



## SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

W/E 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

This half term is whizzing by! The children have been working really hard on our value of determination and I have been lucky enough to share some amazing work this week from writing to maths to science.

This afternoon, we welcomed author Susan Brownrigg, who talked to children in Key Stage 2 about her books, her inspiration and how she writes. We have certainly got some of our budding authors in school and I am sure this has helped encourage a few more! All children in Key Stage 2 are invited to enter the writing competition, with all entries due in straight after half term.

Next week, we have a busy week, with lots going on. We hope to see lots of children getting their glad rags on and enjoying the disco this Tuesday - there's still time to get your tickets on Scopay if you haven't done so yet.

On Wednesday, our choir will travel to the Manchester Arena to take part in the Young Voices concert which they have been practising hard for with Miss Crowder and Mrs Robinson. It will be a fantastic night for them all!

On Friday, we will be welcoming local MP and Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Lindsay Hoyle into school for a visit. All our children will take part in an assembly with him and then he will visit years 5 and 6, who will have the chance to ask him some questions. This is an exciting opportunity for us all.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs S Price

### WHOLE SCHOOL

#### ATTENDANCE:

93.95%

**LUNCHES: W/C 5/2/24**

**WEEK 3 - Autumn / Winter**

**Menu**





## CELEBRATIONS & OTHER NEWS

### THIS WEEKS ACHIEVEMENTS



#### RECEPTION

Renley

Mia A

#### YEAR 1

Benjamin

Travis

#### YEAR 2

Lilly

Lydia

#### YEAR 3

Oliver K

Omar

#### YEAR 4

Elita

Briar

#### YEAR 5

Khalil

Charlie G

#### YEAR 6

Nihal

Bobbie-Jo

#### Holiday Club

A reminder that there is a holiday sports club running in school over the half term break. Please see the details at the end of this letter.

#### School Uniform

A reminder that children should be wearing a blue jumper or cardigan to school each day unless they are taking part in forest school. They should also be wearing black shoes unless it is a PE or forest school day.

#### Focus Value of the term

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

A huge thank you to Mr Sellers (dad of Josh in Y3), who works for the EFL (English Football League) and nominated our school to receive a selection of books to promote diversity, something which is very important to us at Buckshaw. We can't wait to share these books with the children.



## School Motto

The children, led by the School Council, have been working really hard to put together ideas for a new school motto. We have been looking to create a motto which is short, snappy and memorable, whilst telling people what's important about Buckshaw. After lots of discussion and debate, we are able to present our final shortlist!

1. Learning, caring and growing together.
2. Dreaming, believing and achieving together.
3. Following our dreams by learning and growing together.

We would really love the input of all our families, so you can cast your vote on Parentapp which is open now and will close at the end of the day on Tuesday, so that we can announce our winning motto at the end of the week.

### **\*\*Reminders\*\***

Valentine's Disco—Tuesday 6th February

Mother's Day Lunch—Wednesday 6th March

All details at the end of this letter



**East Lancashire Hospitals**  
NHS Trust

### **Vision Screening in Lancashire**

Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme.

Every child in the Reception class will receive an invitation to have their vision tested in school.

A detailed letter has been sent home with your child.

**Safe | Personal | Effective**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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



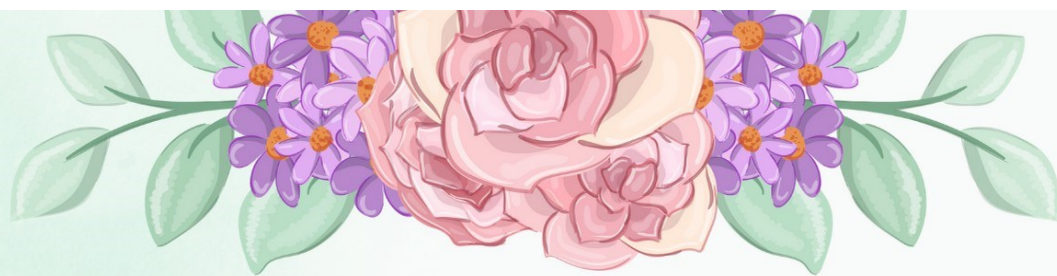
COME AND JOIN  
OUR  
*Valentine's*  
*Disco*  
*Tickets*  
£2.50

*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

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FILLET WITH  
ROAST  
POTATOES  
AND  
VEGETABLES

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FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2024

NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER  
THIS DATE

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# Online Safety Newsletter February 2024

## Setting up parental controls on your child's mobile

If you do not have the same mobile phone as your child, and therefore are unable to use Google Family link or Apple Family Sharing, then you can set restrictions on your child's device instead.

### Apple devices:

To set up restrictions on your child's device directly (rather than using an app) then follow the instructions on the link below:

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>

The instructions will show you how to get to the settings on your child's phone and then how to set restrictions such as restrict content, schedule downtime, set time limits for apps. You will need to set a passcode 'use a screen time passcode' to ensure changes cannot be made after you have set them.

