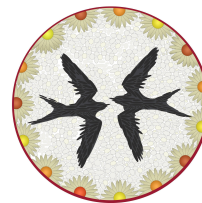


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We have had a super start to the half term. Our school councillors had a very productive breakfast meeting on Thursday & have some great ideas and suggestions.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Howker and her husband welcomed their baby boy, Jude, over the half term. We are also excited to share the wonderful news that Mrs Parker is expecting a baby in Spring! Congratulations to both families!

Next week, we will be having a 'safety' assembly. This is modelled on those delivered in other schools and the purpose is to explain to the children the things we do in school to keep them safe and how they can help keep themselves safe. This includes fire practice, keeping outside doors shut, taking registers and signing in if we are late. It also links to the work we undertake in school on staying safe online.

As a follow up to this assembly we will be practising an emergency lockdown in school. This will be delivered in a very 'low key' manner - just so the children know what the alarm sounds like and where to go if it was needed. We will not be discussing scenarios and I will be discouraging them from doing so among themselves.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Rebecca and she will pass the message on to the appropriate adult for response.

Key Stage 2 have read, discussed and signed an Acceptable Use Policy in school this week which covers some of the safe online behaviours we expect. A copy of the Policy is attached to this email for your reference. There is a different version for Year 3.

Many thanks,
Mrs Martin

Lune Valley Tag Rugby - Monday 11th November

Team details have been sent via School Spider.

The children will travel to Wray by bus but due to timings (the bus having a pre-booked school run) they will need to be picked up from Wray after the tournament please. We expect the event to finish at approximately 3pm. If you have another child at school to collect we will wait with them at school until you are able to get here.

Children will need:

Packed Lunch

PE kit

Waterproof coat

Studded boots are recommended (no metal studs)

Water bottle

The conditions will be muddy!

BBC Children in Need - Friday 15th November

Children are invited to wear spotty / stripy/ bright clothes on Friday 15th November.

This year we are collecting 1p, 2p and 10p coins to create a giant Pudsey Bear on the playground.

Thank you!

Lancashire Healthy Young People & Families Year 6 Health Needs Assessment Questionnaire

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Year 6 will be taking part in this on 14th November 2024. If you do not wish your child to complete the questionnaire or you would like to speak to the school nursing team please contact them directly on 0300 247 0040 - Option 2 - North and Lancaster area. Thank you

National Height & Weight Measurement Programme - Reception & Year 6

Will take place in school on Thursday 14th November. Please see the spider email for full details & how to opt out.

Lune Valley Cluster Performing Arts Day - Thursday 21st November

A group of upper key stage 2 children will be taking part in the Lune Valley Performing Arts Day, details will be sent to those families via School Spider.

Friday 22nd November - Library Van

Tuesday Gymnastics Club

Mrs Speight will be running an after school gymnastics club for children in KS2 on Tuesdays, 3.15-4.15pm. Please sign up via School spider, thank you.

School Admissions

School admissions are now open for children due to start primary school in September 2025 at: [School admissions - Lancashire County Council](#)

Applications should be made through your local council, even if you are applying for a school in another council area.

Primary school applications must be submitted by 15th January 2025.

PE Reminder **please note change to PE days******

All children should bring their PE kit to change into on the following days (the kit can be kept in school for the week/half term):

Tuesday & Thursday

Please could all children have a spare pair of socks (& joggers/leggings for KS1) in school. Thank you

School Spider App

Please ensure you have downloaded the 'School Spider' app so you can make bookings/payments, complete surveys & permissions and receive messages from school. We use School Spider most days so it is important that you are able to access your parent account. Please contact the school office if you need any help logging in.

Dinner Money

If your KS2 child has school dinners the cost is £2.70 per day.

If you believe your child is eligible for free school meals, please go to the Lancashire County Council website: Free school meals and pupil premium

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All balances are now available to view and pay via School Spider. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your invoice, please speak to Rebeca in confidence.

Please check your parent account for outstanding invoices. Thank you

Absence Reporting & Attendance

****Absences can now be reported via School Spider****

If your child is going to be absent from school please leave a phone message or email bursar@melling.lancs.sch.uk before 9am on the day of each absence. Absences can also be reported via School Spider. If a phone call/email is not received we will need to call you during the morning to find out where they are as part of our safeguarding responsibility. Please see our updated attendance policy on the school website.

DIARY DATES (please note these dates are provisional)

Thursday 14th November - Reception & Y6 Height & Weight & Y6 Health Needs Questionnaire

Friday 15th November - Children in Need (Wear something Spotty or Bright!)

Thursday 21st November - Lune Valley Performing Arts Day (6 children y5/6)

Friday 22nd November - Library Van

Wednesday 27th November - KS2 Swimming Gala, Heysham

Friday 6th December 2.30pm - Christingle in Church

Wednesday 11th December - Christmas Dinner & Party afternoon

Friday 13th December 2.15pm - Nativity

Friday 20th December 1.05pm - School Closes for Christmas

Monday 6th January 8.45am - School Reopens for the Spring Term