

Nelson St Philip's C of E Primary School

We love to learn. We learn to love. With Christ as our Guide, we love and learn together.



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Spring Term Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2024

Mrs Ahmed will be leaving us after the Easter holidays, as she moves to pastures new - a big thank you for all her hard work since joining us at St Philip's and we wish her all the very best.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Barnes will be the teacher in Class Marsden.

We hope all our families enjoy a restful break as school closes next Wednesday 27th March at 3.30pm and will re-open on Monday 15th April. Many thanks for all your support this term.

A Great Visit to Gawthorpe Hall

Mrs Macdonald said, "On Thursday, the Year Six children visited Gawthorpe Hall - to find out more about the life of William Shakespeare. We learnt how to sword fight, used needle work to create part of a costume for a stage play and used drama, to learn the timeline of William Shakespeare's life. Amazingly, we discovered that we had been spelling his name wrong for the last five weeks. We spent time considering which modern words were created by Shakespeare - we were all wrong! A fantastic time was had by all."





Thank you for your kind donations ...
 Red Nose Day raised £52.55 for Comic Relief.



Important Announcement



Newsletter / Website Announcement

ParentPay - our new online payment service

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips and milk money. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit / debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

What are the benefits to parents & pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely - offering you peace of mind
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint
- Full payment histories, balance alerts and statements are available to you securely online at anytime

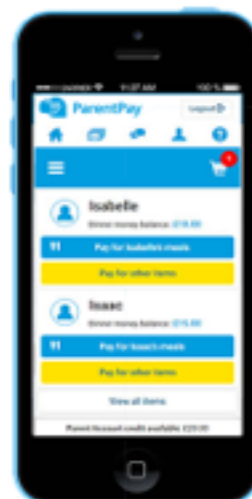
What are the benefits to our school?

- You can help us reduce workloads for all staff as no more counting cash, chasing debt and stop cash collection services
- Creates more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school
- Improves school security
- Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises
- The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school.

How to get started with ParentPay?

We will send you your account activation details. Once you receive these:

- Visit www.parentpay.com
- Enter your Activation username and password in the Account Login section of the homepage
NB. These are for one-time use only, please choose your own username and password for future access during the activation process
- Provide all the necessary information and choose your new username and password for your account - registering your email address will enable us to send you receipts and reminders
- Once activation is complete you can go straight to Items for payment, select which item(s) you want to add to your basket and proceed to complete your payment]



If you have any questions, please contact the school finance office. For more information, visit www.parentpay.com/parents/



Our Christian Value Next Week:

Superstars of the Week

Pendle - Aima Raza

Barley - Rafif Alrais

Marsden - The Whole Class!

Towneley - Noor Fatima

Wycoller - Alex Pista



Hope

'Hope is believing that good things will happen.'



In the Bible...

'Hope is coupled with faith and love as one of the three most enduring gifts of the Spirit.'

(1 Corinthians 13:13)



Collective Worship in School

Our Collective Worship theme next week is 'Easter'. The Christian Value will be 'Hope'.

Please pass on any thoughts and ideas you may have about what you feel your child would benefit from knowing about this theme.



Class Attendance

Class Pendle	91.67%
Class Barley	96.33%
Class Marsden	85.67%
Class Towneley	93.00%
Class Wycoller	100%

Whole School Attendance

Whole School (Without Extended Leave)	92.86%
Extended Leave (44 sessions of lost learning across school)	3.15%
Whole School Attendance (With Extended Leave)	89.71%

Attendance Matters



	Mars	Saturn	Jupiter	Venus
Class Pendle	57	64	54	34
Class Barley	24	30	17	32
Class Marsden	13	38	8	14
Class Towneley	68	30	49	20
Class Wycoller	7	5	18	21
Total for this week	169	167	146	121



Team Point Chart

Please read our Vision Statement below and pass on any thoughts and ideas you may have about it. Our school vision influences every aspect of school life, is at the forefront of all our thoughts and prayers and is at the heart of our environment. Thank you.

