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Miss Iddon is Expecting!!

It's lovely to start a new half term with some exciting news...Miss Iddon is having a Baby!! Little Baby Iddon isn't due until the Summer Break 2024 and Miss Iddon is hoping to be able to teach Year 4 for the remainder of the academic year. However, Miss Iddon wanted everyone to know the Good News!! She is planning to return to teaching at THT no earlier Easter time 2025 - but you know how Babies and plans work...

Plans for September 2024

It's early days at the moment - but the plan for September is as follows:

As you know, Year 3 have had a disrupted year, due to Miss Jagger's Absence, and with Miss Iddon being on maternity leave in September, this would be a second disrupted year for our present Year 3 cohort. The plan therefore is for Miss Jagger to follow Year 3 up to Year 4 and teach them for the whole of that year.

When Miss Iddon returns to teaching in Spring / Summer 2025 - she will start in Year 3, but follow that class into Year 4 in September 2025. Miss Jagger will move back to Year 3 at this point.

This will hopefully provide some much needed continuity for the classes which are affected by the staff changes.

We will be looking for someone to cover Miss Iddon during her maternity leave (to teach Year 3 in September 2024) and will let you know who this is as soon as possible.

Wednesdays During Lent

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, was last week during the Half Term Break. However, to mark Ash Wednesday we will be holding a late Ash Wednesday service in Church tomorrow (21st February) - starting at 9.05am. Each Wednesday morning after that, the Wednesday morning worship will be celebrated in church rather than in school, led by Father Mark and/or Danny.

Parents / Grandparents / Family Members are more than welcome to join us for the services. We hope to see you there!! Each service starts at 9.05 (ish) and should be finished by approximately 9.30am. We hope to see you there!!

Celebration Worship

On the day we broke up for 1/2 Term, Year 5 led a wonderful Class Worship for us all to enjoy. The worship centred on their Class Christian Value of Justice - but linked wonderfully to their History Topic of The Victorians and Oliver Twist. Well done to the Year 5 team!! Photos are available to view on the Website and on our Facebook Page. Our next scheduled Class Worship will be Year 4's which will take place on 8th March.

This Friday we return to one of our usual Celebration Worships...I wonder who will be on the Bench??

Choir Church

This Friday, is a 'normal' Choir Church After School Club practice finishing at the usual time of 4.30pm.

Next Friday (1st March) is another of our Eucharist Services, held in school for family members of our Choir Church. It starts at 3.45pm and finishes at approximately 4.30pm.



Reading Week at THT - Costume Swap

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7 March and at THT due to PE commitments we dress up on **Friday 8th March**, we hope you'll join us to celebrate.

This Friday (23rd February) - if you have any 'unwanted dress up costumes' (suitable for World Book Day) please can you send them into school - preferably via Mrs Birkby in Year 2 - if not, via the school office. During the day, we will sort through the costumes and then after school, at 3.30pm, Mrs Birkby and Mr Skinner will be in the Year 2 Classroom if you want to come in and pick a costume for your child ready for our Reading Week / World Book Day Celebrations. This will hopefully save you some money and is a good way of recycling old / unwanted costumes.

Forest School Days for our Reception Class

Originally, our Forest School Days for Reception Class were advertised as being Tuesdays during this half term. However, due to staffing, we have moved the days to Wednesdays starting tomorrow. Please see the Dojo posts that Mrs Warburton has already sent out...(8th February and 19th February).

Breakfast and After School Club Playworkers

We are still looking to recruit a Playworker(s) for our Breakfast Club (BC) and After School Club (ASC). Initially this would be approximately 2 times a week in the Breakfast club, 7:45 - 8:45am and 2 times a week in the Afterschool Club, 3:30 - 6.00pm. Pay is £11.79 per hour (Grade 3 Point 3).

https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=62678

Welfare Assistant

Last call...we have a Welfare Assistant position available for 3 days a week - working one to one with a child in our Year 1 Class. We ask you to work from 12 noon until 1.10pm on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday - paid at the 'Living Wage'. Please get in touch if you are interested...

