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STRIKE LANE NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is a relief to say we have made it through this week, and I hope you have been lucky enough to have some fun outside in the snow today. I thank you all for your patience and understanding after the Government announcement on Monday. It was fortunate that we had already requested an update on keyworker information as this did help us to keep the school open to some children on Tuesday while we updated our risk assessment and began to allocate places. Not all schools were able to do this.

I am sorry that we had to decline some requests for places. We have been fair and equitable in our allocations, including those given to children of our own staff as you would expect. Where there is a parent who is, or could, work from home we have not offered places. Our role as a school is to provide emergency childcare at this time and to keep our numbers as low as possible so that the virus does not spread wider in the community.

I would like to thank all of our staff who, despite their own anxieties, have provided a safe and secure environment for the children this week. Their speed in providing home learning and dealing with queries has been remarkable – it's almost as though we have practised this before!

We welcomed Mrs Holt back this week briefly, for some training on INSET day. It was lovely to see her again from a distance! Mrs Holt will be returning from maternity leave the week before half term and will be working throughout that week with Mr Bate to ensure a successful handover of Year 5 after the holiday.

I have had great reports from all teachers about the zoom meetings and the learning that has already taken place. Those children who have been in school have adapted brilliantly - as they always do - their presence has certainly made my week much more bearable! We have already handed out some 30 Dojo wristbands (some will be delivered!) and we have continued with our Stars of the Week which are published on our website with certificates sent via Showbie. Please encourage the children to continue sending me letters or messages via Showbie if they reach 30, 50 or 100 Dojos, they really brighten my day and they deserve the acknowledgement.

Apologies for such a wordy newsletter but I did feel it was important to clarify some questions that have been raised this week. I have missed welcoming you all back to school and wishing you a Happy New Year in person. I hope you all manage to get some rest this weekend, I know the staff and I are definitely ready for it!
Have a lovely weekend,
Katherine Shuttleworth

Remote Learning

We do understand that many of you will find it difficult to home school and to carry out your own work at home too, please just do the best that you can. We are under obligations to set a required amount of daily work by the DfE. This is at least 3 hours for Reception and Key Stage 1 children and 4 hours for Key Stage 2. Wherever possible we have tried to ensure that your child can complete the work provided independently following the zoom meetings and with the Showbie chat from the teachers.

We have had several requests from parents for work to be put on Showbie earlier. Please be mindful that the teachers are creating and providing these resources daily, based on the work that the children are completing. This is responsive teaching and therefore takes time to develop. Some aspects of the work the teachers need to teach through Zoom themselves to ensure the children understand the learning process. The staff are therefore controlling the amount of work that is available and also the times that it is delivered carefully. Likewise, their requests for the completion times – this is so that they have time to mark and give feedback before the end of their own working day. If you are unable to upload work by this time please do not worry, your child's work will be looked at and responded to the following day.

It is important, and there is an expectation, that your child does access the daily Zoom sessions and completes work. If they are ill please let the office know as usual, so that we can inform the class teacher. If you have any issues or problems with remote learning please contact the class teacher in the first instance or you can contact bursar@strikelane.lancs.sch.uk

Class Attendance (week ending 18/12/20)	Weekly
Oak	100%
Beech	96.4%
Rowan	98.3%
Maple	97.3%
Willow	98.2%
Sycamore	97.1%
Hornbeam	96.9%

Stars Of The Week

Well done to all our Winners
You should be very proud of your achievements

Year Group	Stars Of The Week
Oak	Ayda & Nathan
Beech	Bembè & Isabella C
Rowan	Jesse & Ollie
Maple	Theo & Katie
Willow	Caleb & Chloe
Sycamore	Esme & Zak
Hornbeam	Thomas & Shelby

Attendance

Well done to Oak, Beech, Rowan, Maple, Willow, Sycamore & Hornbeam Classes for getting over 96% w/c 14/12/2020.

Oak Class will have their reward of non-uniform day today for achieving 100% attendance when all pupils return to school.

Are you using Mobile Data For Remote Learning?

For those of you that don't have fixed broadband at home and need additional data to support remote learning, we have sent a Parent Mail yesterday requesting information to help school apply for extra data for you <https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data>. Also, Mrs Bamber and I have been out and about this week delivering iPads to those who do not have access to a learning device at home.

I.T Equipment

If you, your family or business have any devices such as laptops or tablets, that you no longer use, the school would be very grateful to receive these so that we can distribute to families who are in need of additional devices. Our ICT technician will be able to wipe the devices. We would need a charger with the device too. If this is something that you feel you could help with then please let the school office know and we can arrange collection or for you to drop off at school.

Free School Meal Vouchers

I have just received news this morning that we should now be able to order vouchers for our Free School Meal children so I plan on doing this today – please watch your emails if your eligible. We will be sending these through fortnightly, the first vouchers will cover this week and next week. The vouchers will not cover any days that your child attends school as a free school meal will be provided. If you do not receive Free School Meals but think you may be eligible please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. It is always worth checking especially if your circumstances have changed.

Wesley's Larder



Freckleton Methodist Church

Kirkham Road, Freckleton, PR4 1HS

FROM THE 6TH JANUARY 2021

Open on Wednesdays

2.45 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.

A food store where the groceries are free!

Open to everyone no appointment or
referrals needed.

Bring your own bag.

Come and see what we have collected
from Tesco, Lidl, FareShare

Run by volunteers we are here to help you.

All Covid protocols observed