



SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

W/E 19TH JANUARY 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

What an exciting week it has been! We all enjoyed playing in the snow on Tuesday - there were some very impressive snowmen created!

This afternoon, I met with the school council to discuss ways in which we can make children's birthdays special when they land on a school day. I will be sharing these ideas in Monday's assembly. Their next task is to discuss ideas for a new school motto with their classes. We are looking to create a short and snappy strapline that sums up our school and its ethos. Children and staff are going to be working hard to come up with some suggestions and I look forward to sharing a shortlist with you in a couple of week's time, so that you can help to vote for your favourite. If you have any ideas, please feel free to send them in.

Next half term, Gina, our school cook and her team have planned some special meals for the children to enjoy. The first one will be a Mothers' Day Meal, with grown ups being invited to join their children at lunchtime for a delicious roast dinner. Please see further details at the end of this letter and book via ScoPay if you would like to join us.

Please note the change to the date of the Valentine's Disco which clashed with the choir's trip to Manchester for the Young Voices Concert.

Have a great weekend

Mrs S Price

WHOLE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE:

93.99%

TARGET 96%

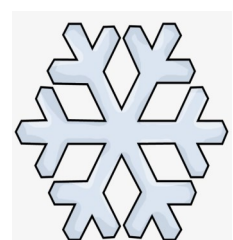
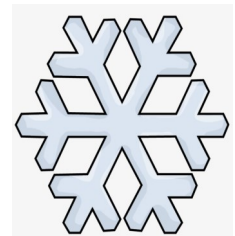
LUNCHES: W/C 22/1/24

WEEK 1 - Autumn / Winter



WHO WANTS TO BUILD A SNOWMAN !!!



A few photos from the recent snow





CELEBRATIONS & OTHER NEWS

THIS WEEKS ACHIEVEMENTS

		
RECEPTION	Eddie	Joshua R
YEAR 1	Oliver	Aiden
YEAR 2	Jude	Eliza
YEAR 3	Joshua S	Sara
YEAR 4	Sofia	Oliver
YEAR 5	Roxy	Max
YEAR 6	Matthew	Jacob

Useful Information

Eden Hair Salon in Chorley will be offering free dry haircuts for primary and secondary school children who are in receipt of Universal Credit or who are experiencing financial difficulty. Everyone deserves a haircut. Especially children in tough times. Hair must be fresh and clean and free of knots. Contact the salon for more information on this.

Focus Value of the term

Our focus value is determination— we show determination when things get tough

Buckshaw Primary School

Addressing School Absence

Introduction

Our attendance rate is currently 93.59, compared with Lancashire and National averages which are 96%. Schools are measured on their attendance figures as well as their attainment and test results. So when we do not achieve certain percentages the attendance consultants, DfE and OfSTED expect to see improvements. Please take the time to read the following information and help us to continue to improve.

We have two main areas that we need to improve:

Firstly we need to reduce the number of days that children take off for illness as this is way above national averages.

Secondly we need to be much stricter about taking leave in term time, in line with the new legislation.

Reducing Illness Days

- When a child has a day off we must be notified by a parent or carer as to why. This can be a telephone call or a notification via the app. A child returning to school after an absence will be marked as unauthorised absence until we receive a valid explanation.
- If your child is saying they do not feel well and you are unsure about whether it warrants a day off please send them to school. If they are truly ill we will ring you.
- If your child has to have a medical or dental appointment in school time please do your best to have it after 2pm and then your child can have their registration mark for the afternoon before you pick them up. If it needs to be a morning appointment please try and bring them to school first to get their mark and then return them to school afterwards. You will also need to provide proof of the appointment.

Please be aware that if your child arrives after 9.30 am (when the registers close) this will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

