

What's On?

January

Thurs 7th Parents' Evening
Mon 14th 6pm Governors' School Improvement Group
7pm Governors' Resources Committee
Mon 21st to Thurs 24th Reception Class Tots on Tyres sessions
Mon 28th Governors' Curriculum Committee
Thurs 31st Reception Class NHS Vision Tests

February

Thurs 7th Library Bus Visit
Fri 8th Y5 Play in a Day
Fri 15th 3.25pm School Closes
HALF TERM
Mon 25th School Opens

March

Fri 5th 3.25pm School Closes
Tues 23rd School Opens

Happy New Year!

It was lovely to be back in school on Monday and to welcome everyone back, safe and sound, from their break. The children all looked smart in their uniforms and ready to get into their classrooms to learn. We have had a super week, which bodes well for the term ahead. Best wishes for 2019 to you all!

Welcome Mrs Cockett



This week, Year One welcomed their new teacher, Mrs Cockett, to the school. Mrs Cockett has settled very quickly into life here and fits in perfectly. We hope that she will be very happy. For those of you with children in Year One, Mrs Cockett's email address is a.cockett@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk.

Another Goodbye



It is with a heavy heart that once again I have to tell you that one of our longest serving members of staff is to retire. Mrs Robinson, who has been at our school almost as long as Mrs Burrows, has decided that she is ready for the next adventure in her life so will be leaving us at February half-term. Mrs Robinson has worked with and supported hundreds of children over the years and been our Team Points Champion for as long as we can all remember. We know that we are going to miss her terribly. We hope that the next few weeks are filled with fun and laughter for her before she embarks on a long and happy retirement.

Uniform Orders

Mrs Fox will be placing this term's uniform order on Friday of next week. If you need any uniform from us, please place your order online before Friday 19th January. Please note that we no longer carry much stock in school. We intend to place an order each term to reduce the amount of space uniform takes up in the school office. After next week, the next order will be placed when we return to school following the Easter break.

Parents' Evening

You should have received your invitation to attend Parents' Evening, which will take place on Thursday 7th February. The arrangements will be as they usually are, with the children's books in their classrooms and the appointments in the hall. We look forward to seeing you all.

What's in the River?



Today Neil from Ribble Rivers Trust came to check up on the progress of the trout eggs that he left in the children's care before Christmas. He was pleased to see that the eggs are hatching and stayed to tell the children all about the fish they could expect to find in our local rivers. When they are a little bigger, our young trout will be released into the River Brun.

Every day matters!

Once again, we will be keeping a close eye on attendance this term and making sure to let you know if your child is at risk of becoming a persistent absentee. Remember that we are unable to authorise holidays in term time unless the circumstances are exceptional because every day in school matters.

The way children are taught has moved on so dramatically since we were at school that sending work home for child to do whilst on holiday is not sufficient for them to catch up. Please try to keep time out of school to a minimum so that your child is able to achieve their full potential.

Thank you.

Concentration Awards

This half term our learning award is for concentration. We are encouraging the children to think about the times when they concentrate the best and when they find it most difficult. In their assemblies with Miss North, they will be focusing on what helps us to concentrate and the importance of sleep and diet, for example.

Here are the very first winners of the award this term who were very excited to have secured their invitations to the Concentration Award disco on the afternoon of the last day of term. Well done! We can't wait to see who will be joining them.



TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Times Table Rock Stars is an online times tables practice platform, proven to improve children's skills and the recall of times table facts. Recently, we have purchased a license for all of our children from Year Three to Year Six and encouraged them to use it at home. We are already seeing positive results for lots of the children. If your child is in Years Three, Four, Five or Six they will have brought home their own log-in details. Why not have a go together? If your child has lost their log in, their teacher will be able to give them it again so please encourage them to ask. Let's get everyone rockin' their way through their times tables!

Another visit from the stork! 😊

There must be something in the water here at school as we have more happy baby news. Mrs Noon is expecting her second baby in the summer. We will keep Year Two parents informed of our plans for the class nearer the time but for now, please join with us in offering huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Noon.

Dawn to Dusk Bookings

Those of you that regularly use our Breakfast and After School Club, Dawn to Dusk, will know that you can now pay for your bookings online. Please note, however, that if you are using that facility, you must make the payment **before** sending in the Booking Form. Recently we have had a few bookings coming in where the parent has stated that they have paid online but when we check our bank statements, the payments are not there. We realise that this is probably an oversight but ask that you ensure you have made the payment before handing the form in to us. Thank you.

This Week's Awards

Student of the Week: Ollie Smith, Ben Spencer, Theo Caramitsos, Lola Knowles, William Ramsden, Alistair Birch and Isaac Myers.

Good Manners: Cadeyrn Jones, Violet Hardacre, Alice Fielden, Wilson Anderton, Joseph Holden, Darcy Palmer and Amie Uttley.

Concentration Award: Maisy McGrail, Morgan Taylor, Ronnie Greenwood, Mya Simpson, Ethan Barrett, Anna Wilkinson and Kate Seel.

Bronze Awards: Ronnie Greenwood, Erin Hesketh, Natalia Leaver, Louka Miller, Brooke Leaver, Maia Jackson, Arthur Corfe, Bradley Hopwood-Fernavs, Alicia Heywood, Theo Jackson, Mya Simpson, Alice Fielden, Hermione Paddon, Abigail Fewster, Isla Jones, Luca Pate, Joe Camm, Louisa Clavell-Bate and Grace Naylor.

This week's winning team: **EXTWISTLE!** Well done to the yellow team. What a fantastic start to 2019!