



Our Scientists in Y6 Oak Class, the children have been dissecting chicken wings to learn about how muscles and bones work together to create movement and dissected pig hearts to learn about the circulatory system. Thank you to Mrs Boswell for organising such practical experiences for the children.



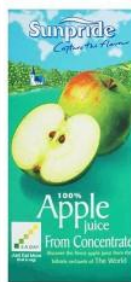
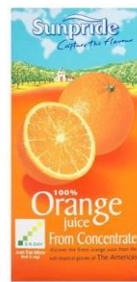
**Harvest Collection 2023**

**Urgently needed items:**

- ✓ Pasta sauce
- ✓ Fruit juice (long life)
- ✓ Biscuits
- ✓ Dry cat food
- ✓ Washing up liquid



They've got plenty of beans and pasta.



In my assembly on Monday, we looked at harvest and its significance to farmers and Christians.

As active citizens in our community, we are supporting the local **Foodbank** and asking children to bring in the **urgently needed items** on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**.

Thank you in advance for supporting this charity.



**Primary School Admissions for September 2023**

Parents can now apply online for their child if they are due to start school in September 2023 – simply Google 'Lancashire school admissions'.

The **closing date** for applications is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024** with parents issued offers on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Call the school (850736) or private FB message to book a tour.

**Costs for visits and visitors**

Historically, we have met most of the costs associated with local visits and the use of visitors we bring into school. However, due to increasing costs, we now have to ask parents to contribute so we can continue to organise these exciting and enriching activities to enrich our curriculum.

To support parents in managing their finances, we will aim to provide as much notice as possible and add the events to ParentPay so that you can pay little and often to clear the final amount. If you are struggling to make financial contributions, please meet with me in confidence, and I can look at how we can work together to support the family.

**Cakes and Sweets**

Due to the increasing number of **complex dietary needs** and **allergies**, and advice regarding food labelling, unfortunately, we will no longer be able to hand out birthday cakes and treats.



## Reading Fluency Video

As part of our continued effort to develop your child/children's reading, Mr Thwaites, Deputy Head and English Leader, has created a short video to support parents and children in developing their reading fluency at home. Staff are already working on this within the classroom and feel it will prove to be a valuable skill for the children to be working on at home. [Click here for the link.](#)



## Earrings

Please can I remind all parents that small stud earrings are allowed as part of our school uniform - not loops. On PE days, children should come to school with earrings removed to minimise the risk of injury from increased physical activity during PE lessons.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office or send a private Facebook message. Thank you for your support.

## Special Themed Lunch

On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**, we will be having our special Autumn themed lunch. Children can choose from:

- Pork or Vegetarian Sausage with chips, beans or salad
- Cheese & Tomato Pizza with chips, beans or salad
- Jam Sponge & Custard for pudding



As you know, all children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a universal infant free school meal (UIFSM) everyday which is paid for by the government. A small number of families send their child in with a packed lunch instead for a range of reasons. On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, we will be encouraging packed lunch children to try a school dinner which we will order. If you still want to send them in with a packed lunch, then please do and they can hopefully eat from both the school meal and their packed lunch. Any questions, please contact the school office (850736) or private Facebook message.

## Volunteers Needed

We have a small group of dedicated and hardworking volunteers who either volunteer weekly or as and when they are available, but we always need more! Depending on their interests and availability, they listen to children read, make classroom resources, go on school trips and help to look after our vegetable beds and borders by weeding and planting.

If you have any time available to volunteer at our school, please do get in touch by either phoning the office or sending a private Facebook message. All volunteers will need to complete a criminal record check to comply with our safeguarding obligations.



## Parents' Evening – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Don't forget to book a five-minute face-to-face appointment using our School Spider app. If you are having difficulties accessing the app, please contact the school office who will assist with usernames and passwords. Teachers will share with you:

- how your child has settled into their new class
- friendships
- behaviour
- effort with their learning in class
- attendance and punctuality
- home reading

(Please note the parents' evening in February 2023 will focus on academic achievement and progress.)



## PSFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our PSFA (Parents, Staff & Friends Association) will be meeting at **3pm** on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** in the **Cooking Room**.

This is an opportunity to find out about the events we have organised, how much we raised, what we've spent the money on in school, and share ideas for the coming year.

This meeting is open to all with no obligation to take on a role! Children are welcome to attend also. Please enter through the KS2 corridor doors opposite the school field.

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## Supervision before and after school

Parents are reminded that they are responsible for supervising their child and ensuring they behave appropriately before and after school. Children should only be arriving on the school grounds just before 8:20am, so that they are ready to enter the building when the bell rings at 8:20am.

