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17th March 2023,

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy St Patrick's Day to you all!

Mother's Day

Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend the afternoon tea in Key Stage 1 today which was a really lovely occasion.

Early Years are holding a tea party on Wednesday 22nd March from 9.15am until 10.15am - all parents/carers are welcome.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God

We thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us,

Whose love is so precious that it can never be measured,

Whose patience seems to have no end.

We pray for all mothers and we ask you to bless them with your own special love.

Amen

We will be thinking of all of you on Mother's Day - particularly those of you who no longer have your mums or who can't be with your mums.

Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows –

Reception – 71.3%

Y1/2 – 84.1%

Y3 – 92.3%

Y4 – 80.8%

Y5 – 93.9%

Y6 – 87.5%

Comic Relief

Many thanks for your contributions today in aid of [Comic Relief](#). Click on the link to find out more about how your contributions are helping others.

Diary Dates

Friday 24th March – Non Uniform Day (donations of chocolate or Easter eggs)

Wednesday 29th March - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny for EYFS and KS. £5 per child via ParentPay includes breakfast, chocolate and photograph and starts at 8.15am

Easter Dinner

Thursday 30th March – Breakfast with the Easter Bunny for KS2

Easter Bingo – Doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7pm

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

Polite Reminder

As children get older, we recognise that they become more aware of their appearance and begin to take an interest in fashion and trends. Make up and false nails/acrylics, however, are not allowed to be worn by our pupils in school.

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.

Reading Challenge

On Fridays, children will receive a certificate if they have read at home every day of the week. At the end of the month, names will be drawn (a bit like a raffle) and those selected will get to choose a new book to take home and keep. Well done to Alfie, Clay, Poppy, Orlaith, Archie, Evie, Isla Rose, Estere, Nathan and Iara. Happy reading!

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](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support). 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 weekend,

Best wishes,

Ann Naylor (Headteacher)