



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*' We Pray, We Work, We Play '*



**Week Commencing 5th March 2018**

Dear Parents,

How can we start with anything else but the awful weather that so severely disrupted our week at school and schools around Lancashire last week. After a thorough investigation of the grounds on Thursday it was agreed that conditions around the school were far too dangerous for children. Added to this, some of our teachers live in higher areas of the county such as Haslingden and Colne and, as I'm sure you saw on the news, transport in and out of these places was impossible. We have always endeavoured to stay open no matter what the weather and have only closed once in recent years but from the health and safety point of view of children and staff, this was definitely the best decision. Because of such extreme conditions during Thursday day and night, we also had to take the decision to close on Friday as well. It was impossible for some of our teachers to get into school with roads closed due to overturned vehicles, huge snow drifts or fallen trees blocking roads and making them totally inaccessible. The decision was made in conjunction with our Chair of Governors and we agreed that the safety of everybody must come first during this very rare occurrence. Having made contact with Mount Pleasant and All Saints Primary Schools, they had made the same decision for the very same reasons. Hopefully it will be some time before we have to deal with this again. A huge thank you to everybody for understanding the decisions we had to make and for supporting us through them.

Well done to all of the parents of children who sent photographs of them reading books or doing work at home in the facebook competition that we ran on Friday – I could not believe the amount of entries that were either posted or e-mailed. We decided to have an infant and a junior winner and it was Evie F. and Ayden W. who were the lucky recipients of a book of their choice. Well done to both of you! I understand that children will have been very disappointed that school was closed during 'World Book Day' but please don't worry. We have rearranged it for this coming Thursday so please make sure you come dressed as your favourite book character if you are able!

Also hampered was our schedule to visit the Life Education Caravan, with only a couple of classes being able to join in. We will be in touch with them and try to reschedule for another time in the year for those classes that missed out. The Year 6 children got to say one last goodbye to Harold the Giraffe who I am reliably informed now has a partner in crime! It was great to see that this brought back many happy memories for some of our parents who attended this school too. On the subject of our fantastic Year 6 children; last Thursday they discovered which Secondary School they will be attending next year. We hope that you were happy with the decisions but there is still plenty of time before you leave us yet – thank goodness!

It was good to see that a number of our Reception and Year One parents were keen to attend the workshop which was provided by Mrs Southworth on the subject of Phonics and Literacy. The session included an explanation of how reading and writing is taught in school, the natural progression of these skills and how parents could help to teach and embed this learning at home. Parents expressed an interest for a further session with a Maths focus which we would be more than happy to provide. Thank you to Mrs Southworth for initiating and providing these meetings and to the staff for looking after the children on the evening. We also welcomed 'Fair Trade' into school who worked with Class 4 and Class 5 to provide sessions explaining the importance of their work and provide some free food sampling. Unfortunately we had to cancel the Sacramental Children's 'First Confession' on Saturday morning but this has now been rearranged for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00 a.m. in school. A separate letter has gone out explaining all about this.

This week there will be a Primary Stem day for our Year 5 children at Mount Carmel on Tuesday morning. We will also be taking part in the Athletics Level 3 Lancashire finals at Blackpool on Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday there is a girl's football competition at Ewood Park during the day and Friday night will be the annual Sing Together event at King George's Hall in Blackburn. Another action packed week! Good luck to everybody who is taking part! Don't forget the rearranged World Book Day event on Thursday too! Just an advanced warning that on Tuesday 20th March we will be holding our Spring Term Parent's Evening between 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please watch out for the class timetables which will soon appear on the table across from the office hatch.

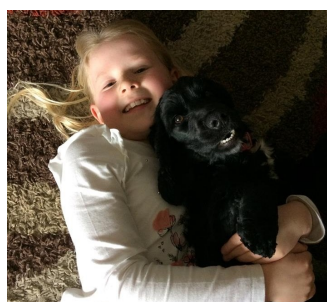
Thank you for your continued support of all we do at school and enjoy your week!

Mr M.S.Mashiter



**Class 1 enjoying the Snow last week.**

Congratulations to our two homework competition winners whose names were drawn out of a hat over the weekend. They will be choosing a book from the amazon website as their prize! Well done to both of you and thank you to everybody who entered!



### Dairy Dates:

Tues 6th March	Y5 Mount Carmel
Wed 7th March	Sportshall athletics 1-3pm Blackpool
Wed 7th March	Reception Eye Check
Thurs 8th March	World book celebration day
Thurs 8th March	Y3 & Y4 Football Blackburn Rovers
Fri 9th March	Celebration Assembly 9 AM
Mon 12th March	Easter raffle tickets on sale
Thurs 15th March	Non uniform for £1
Fri 16th March	Celebration Assembly 2.45PM
Tues 20th March	Sponsored mile challenge

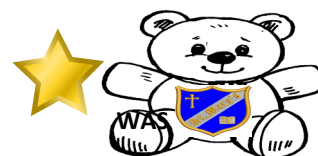


ATTENDANCE TED

(week ending 2nd March)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE

92.7%



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Birthdays 5th - 11th March 2018

Alissa, William, Harry P, Darcie-Mae



**PTFA non-uniform day on**

**Thursday 15th March for £1**

**Please can we ask for Easter Egg donations for our PTFA Easter raffle. Thank you for your continued support.**



We will be celebrating WorldBook Day 8th March 2018. Children can come dressed as a character from a book if they wish .