'Leave' in school time

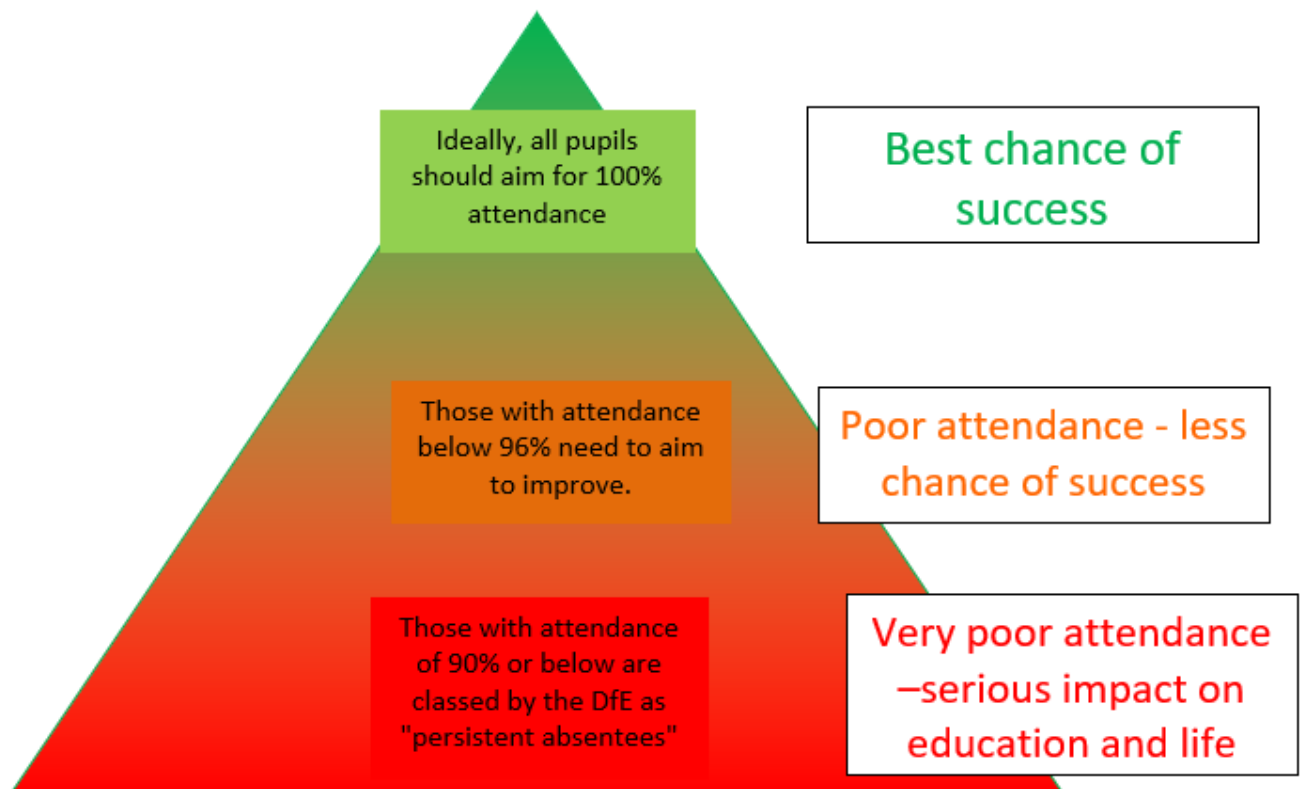
If you need to request 'leave' in term time there has to be exceptional reasons as to why the leave needs to be taken. The school will not be able to grant permission if the reason is cost as it is the same for everyone. Please do not book a holiday and then ask permission.

For leave to be considered your child's attendance needs to be 96% or more.

THERE ARE ONLY 190 SCHOOL DAYS EACH YEAR, THAT MEANS 175 DAYS NOT AT SCHOOL FOR SHOPPING AND HOLIDAYS

What is school doing?

- ♦ Monitoring of late arrivals
- ♦ Contacting parents when a child is absent without notification
- ♦ Tightening up on authorising leave in term time
- ♦ Undertake internal monitoring of all absences
- ♦ Sending 'traffic light letters' to all parents termly



Did you know that being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school during an academic year?

Even just being five minutes late adds up to three days absence over the year.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 2 nd February	Author visit for KS2 1.30-2.30pm
Tuesday 6 th February	Valentine's Disco KS1—4.00pm—5.00pm KS2—5.30pm—6.30pm
Wednesday 7 th February	Young Voices Choir to Manchester
Friday 9 th February	Visit from Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the House
Tuesday 20 th February	4.00pm—7.30pm Parents' Evening
Wednesday 21 st February	3.30-5.30pm Parents' Evening
Wednesday 6 th March	Mother's Day lunch—details to follow
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day - Dress up as your favourite character and enjoy a themed meal at lunchtime
Thursday 14 th March	Y5 Bikeability
Friday 15 th March	Non-uniform day — for chocolate donations Y5 Bikeability
Thursday 21 st March	6.00pm Family chocolate bingo
Saturday 23 rd March	Cross Country Competition and Family Fun Run in Astley Park
Tuesday 26 th March	Parents reading session with Caroline Yabantu
Wednesday 27 th March	Easter themed lunch

