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STRIKE LANE NEWS

15th December 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful week this week has been - the children loved the Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at Lowther Pavilion on Monday and this gave our Reception and Key Stage One children a real boost for some great performances of 'A Miracle in Town'. It was such a lovely production, and I would like to say how grateful we are for the support of the staff and parents who have had those songs and lines spinning around their brains for the last 7 weeks! A video link will be sent to all Reception and KS1 parents next week.

Our Key Stage 2 children have been singing their carols and Christmas songs by the Christmas Tree today and we will also be sending a video link to this to KS2 parents. At the request of some parents, we please ask that you do not share these videos on social media.

Today is a bittersweet day in school as we say farewell to Mrs McDowell. We did think at one point this week that Baby McDowell might make an appearance in the nativity play however, Baby has decided the time wasn't quite right yet. We are expecting to hear some exciting news just after New Year and before our return to school so we will of course keep you informed. We send all of our love and best wishes to Mrs McDowell and her family today.

Next week is still quite busy in school as our run up to Christmas continues. On Monday we have Christmas Dinner Day for children and staff, followed by our Christmas Fair at 3.30pm. Please collect your children from class and then come to the hall through the main entrance.

Wednesday is our Christmas party day for all, so of course this will mean Christmas Party outfits all day. We ask that all children contribute a small amount of food (enough for about 4 children) and each class has a specific item to bring so that we can share these across classes and the school and hopefully reduce the risk of waste. Any leftover food is always shared amongst our families and with the local homeless charities. Thursday is our final day in school and of course our Progress Cup and Kindness Cup assembly. We will be finishing the school day at the usual time.

I am sure many of you will have a busy weekend planned so I hope you manage to get some time to relax and enjoy the festive spirit!

Take care,

Katherine Shuttleworth

Dates for your diary (new dates in red)

Monday 18th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Monday 18th December - 3:30pm-4:30pm – Christmas Fair

Tuesday 19th December – Dodgeball Competition at Carr Hill (*invitation only*)

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Party Day (*non-uniform*)

Thursday 21st December – Progress & Kindness Cup Assembly

Thursday 21st December – School Closes For Christmas (usual finishing times apply)

Friday 22nd December – Staff Inset Day

Monday 8th January – School Re-Opens For All Pupils

Monday 8th January – Y4 Swimming Lessons

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

If your financial circumstances have changed your child may be entitled to free school meals/pupil premium. You can quickly check your eligibility by visiting the following website, <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

Please be aware school receives additional funding for any pupil premium children we have on roll so it would be appreciated if you check your eligibility and apply if entitled.

Finance

As we approach the end of term it would be appreciated if any outstanding monies could be paid as soon as possible. This includes class trips, school lunches and Care Club fees.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school office and a payment plan can be made. Failure to do so could result in your debt being passed on to Lancashire County Council's Debt Recovery team where further charges may be incurred.

Class Attendance (week ending 15/12/23)	Weekly
Oak	96.5%
Beech	96.0%
Rowan	95.5%
Maple	94.2%
Willow	99.6%
Sycamore	95.8%
Hornbeam	97.0%

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	Elijah & Sabrina
Beech	Daisy & Charles
Rowan	Dean & Melissa
Maple	Ayda & Cian
Willow	Colton & Leonardo
Sycamore	Norah & Jenson
Hornbeam	Sam & Willow

Attendance

Well done to Oak, Beech, Willow & Hornbeam classes for achieving over 96% attendance this week.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Theo in Year 6 and his family are planning on doing a reverse advent calendar again this year to support local food banks in our community. The family are currently appealing for any nutritional food items with a long shelf life such as cereals, soups, pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce, lentils, beans and pulses, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea/coffee, tinned fruit, biscuits, UHT milk & fruit juice. If anyone has any items they would like to donate, please bring them to the school office.

Christmas Lunch

On **Monday 18th December** the children will be having their annual Celebratory Christmas Lunch. If your child would like to join in the fun the cost of this lunch is £2.50 and you will be charged via Arbor on the day when the lunch register is taken.

Please Note: There will be no charge if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and the Christmas lunch will be the only school meal option on this day.

Christmas Party Day

Christmas Party Day will be next Wednesday 20th December and all children are able to wear their party clothes for the full day.

We are asking that children bring enough of the following pre-packaged food for approximately 4 people so we can share across the school.

R /Y1- Cakes

Y2/3 - Biscuits

Y4/5/6 - Savouries eg. Individual packets of crisps, cocktail sausages or sausage rolls

Unfortunately, we cannot accept and share home baked items.

We are hopeful that Santa may call in on us and deliver some individual presents to Reception/KS1 and some Class presents to KS2.



