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## Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a great half-term break, it is so lovely to come back to school and have the lighter mornings and evenings.

Reception and Year 1 have had a trip to The British Commercial Vehicle Museum in Leyland this week. They have all learned lots about the transport there and we were all very relieved when the children realised that 'The Naughty Bus' wasn't at the museum to cause chaos.

Some of our Year 3 and 4 children took part in the primary school's athletics event at Carr Hill on Tuesday with Mrs Ashworth and Mrs King. Despite not being placed the children had a wonderful time and competed brilliantly. Photos have been posted on Facebook for you to see their competitiveness.

In the next few weeks, we will be holding our Parent/Carer Book Look and our Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings. Please check our school calendar for dates and times. Booking information will follow in the coming weeks.

We also have World Book Day to look forward to on Thursday 7th March. At Strike Lane we don't dress up for World Book Day as we would rather encourage parents/carers to spend their money and time on buying a new book and reading to your children. We are busy planning an exciting day of activities for all the children to experience and will be having a 'Pre-Loved Book Swap' where children can bring in a well-loved book and swap this permanently with another child. To make it more exciting we will be asking children to wrap their books and write what they love about the book as a clue to others. More information will follow but it might be an idea for children to start thinking about which book they would like to swap on World Book Day.

Finally, if we have any great gardeners or landscapers out there, the 'Friends of Strike Lane' may need your services very soon. Last year they held a gardening day at the school which was so helpful in clearing and tidying our wonderful outdoor areas in readiness for Spring. They are currently planning another day like this on Sunday $24^{\text {th }}$ March please email friendsofstrikelaneschool@gmail.com if you are able to attend.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Katherine Shuttleworth

Dates for your diary (new dates in red)
Tuesday $5^{\text {th }}$ March - KS2 Girls Football Competition at Mill Farm (Invitation only) Tuesday $5^{\text {th }}$ March - 3:30pm-4:30pm -
Parent/Carer Book Look
Thursday $7^{\text {th }}$ March - World Book Day
Friday $8^{\text {th }}$ March - Non-uniform in exchange for chocolate donations
Friday ${ }^{\text {th }}$ March - Mother's Day Raffle
Tuesday $12^{\text {th }}$ March - Y5 River Ribble Trout
Release Day
Thursday $14^{\text {th }}$ March - Y4 Library Visit
Thursday $14^{\text {th }}$ March $-1: 00 \mathrm{pm}-6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ -
Parent/Teacher Teams Meetings
Friday $15^{\text {th }}$ March - Red Nose Day
Tuesday $19^{\text {th }}$ March - Y1/Y2 Multiskills
Competition (Invitation only)
Sunday $24^{\text {th }}$ March - 10:00am - Gardening Day
Monday $25^{\text {th }}$ March - 2:30pm-3:30pm - KS2
Performance for Y 3 parents/carers
Tuesday $26^{\text {th }}$ March - 2:30pm-3:30pm - KS2
Performance for Y4 parents/carers
Wednesday 27 $^{\text {th }}$ March 2:30pm-3:30pm - KS2
Performance for Y5 parents/carers
Wednesday $27^{\text {th }}$ March 6:00pm-7:30pm Easter Bingo
Thursday $\mathbf{2 8}^{\text {th }}$ March - Progress \& Kindness Cup Assembly
Thursday $\mathbf{2 8}^{\text {th }}$ March - School closes for Easter Holiday (usual finishing times apply) Monday $17^{\text {th }}$ April - School Re-opens For All Pupils

## Finance

We still have a number of outstanding payments for school lunches, Care Club fees, class trip deposits and also iPad payments. Please could any outstanding payments be made at your earliest convenience.
If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school office and a payment plan can be arranged. 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.


## Attendance

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

## Y4 Class Trip

Y4 parents/carers may have noticed that a London Trip has been added to the "Trips" section of your Arbor app. We are still finalising the details of the trip and will look forward to sharing a full itinerary with you in the near future but for now we can confirm the following:
The trip will be an overnight stay in London in September 2024.
There will be lots of sightseeing such as visits to Buckingham Palace, Houses of Parliament, museums and also a west end musical.
We expect the cost to be around $£ 175.00$ and a $£ 30$ deposit will secure your child’s place on the trip. We have created the payment item early to allow as much time as possible to make payments.

## Mother's Day Raffle

Tickets for the Mother's Day raffle are now available within the "School Shop" section of your Arbor app at a cost of $£ 2.00$ per entry. Get your tickets now to be in with a chance of winning a Bramble \& Bee gift set, a £20.00 Stringers voucher and a bottle of Prosecco. The raffle draw will take place on Friday 8th March. Please note: To be included in the draw, payments must be made by 9pm on Thursday 7th March and you can enter as many times as you like.

## Pre-Loved Uniform

We have once again accumulated quite a large quantity of school uniform that has either been kindly donated by fellow parents and carers or is unnamed lost property.
This uniform will be out on a rail in the office foyer at the end of each school day next week.
If your child is in need of uniform, please pop in to the office to see what is available before buying new.


## Mother's Day Raffle



Win a Bramble \& Bee gift set £20 Stringers voucher and a Bottle of Prosecco


Tickets $£ 2$ each, purchased through Arbor

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## Non Uniform Day Friday 8 $^{\text {th }}$ March



Children may come to school in non-uniform in exchange for donations for Easter hampers e.g. Chocolate, eggs, Easter craft

The Friends thank you for your continued support raising extra funds for school!
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## Join our 100 Club

## Do you fancy being in with a chance

 of winning $£ 15$ every month? Join the Friends of Strike Lane 100 Club today!

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