### Android devices:

As with the above link, this link shows you how to set up parental controls on the device itself by creating a PIN:

<https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738?hl=en-GB#zippy=%2Cfor-family-members-who-manage-their-own-accounts>

## PlayStation

Does your child have a PlayStation? If so, have you set up appropriate parental controls? Some examples of the parental controls available are:

- Set age restrictions,
- Set daily limits,
- Control chat and messaging,
- Set spend limits.



### How can I block/report other players?

If your child is playing with other players, then please ensure they know how to report/block other players and to tell a trusted adult if they do come across anything upsetting or that they are unsure of. This link details how to do this based on the device they have:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/block-players-psn/>

### What games are suitable for my child?

PlayStation have included a list of games along with their age rating to help you find a game that may be appropriate for your child to play.

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/editorial/great-ps4-games-for-kids-and-families/>

*Whilst age ratings do allow you to see if a game may be appropriate, it is also important to review the game yourself and see if it includes additional features such as chat. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable and if you need to apply further parental controls.*

### Further information

You can find out more about the controls available here:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/parental-controls/>

## YouTube Shorts

**You should be over 13 to post videos on YouTube.** YouTube Shorts are short videos which are similar in format to videos you find on TikTok or Instagram Reels. 'Shorts' are available to watch on the YouTube homepage or on the Shorts tab in the app. As they are quick to watch, they can be addictive and lead to excessive screen time. If your child is watching these videos, ensure they know that there is a report button. The INEQUE Safeguarding Group discuss this feature in more detail here:

<https://ineqe.com/2021/07/01/youtube-shorts-need-to-know/>



# Snapchat: new controls

## What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that are only seen for a set time e.g., 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.



You can find out more about Snapchat here: <https://parents.snapchat.com/en-GB>

## Family Center: new features

Snapchat are expanding the features available to you in their Family Center, allowing parents to view:

- story settings: you will be able to see who your child is sharing their story with e.g. all their friends or a smaller group.
- contact settings: see who your child can be contacted by (by people they have added as a friend or their phone contacts).

In addition, you will be able to restrict the use of Snapchat's 'My AI.' You can find out more here:

<https://values.snap.com/en-GB/news/expanding-our-in-app-parental-tools-2024>

## More information

The NSPCC provide further information about Snapchat, **the risks involved** with using Snapchat and **tips to help keep your child safe** if they are using Snapchat.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-snapchat-safe-for-my-child/>

## At what age can my child start using social networks?

Internet Matters have produced this fantastic resource highlighting the minimum age limits for a variety of social media platforms as well as outlining the risks of being underage on social media. You can find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking>

## Reality Check from Parent Zone



Most VR Headsets have a minimum age recommendation of 13+ and VR games are rated by PEGI too so check their age rating/suitability.

Parent Zone, VoiceBox and Meta have created a series of videos explaining the safety and parental control tools available when using VR and how to have a conversation with your child about VR. Find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/realitycheck>

## Online Safety advice

Internet Matters have teamed up with EE to create 'Online Safety Starts Early.' This is a 4-episode series, for those with children in Early Years. Episode one highlights how to create positive habits from the beginning and then provides links to additional resources.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/online-safety-video-guides-early-years/>

## EE Learn

EE Learn includes an array of information and guidance on how to keep your child safe online, for example tips on how to help your child when they are online. Find out more here:

<https://ee.co.uk/do-more-with-ee/learn>

# **FREE ACTIVITIES**

for young people  
**February Half Term 2024!**

In February half term we will be running three **FREE** sessions for 10-16 year olds. There will also be refreshments and prizes on offer.

## **Sunday 11 February**

West Way Sports Hub, 4.30pm-6pm

## **Thursday 15 February**

West Way Sports Hub, 3pm-6pm

## **Friday 16 February**

West Way Sports Hub, 2pm-4pm

### **Activities include:**

**Dodge ball, football, rounders, baking and lots more!**

Water available, please wear appropriate footwear.

The sessions have been organised by  
Chorley Council & funded by LANPAC



**Chorley**  
Council

# WORLD BOOK DAY





# 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





*St George's Dramatic and Musical Society*

Present....

# Sinbad the Sailor

A Pantomime by

Alan P Frayn



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 4.00 pm



## MULTI-SPORTS PROGRAMME



# FEB

# HOLIDAY CLUB

8.30AM  
- 4.00PM

*Scan to Book*



**CHORLEY:**  
**BUCKSHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**MON 12<sup>TH</sup> - FRI 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

✉ [ADAM@LITTLELIONS.CO.UK](mailto:ADAM@LITTLELIONS.CO.UK)

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Years**



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of 50+  
activities**

### **VENUES**

**St Leonard's C of E Primary, Walton-le-Dale , PRESTON**  
**Euxton Primrose Hill Primary, Euxton , CHORLEY**  
**Eccleston Primary, Eccleston , CHORLEY**

**Opening Times 7:30am-6:00pm**

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## HOLIDAY CLUB

Holiday's 2024	Opening Dates	Timetable Launch
February	12th - 16th February	8th January
Easter	2nd - 12th April	19th February
May	28th May - 31st May	15th April
Summer	23rd July - 1st Sept	3rd June

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