Last Week's Attendance

Last week of the half term - 165 pupils (out of 201 children) attended school for 100% of the time - they didn't miss one session of school.

14 children (from 8 different families) were late for school at least one session of school (after 9.00am). The best attending classes for the second week running was Miss Iddon's Year 4 class - with the attendance figure of 99.3%.

Lunches

Week 3 of the New Winter menu - Week beginning 26th February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Booths Pork or Vegetable Sausage with Paprika Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables	Golden Crumb Salmon Fillet Fingers with Herby Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Vegetables	Mild Chilli (or Veggie Bean Chilli) with Mixed Rice and Broccoli	Golden Crumb Fish Fingers with Chips and Peas
or	or	or	or	or
Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta with Crusty Bread and Salad	Cheese and Tomato Whirl with Potato Wedges and Baked Beans	Pasta Neapolitan with Tomato and Herb Sauce with Crusty Bread and Salad	Mac 'n' Cheese Bake with Crusty Bread and Peas	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Chips and Sweetcorn

Outdoor PE Kits

Our Reception Class, and Years 3, 4 and 6 will have outdoor PE on the Thursdays of his half term with the West Lancashire Sports Partnership. They will be covering the Outdoor and Adventure part of the PE curriculum. Year 4 and 6 are also completing a 'Health and Fitness' Unit which means they are outside on a Friday morning.

Please make sure that your child bring suitable outdoor PE Kit on each of these days (long pants / leggings and a sweatshirt / hoodie) in addition to their usual PE kit. Trainers can also be worn if preferred - but make sure that the children can lace up their trainers - otherwise Velcro ones please!! A change of socks is also a good idea!!

Eat Them to Defeat Them

We are supporting Lancashire Catering who are, once again, taking part in the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' campaign. This is an initiative to get the children to eat more vegetable - working towards that 'Five a Day' target.

It is advertised on TV and the children will be bringing an envelope home with games etc. to play. For more details and for some videos to watch etc. log onto <https://eatthetodefeatthem.com/>

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

Did you know...

Tomorrow we will be observing Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent (even though it actually took place last Wednesday).

Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar (the 40 days doesn't include Sundays). It is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

During Lent, during our school Worship we will be saying this Lenten Prayer:

*Loving and compassionate God,
We are sorry for those things that we have done wrong.
Teach us to show love and forgiveness to each other.
As we journey through Lent, inspire us to be generous and kind.
Through our joy, patience and kindness,
May we help to build a better World. Amen*



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

Dressing Up Ideas for Parents



Some schools invite children to come to school in a costume for World Book Day because it's a fun way to encourage children (particularly reluctant readers) to engage with reading, to swap reading recommendations and to celebrate what they are reading at home.

There are lots of alternatives to dressing up. We suggest some [HERE](#)



Top tips for putting together a costume

- Choose a book your child is happy to talk about.
- Start with things you might already have – tracksuits, t-shirts (inside out to make them plain) and pyjamas make a good base for a costume.
- Focus on the parts of the character that make them stand out - use facepaint or simple props to show these.

What if I/my child....

...doesn't have a book to share?

Try a costume that invites recommendations – a t-shirt with post-it notes or one you don't mind being written on.

... doesn't like dressing up?

Keep it simple with a character who wears everyday clothes, by focussing on a prop, or by using a badge instead.

... likes non-fiction?

Focus on what they like – could they share a fact, or the subject matter, or do they want to focus on the author?

...aren't any good at crafting?

Stick to everyday clothes and add small details to focus on key elements of the character – hats, ears, sticking things on t-shirts etc.



Support
your child
to read for
pleasure...



Listen to books
being read aloud



Take books home
to read



Choose the
books YOU
want to read



Ask for ideas on
what to read next

Find your reading
superpower



Have fun reading!



Make time to read

PTA or Class Rep Member?

Can you support your school by:

- Organising a costume swap or costume making workshop.
- Putting together class dressing up rails.
- Hosting a school dressing up rail or costume swap.

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