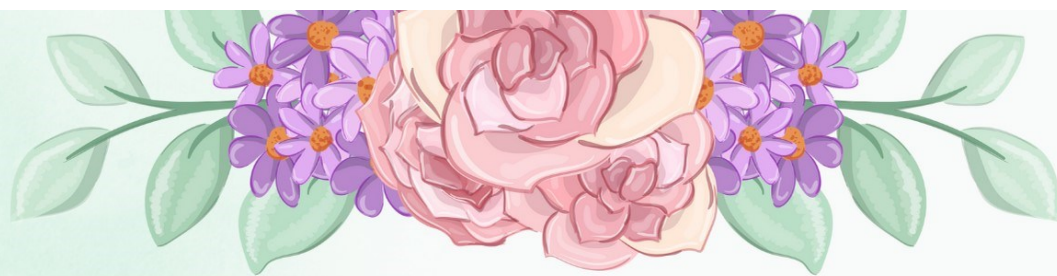
COME AND JOIN
OUR
Valentine's
Disco
Tickets
£2.50

KS 1 Disco 4-5pm
KS2 Disco 5.30-6.30pm

*Crisps, sweets and a drink
included*

Tuesday 6th February 2024

PLEASE BOOK VIA SCOPAY



WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2024

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

12 NOON

ALL MUMS, STEP-MUMS, GRANDMAS (OR ANY
OTHER IMPORTANT GROWN-UP) WELCOME!

ROAST TURKEY
DINNER WITH
ROAST
POTATOES AND
VEGETABLES

£3.10

QUORN
FILLET WITH
ROAST
POTATOES
AND
VEGETABLES

PRE-ORDERING IS
ESSENTIAL VIA SCOPAY

PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE AND
PRE-ORDER NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2024

NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER
THIS DATE

01257 418862



St George's Dramatic and Musical Society

Present....

Sinbad the Sailor

A Pantomime by

Alan P Frayn



Thursday 15th Feb 7.30pm

Friday 16th Feb 7.30pm

Saturday 17th Feb 4.00 pm

WORLD BOOK DAY



Chorley Football Development



At Southlands High School (Sports Hall)
Clover Road, Chorley, PR7 2NJ
Starting on Thursday 25th January 2024

In association with First Kick Football

School years - Rec & Year 1

5:45pm - 6:30pm

School years - Year 2 and Year 3

6:30pm - 7:30pm

School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

7:30pm - 8:30pm



Dear Parents,

Places are now available to join a new **12-week football course every Thursday at Southlands High School, starting 25th January**, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just over £5 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £30 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £40 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals and trophies awarded for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY & A MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

Easter Lunch

Mrs Tiggy-Winkle
Roast Turkey
or Quorn Fillet
with
Yorkshire Pudding
Peter Rabbit's
Roast Potatoes
&
Seasonal Vegetables

~
Flopsy, Mopsy
and Cotton-Tail
Chocolate Cornflake Nests





MULTI-SPORTS PROGRAMME



FEB

HOLIDAY CLUB

8.30AM
- 4.00PM

Scan to Book



CHORLEY:
BUCKSHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL

MON 12TH - FRI 16TH FEBRUARY

✉ ADAM@LITTLELIONS.CO.UK

☎ 0800 368 8045

Quality Sport Holiday Clubs are a professional holiday club provider serving Greater Manchester and Lancashire. We have been running successful holiday clubs for over 15 years and are extremely passionate about childcare, physical education and the development of children.

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Some of Our Activities:

- ✓ **Gymnastics**
- ✓ **Airtrack**
- ✓ **Football**
- ✓ **Rugby**
- ✓ **Dodgeball**
- ✓ **Talent Show Performances**
- ✓ **Tennis**
- ✓ **Basketball**
- ✓ **Arts & Crafts**
- ✓ **Baking**

We also regularly offer trips and have experiences coming into club to visit us too!



To secure your child's place, book online at www.qualitysport.co.uk

PRICES

Full Day (8:30am-5:30pm)	£26
Activity Day (10am-4pm)	£20
Activity Day & Breakfast Club (8:30am-4pm)	£24
Activity Day & Chill Out Club (10am-5:30pm)	£24

We offer sibling discount which is automatically applied when booking. We accept child care vouchers & tax free childcare. Receipts can also be provided to claim fees back through universal credit too.

We have a convenient online booking system where parents can 24/7 and pay by card or childcare vouchers. To pay by childcare vouchers, simply click 'pay by childcare vouchers' on check out then a member of staff will be in touch to arrange payment with your relevant voucher company.



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CHORLEY FEBRUARY HALF TERM SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB!

Fun Activities for children aged 4-12 years

**12-16
FEB**

SPORTS • GAMES • FUN

**LOCATION: ST GEORGES PRIMARY SCHOOL,
CARR LANE, CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE, PR7 3JU**

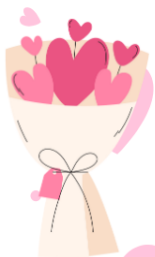


**BOOKING
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OPEN!**

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TO AVOID
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