



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## Headteacher's update

Last Wednesday I was sat in my garden with a burger in one hand and a beer in the other when the news broke about Lancashire County Council advising schools not to admit more pupils on 1<sup>st</sup> June. This decision was made by the director of public health for Lancashire who felt that it was not yet safe to allow more pupils to school. After a quick change of plans and a new rota for staff, we remain open to children of critical workers and those classed as vulnerable. Dr. Sakthi Karunanithi will review his advice on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, and if it changes, schools will be encouraged to take the decision to reopen to more pupils from 15<sup>th</sup> June. If the advice does not change, the guidance will be reviewed again on 15<sup>th</sup> June. When we are given the go ahead, the same groups of children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 6) will be offered places in school. The arrangements will remain the same although we will remind you of these again. I know some parents may still not feel that it is safe to send their children back but I would urge you to look at how things have gone in other areas where children have returned and listen to the advice from the local council.

## Keeping in touch

Next week teachers will be ringing you to find out how your child is getting on. They will also speak to your child if they need some encouragement to do their home learning tasks. The calls will take place on the following days:

Mon am - Pine (Miss Farrar)  
Mon pm - Willow (Mrs Keating)  
Tues am - Maple (Miss Godfrey)  
Tues pm - Sycamore (Mrs McLoughlin)  
Wed am - Ash (Mrs Smethurst)  
Wed pm - Beech (Mrs Hackett and Mrs Gillett)  
Thurs am - Elm (Mrs Baddley)  
Thurs pm - Hazel (Mrs Townson)  
Fri am - Cherry (Mr Bear)  
Fri pm - Rowan (Miss Morrissey)  
Please try to make yourself available on those days.

## Free school meals

The latest vouchers will be emailed out over the next few days. Remember if you are on any of the qualifying benefits to complete an application online or ring school and we will help you to apply. My current understanding is that vouchers will continue after half term.

## Value of the month

Our new value of the month for June is Loyalty. The definition of **loyalty** is the quality of being faithful to someone or something else. An example of **loyalty** is how a dog feels about its human. There are lots of movies that you could watch with your child that show loyalty including Up, Toy Story, Homeward Bound and Charlotte's Webb. We will be looking for nominations from you next week so that we can award our stars of the week



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## This week in school

This week in school the children have taken part in Forest school enjoying the last of the sunshine on Monday. They have also been creative drawing pictures of whales and birthday cards for a Chorley resident, Jenny, who turns 100 on 12<sup>th</sup> June.



## Values Star of the week

The following children have been nominated by their families or teachers for demonstrating politeness or enthusiasm: **Jacob Bowker, Mya Hamzaoui, Inaaya Ahmed, Lily Butler, Beatriz Galhofo, Lucy Holding, Elisha Taylor, Corban Futter, Freya Hollingdale, Alex Stobbs**

## Learners of the Week

The following children have been awarded learner of the week for the learning they have completed at home: **Fatima Ghufuran, Mohammed Usman, Wasiq Ghufuran, Hassan Ahmed, Tanisha Saha, Rares Enache, Ahmed Usman, Balazs Vardai, Victoria Hughes and Maida Siddique**

## Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to **Kyle Robinson, Joshua Fuller, Phoebe Wallbank, Riley Watkinson, Jacob Bowker, Nola-Mae Delaney and Fatima Ghufuran**

## School pupils of the week

The following have been selected for their good behaviour and attitude in school this week: **Nola Delaney, Zara Parker**

## Guidance on the wider opening of education and childcare settings

Guidance for parents and carers as schools and other education settings in England open to more children and young people can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>



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