

Worsthorne News

8th September 2017

What's On?

September

- Mon 11th Reception Group 1 starting
5.30pm + 6pm Meet the Teacher Meetings
- Tues 12th Reception Group 2 starting
- Wed 13th Reception Group 3 starting
- Mon 18th 6pm School Improvement Group (Governors)
7pm Resources Committee (Governors)
- Thurs 21st Charlotte's Web performance in school
- Thurs 28th School Photographer in
- Fri 29th Macmillan Coffee Afternoon from 2pm

October

- Mon 2nd - Fri 6th Year Six residential visit to Low Mill
- Mon 2nd 6pm Curriculum Committee (Governors)
- Mon 9th 6pm Y6 parents meeting : applying to secondary school
- Fri 13th Harvest Festival in school 9.10am
- Mon 16th 7pm Meeting of the Full Governing Body
- Fri 27th 3.25pm School Closes.

November

- Mon 6th School re-opens

December

- Fri 8th Whole school to pantomime
- Tues 12th pm Infant Nativity for retired ladies and gentlemen
- Wed 13th pm Infant Nativity
- Thurs 14th Infant Nativity
- Wed 20th 2pm Carol Service in church
- Thurs 21st 3.25pm School Closes

Yes, I can!

You may remember that we started the last school year with the theme of 'Self-Confidence' and we're doing the same this year too. 'Yes, I Can!' Man is back on the wall and the children are thinking about how they can build and use their self-belief in class. This week Mrs Allen gave the Self-Confidence award to the **WHOLE** of Year Six because she said that they all deserved it. What a fabulous start to the year!



What a lovely smell!



Edible Explorers have been working with Year Two this afternoon and making a fabulous smell. We can't wait to see what they've made.

BURNLEY & PENDLE FUNDRUN

Sunday 17th September

Limber up for the Burnley & Pendle Fundrun in aid of local Cancer charities! Run 5k or 10k around the beautiful Towneley Park this September.

Run, fun, food and rides - a great day out for all the family!

Register to run here: www.burnleyandpendlefundrun.co.uk

This Week's Awards

Self-Confidence Awards: All of Year Six, Maisy McGrail, Sydney-Rose Kenyon, Torin Darcy, Jackson Ormerod, Annabelle Mitchell, Alicia Heywood, Daniel Maiden and Erin Crook.

Students of the Week: Seamus Durkin, Ellie-May Bickerstaff, Alicia Heywood, Leo Brooks, Barney Wiggin and Joe Brown.

Good Manners Students: Emily Sunter, Jessica Cullivan, Brooke Leaver, Natalia Leaver, Sophia Ross and Joseph Holden.

This week's winning team is ORMEROD. Congratulations to the red team on such a super start to the year!

Applying for a place at secondary school

If your child is in Year Six then you will no doubt be thinking about the forthcoming move to high school. The high schools are starting to advertise their Open Evenings for parents of Y5 and Y6 pupils so keep your eyes on their websites for details. I have requested that the schools to which we generally send pupils let us know when their dates and so far I have been informed of the following:

23rd September 10am - 1pm Burnley High School, Burnley

4th October 5.30pm - 7.30pm Unity College, Burnley

12th October 5.30pm - 7.30pm Sir John Thursby, Burnley

28th September 4pm - 8pm St Wilfrid's CE, Blackburn

5th October 6pm - 8pm St Christopher's CE, Accrington

20th October 6pm Blessed Trinity RC, Burnley

Please note that it is your responsibility to make sure that you have completed the online application on time. The online application process is open now and will remain so until the deadline on 31st October 2017. Late applications are not processed until all the other places have been allocated, meaning that you may not get the school you prefer, even if you are in its catchment area.

As Unity College's Open Evening is whilst our Year Six class is at Low Mill and a large number of the class will be transferring there, I will ask for an alternative date for you to visit the school. I am currently in liaison with the Year Seven Leader to arrange this and will let you know as soon as I can.

St Christopher's Open Evening is the same week. If you wish to visit St Christopher's with your child, please telephone them directly to arrange it.

I have arranged a short meeting for Y6 parents, led by an Admissions Officer from the local authority, who will explain the process and answer any questions you may have. The meeting will take place in school on **Monday 9th October at 6pm**. I strongly recommend that you attend if you have a child in Year Six.

MEET THE TEACHER

**Monday 11th September
5.30pm and 6pm**

This is a great opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, learn about the routines in class and ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you.

Teacher Email Addresses

The classteachers' email addresses have been updated after all the weddings in the holidays. Here are the addresses for each year group.

Reception: Mrs Hobley j.hobley@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk

Year One: Mrs Burrows s.burrows@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk

Year Two: Mrs Noon c.noon@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk

Year Three: Mrs Kayley m.kayley@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk

Year Four: Mr Lomas s.lomas@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk

Year Five: Miss North j.north@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk

Year Six: Mrs Allen n.allen@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk

School Improvement Plan 2017-18

As you'll know from my letter earlier this week, our School Improvement priorities this year are:

1. To further increase the progress that pupils make throughout school in the core subjects, with a particular focus on mathematics;
2. To ensure that all pupils continue to have access to a rich and varied curriculum; and
3. To continue to develop and embed strategies which involve pupils more deeply in their own learning.

Standards at our school are good but we are never complacent and always determined to continue improving and getting the best for the children in our care. Priority One focuses on this aspect of our work and outlines what will happen in this school year to continue driving up standards in reading, writing and mathematics.

Although those core subjects are incredibly important to our pupils, we believe the children have an entitlement to a rich curriculum, with exciting and engaging experiences in all subjects - and we are passionate about retaining our curriculum. Priority Two outlines the ways in which we will do this.

The final priority builds on the work begun last year. As you know, we used half-termly themes to help the children to recognise and understand different characteristics of learning. We are going to continue with that this year but try to involve the children more in recognising the characteristics in themselves and their friends.

The School Improvement Plan is monitored and evaluated each term and progress reports presented to the governing body. We will keep you informed of how we're doing too and welcome your ideas and feedback.