



Newsletter

Week 21

Friday 1st March 2019

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| Monday 4 th March | Brass and Ukulele lessons There will be No Choir until further notice |
| Tuesday 5 th March | Music lessons: Keyboard and Woodwind Music festival – woodwind Parents' evening for classes 1, 3, 4 and 5 After School: Clubs cancelled due to parents' evening |
| Wednesday 6 th March | Music lessons: Violin Parents' evening for classes 1, 3, 4 and 5 |
| Thursday 7 th March | World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character lessons: Guitar After School: Football, Lacrosse and Beatlets |
| Friday 8 th March | Swimming lessons |

Attendance Trophy

This week's winners are Class 2 with 99.11% attendance.

Class 1 – 93.97%

Class 3 – 98.79%

Class 4 – 97.92%

Class 5 – 98.83%

Average class attendance this week is **97.7%**

Attendance is a collective responsibility. Parents have a statutory duty to ensure that their children are attending school regularly.

Music Festival

The music festival events started earlier this month for our school. The children who take part always show an amazing amount of confidence, courage and resilience. The music festival gives the children the opportunity to play in a large space and to an unknown audience as part of a competition. This week saw Miller McKeown take to the stage to perform in the solo woodwind category. He overcame his nerves to perform on his own with no accompaniment. Well done Miller.

Faith

This half term we are focusing on 'Forgiveness'. We will be looking at how the Bible teaches us how to forgive on the lead up to Easter.

Safeguarding

All children should have taken home an information leaflet about Momo. Please read this carefully and take note of the advice. I have asked children not to talk about it in school to each other as some children are getting upset.

Today, I had a conversation with the Headteacher of Newhey Community School who has been informed that some older children from St. Thomas' maybe involved in riding their bikes on the school grounds during the school holidays, weekends and evenings. The children have been reported to the police by local residents for causing a disturbance due to the amount of noise they are making and for trespassing on school grounds. More worryingly though is the fact that the children appear to leaving behind glue pots. The group is a mix of girls and boys. I have spoken to the children in class 4 and 5 to remind them that they need to think carefully about where they choose to play and what they choose to play. Miss Lockley is preparing some age appropriate lesson plans on the areas of concern around this information.

Recent fire on Lilac Avenue

Most of you will be aware that the fire on Wednesday night directly affected two of our families. The family of Carl Lack, whose house was destroyed, have asked me to make you aware of a fundraising event on Saturday 16th March at Milnrow Cricket Club from 1.00pm. The money raised is intended to be used to rebuild his house. For this event, the family have requested support with raffle prizes and other items and ideas for the event.

In addition to this the family have asked for help with some photographs that were able to be rescued. Some are damaged. If anyone knows of a photograph restorer, or who has unused and unwanted photograph albums, please contact the office at school. Thank you for your support.

The families would also like to thank those who have so generously donated various items to help them get back on their feet.

World Book Day

Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday 7th March. This is not a fundraising event.

Staffing

Mr. Bigland will be teaching class two for the next three weeks, whilst Miss Simpson is absent from work.