SCIENCE PROJECT

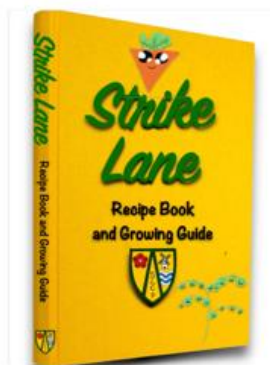


I'm delighted to inform you that our year-long science/gardening project is now finished and all the final reports have been submitted and accepted. I look forward to sharing some pictures and reports from the project over the next few weeks.

The project has been a huge undertaking but the staff and children rose to the challenge. As well as the work in curriculum time, it has been great to also have volunteers at lunchtimes and playtimes as well as the gardening club who have happily offered to weed and water the plants. We also appreciate the contribution of parents and friends of the school who gave up some of their weekend, right at the beginning of the project, to help prepare the ground for planting as well as watering the plants over the summer holidays. It really has been a whole school project. Final thanks go to Mr Rob Smith from UCLAN who was our STEM partner. We appreciate the advice and input he gave us throughout the project. The children enjoyed his visits to school and were always interested and enthusiastic.

This may be the end of the project but it leaves behind a legacy. We plan to continue to grow vegetables for the foreseeable future and are looking forward to purchasing a polytunnel in the next few months to increase the success of our produce.

We hope the project has encouraged your children to try growing some vegetables at home and has increased their love of science.



The recipe book and growing guide can be found on the school website under Parents/ Latest News and Info, or by this link.

<https://strikelane.lancs.sch.uk/latestnews-2/>

Thank you to all the children who submitted recipes and to all the families who worked on preparing food and writing recipes at home, Thanks also to Mrs Hall who helped compile the recipe book. There are instructions on the website how to open the recipe book on Kindle or iBooks so that it can be read like a real book with added links from the contents page to the page you require.

Mrs Butcher (Science coordinator).



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Merry Christmas!



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

STRIKE LANE, FRECKLETON, PR4 1HR



COURSE DETAILS

Dates: 2nd-5th Jan

Times: 1:00pm-5:00pm

Price: £15 per day

What to bring: Refillable water bottle, change of clothes, coat in case of rain.

What to expect

- Safe, fun & energetic sports
- Fully qualified DBS coaches

HOW TO BOOK



Registration Process

1. Scan the QR code above
2. Create/Sign in to your account
3. Click Holiday Clubs
4. Click Strike Lane
5. Click your child/children
6. Proceed to payment

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A wide range of sports and activities!



Develop skills and confidence!



Tournaments and Christmas Party!



Chance to meet AFC Fylde First Team players!



Venue 1: Kirkham St Michaels Primary School, PR4 2SL

Venue 2: Bactive Leisure Centre, PR4 1AX



£14 per day
£60 per week



Tuesday 2nd January 2024-
Friday 5th January 2024



Children aged
6 - 12 years old

To book your place visit www.afcfyldefoundation.co.uk/half-term or for more information please call 01772 598856 or email dan.monckton@afcfylde.co.uk





WINTER SOCCER SCHOOL

Join us for a week of football based activities!



Coaching from FA qualified coaches!



Develop skills and team challenges!



Visit AFC Fylde's Mill Farm Stadium!



Chance to meet AFC Fylde First Team players!



Venue: Fylde Sports Education Centre,
Wesham, PR4 3JZ



£15 per day
£65 per week



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'Travelling Nativity'



bringing the story of Christmas to life

Join us on Friday 15th December and help us to bring the story of Christmas to life.

6pm – Freckleton Methodist Church, Kirkham Road

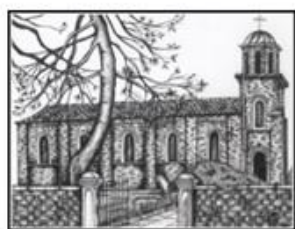
- We will be Singing Carols as we tour the village and invite you to join in and dress as a character from the Christmas Nativity Story.
- There will be an opportunity for children to ride on a donkey as we travel.
- Please bring a torch or a lantern.

7pm - Coach and Horses

- Free donkey rides for the Children until 8pm



For more information, please contact:
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Holy Trinity Church
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Freckleton
Preston
PR4 1AA



Advent and Christmas 2023 with Holy Trinity

Sun. 03 Dec.	18:00	Joint Advent Service of Light at <u>St Paul's</u>
Sat. 09 Dec.	10:00	Coffee morning
Sun. 10 Dec.	16:00	Christingle at Holy Trinity (also at St Paul's at 18:15)
Fri. 15 Dec.	18:00	Village walking Nativity
	19:00	Carols in the Coach & Horses
Sun. 17 Dec.	17:00	Lessons and carols at HT (also at St Paul's at 18:30)
Tue. 19 Dec.	09:15	CE School Advent carols
Sun. 24 Dec.	16:00	Crib service at Holy Trinity (also at St Paul's at 17:30)
	22:00	Bethlehem Midnight Mass at HT (also Midnight Mass at St Paul's, 23:30)
Mon. 25 Dec.	10:00	Christmas Communion <u>at HT only</u> (no service at St Paul's)



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