



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Thursday 30th November 2023



Dear Parents

This term is flying by and we are busy, busy, busy in school.

The staff and children are working very hard in the classrooms, and very hard in the hall practising for Christmas.

Next week is assessment week when staff will give the children tests on what they have been taught so far this year, so please can all children be punctual and in school for 8.25am each day. Full attendance next week is really important so get the vitamins out! Hearty breakfasts will feed the brain too!

I would like to thank you for the parent surveys which were returned on school improvement. If there are still any out there, I would be grateful of your feedback and ask you to return the form to school this week.

We have lots happening over the next 3 weeks so please put these dates in your diary:

- 6th Dec **Choir singing** at Boundary Mill at 4.30pm to raise money for Pendleside Hospice
- 8th Dec **Extra- Curricular clubs finish**
- 9th Dec **Theatre trip** to see 'Bring on Tomorrow' at Pendle Hippodrome Y1-6 with Mrs Whitehead, Mrs Doney and Mrs Barker
- 14th Dec **6pm Nativity performance** - all EYFS and Infants expected to perform
- 15th Dec **2pm Nativity** - all EYFS and Infants performing
- 18th Dec Christmas lunch in school and **6.30pm Junior Carol Service** - all juniors expected to perform
- 19th Dec Christmas fun day with a visit from Santa and Park Hill's Got Christmas Talent, disco and stalls. Choir will sing carols at McAuley Mount at 11am.

School will close at 3.30pm and After School Club at 5.30pm

Tickets are now available for the Nativity and Carol Service from Mrs Kendall and all proceeds from ticket sales will go to Pendleside Hospice along with anything raised carol singing. Our Christmas charities this year are the Burnley Community Grocery and Pendleside Hospice as it is so important to think of others more than ourselves at this time of year.

We return to school on Monday 8th January and are taking the whole school to see the panto **Jack and the Beanstalk** on Thursday 11th January. Details will be sent out before Christmas.

Thank you for your wonderful support,

Mrs Whitehead

Own Clothes Day

Wow wow wow!!! Thank you to everyone who brought in jumbly jars and chocolate on Monday. We certainly have a super selection to put on the stalls for our fun day so that every child will bring home a jar and chocolate.



Assemblies

Parents, family and friends are all invited to join us for our Advent assemblies over the next 2 Fridays - 1st and 8th December at 2.45pm. The Faith Ambassador team will assist Mrs Whitehead to deliver the Christmas message and there will our usual celebration of pupil achievements. All very welcome!

There will be no assembly on Fri 15th December as we are having the matinee performance of the Nativity that afternoon.

School Council

The School Council are championing one of our Christmas charities this year - the Burnley Community Grocery. They are holding the **Foodbank Friday** competition with prizes going to the winning class. The School council collect and count up food donations each week and award points to each class. The winners will be announced on the 19th December.

Please pop an extra tin or packet in your shopping trolley each week for the foodbank which will be so important to many families in Burnley this Christmas.



Christmas Raffle

One of the most important fundraisers for the PTA funds is our Christmas Raffle and as always, we rely on your generosity. The past two years funds have paid for the improvements to our Forest School including the outdoor classroom and pond - so the money we raise is used for the benefit of all our pupils.

Please could we ask for donations for our annual Christmas Raffle to be sent into school over the next two weeks. We will send home raffle tickets for the children to sell to friends and family, and the raffle draw will take place after the Carol Service on the 18th. Last year over 30 families happily took home one of the lovely gift hampers we made with your kind donations. THANK YOU.



Burnley Library need volunteers : 'Keeping East Lancs in the Picture'

We have been asked to share this link with parents and grandparents from Burnley library who are recruiting volunteers to help with a special project in the archives.

[Archives Collections Volunteer - Keeping East Lancashire in the Picture • Lancashire Volunteer Partnership \(lancsvp.org.uk\)](http://lancsvp.org.uk)

Sports News

Glow in the dark Dodgeball

A team of children from Year 1, 2 and 3 went down to Padiham Green school to take part in Glow in the dark dodgeball. We were all very excited because it was the first time we had ever played this game. The hall was very dark but the balls, cones and our team vests were all glowing in the dark so we could see. We played games against Padiham Green and Holy Trinity. It was very exciting and we all enjoyed playing this game.

Girls Football

Our future Lionesses competed against two other schools in the girls football cup. They were undefeated and are through to the next round.

Gymnastics

Some children from year 3 and 4 went to the Best Centre for gymnastics skills. They really enjoyed it.

Football

On Friday the 10th and 17th of November, the school football team travelled to Westholme to compete in a football tournament. They had a great time across the two weeks and finished third overall. Well done to everyone who played.

