards for Pupil Progress Meetings with your child's class teacher. An electronic booking form will be sent nearer the time for you to choose a slot.

This half term finishes on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. We will have our Harvest Assembly that afternoon from 2.45pm. We would be grateful for donations of food for Harvest which we will take to Burnley Community Grocery Foodbank. Following Harvest assembly on the 19th, we are holding a PTA event - Film Fun Time - 3.30-6.00pm. The children can stay in school and enjoy a film together in the hall with a picnic bag (sandwich, crisps, biscuit, and sweets) and drink during the interval. Tickets will be on sale soon at £7 each. All proceeds will go into PTA funds. There will be no ASC that evening.

Kind regards,

Mrs Whitehead

## CAKE SALE NEXT WEEK

### *Calling all bakers!*

We are holding a cake sale each morning playtime next week to raise funds for a charity called Children with Cancer UK.

The children can bring 50p a day to buy a yummy cake at morning playtime. The Faith Ambassadors will man the cake stall.

We would be very grateful for cake donations from Monday please.

## PE KIT DAYS FOR JUNIORS

They have changed because of swimming changing days so are as follows:

- Y3 Tuesday
- Y4 Monday and Tuesday
- Y5 Tuesday and Wednesday
- Y6 Tuesday and Friday

## BOOK FAIR

Thank you for your support of our recent book fair. The children and staff enjoyed perusing and purchasing books. We sold £813 and earned rewards to buy new books for our school library.



## POLITICAL THREAT TO INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

You may have seen announcements on the news and on social media about the Labour party's intentions should they win the next general election. I mentioned it at the Transition Meeting we held last June.

Labour have confirmed that they will impose 20% VAT on Independent school fees and will implement this tax change immediately and not phased over time. They also intend to remove charitable relief on business rates for schools who are charities.

Despite lots of pressure from Independent Schools' associations and the Independent School Council, Labour are not budging on this claiming that the revenue raised will fund the overstretched state education system.

The Governing Body will keep you informed of any developments as this may have a significant impact on school fees.

Mrs Whitehead

## FOREST SCHOOL

Please ensure your child has:-  
**Waterproof trousers**  
**Wellies**  
**Socks**  
**Park Hill Coat**

## ACTIVITY 60 MINUTE FESTIVAL

Some Year 3 children took part in an Active 60 minutes Festival on the 29<sup>th</sup> September. The children played different skill based games. The parachute was a popular game. The children demonstrated great teamwork and participated with enthusiasm.



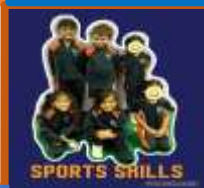
## TAG RUGBY

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September Stanley, Poppy, Amelia, Harper and Penny went to a Tag Rugby competition at the Prairie. They played 3 games, winning 2 and losing 1. Well done team and thank you to Mrs Windle for accompanying the children.



## OUTDOOR BONANZA

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September four children from years 3 & 4 attended an 'Outdoor Bonanza' at Towneley Hall. They were tasked with completing four activities, the focus was working on skills as a team.



## FOOTBALL

Well done to our football team, on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October they battled through the rain and mud and ended up in a draw against Padiham Green Primary School. Great effort and resilience boys!



## UNIFORM

### PLEASE LABEL IT!

We are spending ridiculous amounts of time searching for uniform which children lose, and usually it does not have a name label in it.



**Family Friendly Friday**  
Friday 13th October  
1.45pm - 2.45pm Coffee & Cake (Dining Room)  
2.45pm - 3.30pm - Classroom

Join us for a coffee and a cake and then spend some time with your child(ren) in the class

St Joseph's Park Hill School

## THE ADDAMS FAMILY

Basics Theatre Group are performing the Addams Family at Pendle Hippodrome Theatre, Colne Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October until Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Their shows are always fabulous.

[Book Tickets here](#)

