

## What's On?

### April

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Spring Walk - CANCELLED

### May

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Class Photographs

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Y1 visit to Blackpool Zoo

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> – Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Scarecrow Festival

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Hog Roast at the Crooked Billet

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Reception Class height and weight checks

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Y6 taking KS2 SATs

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> 'Break the Rules' Day

Royal Wedding Picnic Lunch

Family Camp Out from 4.30pm on school field

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> School Closes for half-term

### June

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> School re-opens

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Summer Fair

### July

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> 2pm KS2 Play for retired ladies and gents

6pm KS2 Play

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm KS2 Play

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> 2pm Leavers' Assembly and Cream Tea for Y6 families

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> 3.25pm School Closes

### September

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> School opens

## Library Re-opens

We were all thrilled this week when our Library was able to re-open its doors and the children were able to take out books again following a break in service to upgrade the lending system. Thank you so much to Mrs Brunt and Mrs Noon for all their hard work in getting everything ready.

The lending began with children from our Reception Class, who were delighted to be invited to choose a book. Starting from next week, the Infant classes will change their books on Thursday afternoons, when Mrs Brunt kindly volunteers as our Chief Librarian. Mrs Noon will be available at lunchtimes on Mondays and Thursdays to change books for the Juniors. We will be encouraging the children to use the Library regularly and appreciate your support at home. Visiting the Library really does help to foster a love of reading – and we think that's so important. 😊



Here is Mrs Wells with some of the Year Four children picking out books they might choose.

## Scarecrow-Making Volunteers Needed!

Next Friday morning we are going to create a production line to try to make a start on our crowd of scarecrows for the village Scarecrow Festival. We could do with some extra pairs of hands so, if you are able to volunteer a little time, please could you email Mrs Young to let her know. Thank you.  
head@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk

## Rotten Romans

Year Three made a great start to their Roman Britain topic this week when they visited the Roman Museum in Ribchester. Year Three tell us all about it:



*Our guide told us all about Rome, the Roman invasions and how the Romans conquered Britain. He said that if you joined the Roman Army, you had to stay in for 25 years – whether you liked it or not! Women were not allowed to join. If you fell asleep whilst you were on look-out duty, you would be tortured. Being a Roman soldier didn't sound like fun!*

*Outside, he showed us the Roman ruins. We could see where the Romans had stored their food, and the curved stone that had been the drains from the toilets to the river. Romans didn't use toilet paper. They had a sponge on a stick instead and the*

*whole family had to use the same sponge. We think that must have been horrible!*

*Back inside, we got to try on helmets and armour and try holding the swords and shields. They were very heavy for some of us! Here is a picture of Alicia looking ready for battle.*



By Violet, Jamie and Luca

## Family Camp Out



Get your bookings in for the annual Worsthorne Primary School Family Camp Out! Fingers crossed that we get a dry, sunny Friday – and lots of campers!

## Fortnite Fall-Outs!

As lots of you will be aware, Fortnite is an online video game that is currently sweeping the nation. Despite it having an age-rating of twelve, many of our pupils are playing it, some as young as six. Obviously, the decision about which games your children should and shouldn't play rests with you, their parents, but we need to let you know that we are dealing with a rising number of Fortnite related fall-outs in school.

One morning this week, several of the children in one of our classes came into school angry with each other after an incident on the game the previous evening. The staff had to take time out of the morning to mediate the dispute before the children could settle into their learning. All we ask is that you consider carefully whether the game is appropriate for the age and developmental stage of your child, and make sure that you know what your child is doing and saying whilst online. Quite often the game consoles are in children's bedrooms, meaning parents are unaware of the heated arguments that are ensuing online. If we continue to have problems with the fall-out from the fall-outs, we'll ring to let you know but, please, in the meantime, keep an eye (and an ear) out for us!

## BREAK THE RULES

At its meeting this week, our School Council decided to hold a charity 'Break the Rules' Day to raise money for Oliver's Neuroblastoma Appeal. Keep a look out for the letter from the School Council, which is coming next week. It will give you all the details you need about the appeal – and about which rules you will be allowed to break!

## This Week's Awards

**Explanation Awards:** Rudi McQuillan, Lucas Wrench, Holly Brown, Connor Pate, Ronnie Greenwood, Maia Jackson, Max Ogden and Amirah Saddique.

**Students of the Week:** Joshua McKay, Annie Fort, Spencer Hooton, Luca Hacking-Smith, Declan Nixon, Ethan Barrett and Oliver Bridle.

**Good Manners:** Jessica Ormerod, Millie Hesketh, Lucas Norman, Annabelle Kay, Martin Kieran, Theo Baldwin, Seamus Durkin and Darcy Palmer.

## Book World Cup



Our school is taking part in Lancashire's *We Are Reading* initiative and this week Year Two have been deciding what their class novel will be by holding a Book World Cup. Thirty-two books were entered into the early stages but, over the week, the children have narrowed down their selection to *The Worst Witch* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. The final takes place this afternoon. We can't wait to see which book is the World Cup winner!

## Healthy Snacks



Our school is part of the School Fruit and Vegetable scheme, which means that our Infant children are provided with a healthy, mid-morning snack each day. Here they are with the giant, juicy strawberries that were sent for today. It is not necessary for children to bring in snacks from home and we politely ask that parents do not send their children with other things to eat at playtime. Thank you.