

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

This Half-Term's Value: Aspiration

## DIARY DATES

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January

Year 3 Showcase Assembly 9:30am  
(Families invited to watch)

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Year 5 Parent information meeting for the  
Residential trip in Year 6 3:30 -4pm

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Year 6 Parent's SATs meeting 3:30 -4pm

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Half term

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February

Year 4 Showcase Assembly 9:30am  
(Families invited to watch)

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February

Parents Evening

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Parents Evening

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Red Nose Day

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Year 6 Showcase Assembly 9:30am  
(Families invited to watch)

## Happy New Year!

Welcome you back to the start of the Spring term 2024! School is buzzing with renewed energy and new possibilities. Our dedicated team have prepared exciting lessons and activities that will inspire curiosity and ignite a passion for learning. Let's embrace this season of renewal together, supporting one another in our collective journey towards success and accomplishment. Here's to a fun and productive Spring term filled with exciting opportunities!

## ★ Stars of the Week! ★

Huge congratulations to...

Preschool: **Orla**

Reception: **Rhea and Tommy**

Year 1: **Mille and Adam**

Year 2: **Serena and Iona**

Year 3: **Oscar and Etta**

Year 4: **Ethan and Dexter**

Year 5: **Jack and Savannah**

Year 6: **Mollie and Millie**

## Aspirations Week 29<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

As part of this terms value of aspiration, we will be hosting an Aspiration week in school from the 29<sup>th</sup> January.

**We are excited to invitation you or another family member to participate and share your valuable insights and experiences with the children.**

Aspirations Week aims to inspire and enlighten our children about the myriad of careers and jobs available. Your expertise and accomplishments can offer invaluable perspectives that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on the aspirations of our children.

If you are interested in being a guest speaker or simply sharing your story during Aspirations Week, please email [head@harris.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@harris.lancs.sch.uk) Your involvement is an opportunity the children to learn from real-world experiences and gain a deeper understanding of the diverse paths that lead to success.

Your contribution is highly valued, and your presence will contribute significantly to the success of Aspirations Week. Thank you for considering this invitation, and we look forward to collaborating with you to inspire and guide the next generation.

# This week in EYFS and Key Stage 1

## PRESCHOOL



It was lovely to welcome the children back into Preschool after the Christmas break. This week we have shared the story 'How Big is a Million?' about a young penguin named Pipkin, who struggles to understand just how big a million is, helping us to understand the concept of large numbers. We have looked at how Emperor Penguins look after their eggs and watched them hatch. We even had a go at being a penguin ourselves, transporting our 'egg' between our ankles across the outdoor area.

## Reception



The children have settled back into our routines well and are eager to learn! In Literacy, we have been reading *Lost & Found* and learning lots of new vocabulary. The children have created 'Lost!' posters and have written descriptions of their missing animal. In Maths, we have been comparing two sets of objects by using 'more, less and equal'. We have been looking at our local environment and comparing it to other environments around the world. In PSED, we have been looking at how to keep ourselves safe, starting with what we use to keep our bodies safe - suncream, plasters, soap, etc. Our new Phonics sounds for this week: **j v w**. Our new tricky words: **he she**

## Year 1



It has been a lovely first week and the children have settled back into school. In English, we have started reading our new traditional tale called *Diamonds and Pearls*. In Maths, we have been learning about the days of the week and months of the year. We also enjoyed timing ourselves doing lots of fun challenges in seconds and minutes. In Science, we have completed indoor and outdoor activities learning about Winter and recording the temperatures this week. We also took photos of deciduous and evergreen trees around school. In Geography, we have begun learning about the United Kingdom and this week we focused on England, London and landmarks.

## YEAR TWO



In English, we read *The Man on the Moon*, sequenced the story and wrote some fantastic diary entries, writing in role as Bob the astronaut, about their exciting day on the moon. We also learnt how to use subordinating conjunctions and using commas in lists. In maths, we have been revising place value and how to round numbers to the nearest 10, also solving problems that involved ordering different weights and heights. In PSHE, we discussed what we do to make us feel better when we are ill and how we can use medicines safely. In our history topic about space explorers, we learnt about how our solar system works and the children made models of the Earth, moon and sun.

# This week in Key Stage 2

## YEAR THREE



What a wonderful first week back we have had in Year 3 - the children have settled back into their routines brilliantly. They made a plant based vegetarian soup that was cooked on the hob. The skills that Y3 used included basic hygiene, food safety, chopping, peeling, and starting to use the hob (with supervision). In English we read the beginning of our book 'Stig of the dump' and explored the vocabulary. They came up with lots of descriptive sentences to describe the objects found in the dump. In French we have started to learn the colours and in History we've been busy exploring artefacts from the Stone Age period. Well done Year 3!

## YEAR FOUR



Welcome back! We've hit the ground running starting our English lessons with the story Balaclava Boys - see if they can retell it to you. In Maths we have been recapping and extending Place Value looking at decimals. We have started off DT by designing a bag, continued counting in French and started to learn our new rap - Stop! We've even managed to squeeze in a special Friday treat for winning the Green Orb Award last half term. **Don't forget your material to make a bag with on Monday.**

## YEAR FIVE



This week seems to have flown by and the children have settled back into their routines brilliantly. We have begun to explore our new literacy topic of Stories with Historical Settings and have been focussing on vocabulary used and generating questions about or text, Oliver Twist. We have also had an introduction to our science topic and had a fun lesson identifying materials and objects with a 'feely bag'. Well done, Year 5 - a great start to 2024!

## YEAR SIX



What a great start to the new year we have had in Year 6! We kicked off our English lessons by researching facts about the cruel tradition some countries have of making bears 'dance' in order to help us write our biased arguments. In Maths, we used mental and written methods to help us solve time and timetable problems and we also played TT Rockstars to help us with our Times Tables. In Science, we looked at how animals have adapted themselves by making changes over time to better survive their environment. We were also visited by some pupils from Broughton High who kindly shared their knowledge of how to stay safe online.

## Winter Illness Government advice

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) are reminding parents of back to school advice amid rising levels of winter illness. Schools have been advised to forward the following link to parents:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-reminds-parents-of-back-to-school-advice?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm\\_source=d2897b05-876e-4b17-96d6-0a01fa2e1827&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-reminds-parents-of-back-to-school-advice?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=d2897b05-876e-4b17-96d6-0a01fa2e1827&utm_content=daily)



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### School Term and Holiday Pattern 2024/2025

#### Autumn Term 2024

Inset Day 1 (school closed to pupils)	Monday 2nd September 2024
Re-Open	Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Mid-term closure	Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October 2024(inclusive)
End of Autumn term closure after school	Friday 20th December 2024
Number of openings	74 plus 1 INSET Day

#### Spring Term 2025

Re-Open	Monday 6th January 2025
Mid-term closure	Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025 (inclusive)
Inset Day 2 (school closed to pupils)	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
End of Spring Term closure after school	Friday 4th April 2025
Number of openings	59 plus 1 INSET Day

#### Summer Term 2025

Re-Open	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025
Mid-term closure	Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025 (inclusive)
Inset Day 3 (closed to pupils)	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
Inset Day 4 (closed to pupils)	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025
Inset Day 5 (closed to pupils)	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
End of Summer Term closure after school	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025
Number of openings	57 plus 3 INSET Days
Total number of school openings	<b>190 plus 5 INSET Days</b>

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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