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7th July 2023,

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have some new dates for your diary including the new dates for Key Stage 2 Sports Day and Bingo Night:

Diary Dates

Martin Mere trip Y1/2C and 3A - 12th July

Film Night - 12th July 3.15pm – 5pm

Reception Graduation Assembly – Friday 14th July at 2pm

Bingo – Eyes down 6.30pm – 19th July

Y6 Leaver's Assembly – Thursday 20th July at 9.15am. This will be followed by a day of celebration for Y6 children.

We finish for Summer at 1.30pm on 21st July.

SPORTS DAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

EYFS and KS1 Sports Day – Tuesday 11th July 10am

KS2 Sports Day – Thursday 13th July 10am

Lancashire SEND Partnership SEN Support Survey 2023

These surveys are for children and young people and their parent carers in Lancashire where the child or young person has Special Educational Needs (SEN) support needs.

Your responses will be anonymous. It is your choice to answer any question or skip it.

These surveys have been designed by Lancashire SEND Partnership to help them listen to children and young people (and their families) with different kinds of SEN. They want to understand what is important to children, young people and their parent carers to help us work more effectively with you.

They will publish the feedback from these surveys on the Local Offer: www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND

The surveys can be found here:

For children and young people: <https://forms.office.com/e/9axwZAAKzc>

For parent carers: <https://forms.office.com/e/PnJja1RSNY>



PE

Please ensure that children have suitable footwear for outdoor PE lessons – either plimsolls or trainers. Thank you.

SPARKLE DAY

Many thanks for supporting our fundraising for the Sparkle Bean Trust.

The charity aims to support primary schools with advice and grants following the sudden death of a pupil so that school communities are supported. The charity was born out of the experiences of Tarleton Community Primary School as they experienced the loss of a pupil, Saffie-Rose Roussos, in the Manchester Arena Attack and the subsequent trauma that engulfed them. Through the generosity of strangers and other schools, a fund was set up which aided their recovery. Many schools held 'wear what you like days' to raise money and to show solidarity. For further information, please visit www.sparklebean.co.uk.

There was a delay in the sparkly slap bands being ready to come in to school but I have been informed they are now ready and will be delivered to school early next week.

PARKING

As I have previously requested, please be considerate and avoid parking in residential parking spaces around school. I have had several recent complaints from the local community.

Maths

Mrs Wright is our Maths Lead in school and she has asked me to share this link with you as she thinks it may be useful:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/maths-with-michael>

There are 6 videos that explain how you can help your child with maths and there are some useful resources too.

Teacher Training – North West SCITT

As a key partner of NW SHARES SCITT Primary Teacher Training programme we are delighted to share the news that our teacher training programme has recently been judged to be outstanding by Ofsted in the recent inspection. Only 6 other providers in the country currently hold this grade under the inspection framework introduced in 2020. **If you are interested in training to become a primary school teacher and already hold a degree, call the office on 01695 557488 for more information.**

The Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund is now available... Please spread the word and click the link below for further details:

[Household Support Fund - West Lancashire Borough Council \(westlancs.gov.uk\)](https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/household-support-fund)

Directory of Support Services

The Financial Inclusion Team at West Lancs Borough Council have generated a directory of resources that's easily accessible for anyone and everyone.

Please click the link below to have a look as it's a great resource to have to hand.

[Directory of Support Services - West Lancashire Borough Council \(westlancs.gov.uk\)](https://www.westlancs.gov.uk)

Help and Assistance in Difficult Times

Times are hard at the moment for many. The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) can provide practical assistance if you need it and we have a local branch in Skelmersdale. You can ring them on 07470351042. They are really approachable and non-judgemental and they help us a lot as a school. There is a foodbank available behind St Francis of Assisi Church near the entrance to the adjoining house. This is open every Wednesday from 12 noon until 1pm.

Cost of Living Support – Guidance for parents and carers

Find out the most up-to-date information about what help is available for households and businesses in Lancashire on the [Cost of living support website](#). This website summarises some of the most useful information from Lancashire County Council and they have asked that we share it with you.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Ann Naylor (Headteacher)