

What's On?

September

Mon 10 Y3/4 Football starts after school
Tues 11 Y3 Stone Age Day
Y5/6 football starts after school
Mon 17 Y4 Bikeability session
Wed 19 Y4 Swimming pm
Ukulele Club starts after school
Thurs 27 Individual and family photographs
Fri 28 Y2 Edible Explorers session

October

Mon 1 to Fri 5 Y6 Residential visit to Low Mill
Tues 2 Y1 visit to Towneley
Wed 3 Y4 Swimming pm
Wed 17 Y4 Swimming pm
Fri 19 School Closes 3.25pm
HALF TERM
Tues 30 School Opens

November

Wed 7 Y4 Swimming pm
Wed 21 Y4 Swimming pm
Fri 30 Christmas Fair 5.30pm – 7pm

December

Wed 5th Y4 Swimming pm
Tues 11 2.30pm Infant Nativity for retired ladies + gents
Wed 12 2.30pm Infant Nativity
Thurs 13 2.30pm Infant Nativity
Mon 17 Infant Christmas Party pm
Tues 18 Y3/4 Christmas Party pm
Wed 18 Christmas Lunch and Y5/6 Christmas Party pm
Thurs 20 School Closes 3.25pm

Sal's Shoes



Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Sal's Shoes campaign being held by the Friends of Worsthorne and Hurstwood. We are thrilled to say that we have filled six boxes with shoes that will be passed on to children across the world who walk to school barefoot each day. Thank you for helping to make a difference.

Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to be back in school and to have all the children back safe and sound from their summer break. We have had a very positive start to the year with the children looking smart in their uniforms and working hard for their new teachers. Long may it continue!

As everyone has moved up a class, here is a helpful reminder of the class teachers' email addresses, should you need them.

Rec: Mrs Hobley j.hobley@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk
Year 1: Mrs Burrows s.burrows@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk
Year 2: Mrs Noon c.noon@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk
Year 3: Mrs Kayley m.kayley@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk
Year 4: Mr Lomas s.lomas@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk
Year 5: Mrs Long r.long@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk
Year 6: Miss North j.north@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk

Please do not use these addresses, or the school mobile phone number to report absences though. As always, if your child is going to be absent from school, we need you to telephone the office on 01282 425690 to let us know, preferably before 9.30am.

Here's to a very successful 2018-2019 and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Y

Vintage Dance Divas!

As part of their shared 'Titanic' topic this half-term, Years Five and Six are learning to dance 1912-style. Their sessions with Louise of Sanderson's Dance started today and they were brilliant! Over the next six weeks the classes will learn an Irish jig and the basics of waltz, just in time for the start of this year's Strictly. We are looking forward to seeing how they progress and promise to be kinder than Craig with our feedback! Here they are about to start their Irish jig.



Applying for Primary and Secondary schools in 2019

If you have a child who will be starting at primary or secondary school in September 2019, please take note of the closing dates for applications.

SECONDARY 31st October 2018

PRIMARY 15th January 2019

Applications should be made online at

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Please do not miss the deadline as this will mean you child's application will not be considered until all other applications are processed and you may not get the school place you wanted.

Powering Up our Maths Learning



This year our School Improvement Plan will focus on improving the teaching and learning in mathematics throughout school. Each year we look carefully at how the children are doing and decide what areas we need to concentrate on to get the best outcomes possible for everyone. I think it's fair to say that the job is never done in a school and there are always new ways to do things and exciting ways in which we can improve our practice. I don't think we'll ever put our feet up and say 'that's it - we're perfect'! This term, we have purchased a new mathematics scheme and the teachers have been keen to get going with it in class. I'm pleased to say that early signs are very positive and the children are enjoying their *Power Maths* lessons as you can see from the smiley faces of these children from Year Two. Expect to hear more about our work in mathematics over the next twelve months.

100% Attendance Today!

You might be surprised to hear that it doesn't happen very often but today we had one of those rare days when everyone is in school. 100% attendance - well done, everyone!

We're going to have a big push on attendance this year as, although our attendance percentage is still above that of the national average, we have noticed a steady decline over the past few years. It'll come as no surprise for you to hear that if your child is absent from school, they miss important learning, and our data really does bear that out. When we analysed our children's academic performance at the end of last school year, we found that the average progress made by children who had attendance lower than 95% was lower than that of the other children. Obvious really! Attendance of 95% equates to having had 10 days absence from school so it's easy to fall into that category if you take a holiday in term time. Please think carefully before booking and consider the potential impact on your child's learning.

Of course, more often than not, absences from our school are for genuine reasons and we will always endeavour to provide support for a family who is struggling but, this year, we are going to keep a closer eye than ever on the attendance percentages of every child in school. To get the ball rolling we will be writing to the parents of children whose attendance was less than 95% last year to flag up the potential impact. Do not be offended by the letter. It is purely to ensure that you are kept fully in the loop. Let's try to raise our average attendance percentage this year!

Uniform Orders

Everyone looks very smart in their uniforms this week and we are so grateful to you all for supporting us in this way. In an effort to streamline our uniform ordering system and cut down on the amount of admin time our uniform orders take, we have decided to place orders at just a few times during the year rather than adhoc, as and when they arise. If you require any uniform, Mrs Fox asks that you have your orders to her by next Friday, please, when she will pass them on the Grays. The next opportunity to order uniform will be in the week after the October half-term holiday. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly will return next week. Don't forget to send in your child's trophies and certificates from home and look out for the text messages from us on Thursday afternoons to tell you if your child is getting an award from school. As always, we will be presenting a Student of the Week Award, a Good Manners Award and a Learning Award from Each class. This half-term's Learning Award will be for **DETERMINATION**.