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10th March 2023,

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well.

There are a few things to update you on this week ...

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

It is really important to promote a love of reading in our children and to help us do this our lovely Mrs Gibson is going to start a 'Reading Challenge' in school. On Fridays, children will receive a certificate if they have read 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. Happy reading!

Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows –

Reception – 81.3%

Y1/2 – 93.6%

Y3 – 85.9%

Y4 – 85.0%

Y5 – 89.4%

Y6 – 91.4%

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.'

Diary Dates

Monday 13th March – School Photographer for class photographs

Friday 17th March – KS1 Mother's Day Tea Party: 2pm in the hall
Comic Relief – own clothes day for a small donation.

Friday 24th March – Non Uniform Day (donations of chocolate/easter eggs)

Wednesday 29th March – Breakfast with Easter Bunny for EYFS & KS1. £5 per child via Parent Pay. Includes chocolate & photograph. Starts at 8.15am
- Easter Dinner

Thursday 30th March – Breakfast with Easter Bunny for KS2. £5 per child via Parent Pay. Includes chocolate & photograph. Starts at 8.15am
Easter Bingo. Doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7pm

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

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets have been sent home to sell. £1 per strip. Return one half of ticket and money to school.
Prize- Easter Egg bundle and £50 voucher

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.

Best wishes,
Ann Naylor (Headteacher)