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31st March 2023,

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the last newsletter of the Spring term so we would like to wish you all a happy and joyous Easter with your family and friends. Thank you for all of your support over the last term.

An Easter Prayer

We praise you in this Easter season.

Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever.

Amen.

Thank You

Many thanks to the PTA for all their hard work in organising the Easter activities we've had this week including the Easter Bingo and the Breakfasts with the Easter Bunny. They are a fantastic group who work so hard to raise funds which are directly spent on our children. There are many things that we could not do without the support of the PTA. We really appreciate their hard work. Thank you also to our families for attending the events held.

Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows –

Reception – 84.2%

Y1/2 – 90%

Y3 – 93.5%

Y4 – 95.4%

Y5 – 81.7%

Y6 – 81.4%

Raffle

Well done to our raffle winners:

1st Prize – Harlow Matthews

2nd Prize – Stacey O'Kane

3rd Prize – Skyler Williamson



Diary Dates

Friday 5th May – Street party on the playground to celebrate the Coronation

Tuesday 9th –Friday 12th May – KS2 SATS. Please note that the SATS are national tests. We cannot move any test dates or change them.

Reading Challenge

Well done this week to Nathan Gibson

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.**

Y6 Booster Lessons

Booster lessons continue on Monday for Year 6 children. Please ensure that your child attends these lessons as they are a great way of preparing for the upcoming national assessments, SATs, which take place on the 9th -12th May.

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/support-services)

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.

Have a lovely Easter Holidays,

Best wishes,
Ann Naylor (Headteacher)