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24th February 2023,

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely half-term.

Y4/Y5 Trip to Martin Mere

There will be a trip to Martin Mere on Thursday 2nd March for Year 4 and Year 5 children. Children will need to wear full school uniform as usual for this trip with the addition of trainers or wellies and a coat.

St Francis' World Book Day – Friday 3rd March

Due to the trip to Martin Mere on Thursday, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday in school. Children can choose to wear their own clothes or a character-related costume – it's entirely up to you !

Year 6 Booster Lessons

Booster lessons will begin on Monday for Year 6 children. Mrs Lamph has sent a separate letter with further details.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will resume next week as follows:

Tuesdays – Invasion Games WLSP 3.15-4.15 Y3&Y4

Wednesdays – Knitting 12.15pm

Thursdays – Mini Vinnie's 12.15pm

Striking and Fielding WLSP 3.15-4.15 Y5&Y6

Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows –

Reception – 85.6%

Y1/2 – 88.6%

Y3 – 93.6%

Y4 – 86.9%

Y5 – 96.7%

Y6 – 91.4%



In May the Department for Education published a document called *Working together to improve school attendance* a summary of which can be found [here](#). This document has been produced to help schools and local authorities maintain high levels of school attendance and sets out the responsibilities of parents, schools, governing bodies and local authorities in order to ensure this.

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)