Although we encourage children to use the play area safely after school, under the supervision of parents, this area is out of bounds before school. Children should not be using other school equipment, for example scooters and balls, before or after school.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



Please can I also ask that you do not cut across the car park and stick to the footpaths provided. In assemblies, we have been reminding children about safety inside and outside of the school building and appreciate your support in reinforcing these measures. Many thanks for your support.

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## Medical Appointments

I understand the difficulties parents can have in making medical appointments, but please book these outside of the school day so that your child's attendance doesn't suffer. If your child has had any historical attendance concerns, medical evidence will be required for the absence to be considered as authorised.

**Did you know?** If your child has an unavoidable appointment during the morning or afternoon, they can still get their attendance mark if they are in school for the registration session. In the morning, this is between 8:25am – 8:30am, and in the afternoon, between 12:45pm – 12:50pm for the infants and 1:00pm and 1:05pm for the juniors.



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## Messages & information for the class teacher

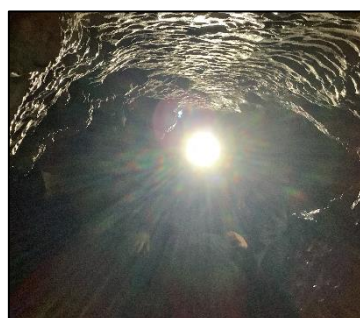
When the doors open at 8:20am, class teachers and teaching assistants are busy welcoming the children and supporting them with their learning. Please can parents go to the school office with any messages or information so that Mrs Attwood or Miss Turnbull can record the information on our school system and share with staff when they are not teaching.

# Curriculum Newsletters – Autumn 1 2023

Curriculum newsletter for this half-term have been sent by School Spider and email. They are also available on our website, under 'Curriculum'. Direct link: <https://www.mossgate.lancs.sch.uk/page/autumn-1/135206> Our curriculum newsletters detail the key areas of learning by subject area. If you have any questions about what is being taught, please contact your child's class teacher via the office.



Thurs 05/10	Autumn themed lunch – free to all infants
Mon 09/10	Y5 Play Leader training begins
Mon 09/10	Y2 climbing visit to Salt Ayre
Mon 09/10	After school clubs start
Tues 10/10	Governor Resources Committee
Wed 11/10	PSFA Annual General Meeting, 3pm
Wed 11/10	Parents' Evening by invitation
Fri 13/10	Foodbank collection
Wed 18/10	Parents' Evening
Fri 20/10	School closes for half-term
Mon 30/10	School reopens for Autumn 2 – no clubs this week
Mon 30/10	Y2 Fire Safety Workshop
Tues 31/10	Y4 Ancient Egyptian Day
Thurs 02/11	PSFA Halloween Disco
Thurs 02/11	Individual and sibling school photos
Mon 06/11	Reception and Y6 height & weight checks
Wed 08/11	Y6 WWI and Y1 Toys Workshops with 'The History Man'
Fri 10/11	Y3 Stone Age Workshop
Mon 13/11	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 13/11	Remembrance Assembly led by Y6
Thurs 16/11	Y5&6 'Be the Change- Democracy' day at Lancaster University
Fri 17/11	Children in Need Day – fundraising activities to be shared
Fri 17/11	Non-uniform – chocolate donations please
Tues 21/11	Y5&6 Rule of Law and Democracy Day at Lancaster Town Hall
Wed 29/11	PSFA Chocolate Tombola after school in the hall
Thurs 30/11	PSFA Christmas Bingo, 6-8pm
Mon 04/12	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Party Menu
Tues 05/12	Governor School Improvement Committee, 4:30pm
Wed 06/12	Rowan (Y4) to Dukes Theatre
Thurs 07/12	Elm (Reception) & Willow (Y2) to Lancaster Grand Theatre
Wed 13/12	KS2 Christmas Concert to parents, 1:40-2:40pm
Thurs 14/12	KS2 Christmas Concert to parents, 6-7pm
Fri 15/12	Elm Class (Reception) to Kingsway Court to sing songs to residents
Mon 18/12	No after school clubs this week
Mon 18/12	Christmas Dinner themed menu
Tues 19/12	Full Governing Body Meeting, 4:30pm
Tues 19/12	Infant Nativity for parents at 1:45pm
Wed 20/12	Infant Nativity for parents at 1:45pm
Fri 22/12	School closes for Christmas
Mon 08/01	School closed – INSET Day
Tues 09/01	School reopen for all children



A selection of photos from the recent Y5 Tower Wood residential during the first week of term in September.