Our Vision Statement

We love to learn. We learn to love.
With Christ as our Guide,
we love and learn together.

*'God is love, and all who live in love live in God,
and God lives in them.'*
(1 John 4:16)

Living out our vision, we aim to:

Guide our children to prepare them for life; Respect themselves and one another; Aspire to achieve their highest potential; Care for the local and wider community; Every child is special in God's eyes.

GRACE

Guide Respect Aspire Care Each of us is special



Key Dates for the Spring Term 2024

Date and time	Event
Wednesday 27 th March	SCHOOL CLOSURES
Monday 15 th April	SCHOOL OPENS

Emails, Texts, and the School Website

It is vital that you check and read **all** emails and texts sent from school so that you are kept up to date with important information. Please keep checking our school website too as you will find further information there, including a weekly newsletter.

Absences from school

It is essential that school is notified by telephone (01282 614463) before **8.55am** on the first day of absence. If the school is not informed, then enquiries as to the child's whereabouts will be made. If possible, could parents make any medical appointments out of school hours so that your child's education is not disrupted. If, however you do need to take your child out of school, an appointment card will need to be filled in. These are available in the school office. *Please note: if your child has not arrived in school and ordered a school lunch before 9.30am, parents will need to bring in a packed lunch for their child(ren).*

Important Reminders

1. Footwear

- We have noticed several children in school wearing boots or trainers as part of their school uniform. In line with our School Uniform Policy, pupils **must** wear plain black shoes. Trainers may be worn on PE days only.
- During winter months children are allowed to wear sensible plain black boots on the journey to/from school but must change into school shoes upon arrival to their classroom.

2. End of the school day

- We have had an increase in children being collected late at the end of the school day. As a reminder, KS1 pupils finish at 3.25pm and KS2 pupils finish at 3.30pm.
- Children **must** be collected by 3.30pm, with the exception of attendance at an after-school club, when they must be collected at 4.15pm.
- When children are collected late it causes disruption to after school clubs and staff meetings/training.
- If you have an emergency and are unable to collect your child(ren) on time, please inform the school office.

School Uniform Reminders:

Boys

Royal Blue sweatshirt (preferably with school logo)
Dark trousers
Plain black/grey socks
White polo/cotton shirt

Girls

Royal Blue sweatshirt/cardigan (preferably with school logo)
Dark skirt or trousers
Plain socks, tights or shalwar (black, grey or white)
White Polo/Cotton Shirt
In the summer girls may wear a pale blue checked dress

We expect all children to wear full school uniform every day. This includes plain black school shoes with a sensible heel, not trainers and no logos. If children have a problem with their usual school shoes, they must wear their black school pumps whilst in school. During winter months children are allowed to wear sensible plain black boots on the journey to/from school, but must change into school shoes upon arrival to their classroom.

- The children are expected to keep their shirts tucked in if they remove their jumpers and not to have their jumpers around their waist, as we want high standards from our pupils, including their uniform presentation.
- It is the School's Governors' Policy that all children do not wear scarves of any type, in our school or in our school grounds, in view of their age and in the interests of health and safety.
- **Please ensure that all items of clothing are named** – then they can be returned to your child if the items become lost. Jewellery is not allowed in school. **Pupils should not wear rings, bracelets, necklaces, or earrings in school.** Inexpensive wristwatches are allowed.

Easter Holiday Activities **At Nelson Library**

<i>Date / Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Age</i>
Tuesday 2nd April		
10:00 – 12:00	Sensory Quiet Time	Family Friendly
13:00 – 15:00	Ramadan Storytime and Crafts	Family Friendly
Wednesday 3rd April		
14:00 – 14:45	Storytime	Ages 2-5
15:00 – 17:00	Lego Club	Family Friendly
Thursday 4th April		
11:00 – 11:45	Action Rhyme Time	Ages 2-5
Friday 5th April		
10:30 – 11:15	Baby Bounce and Rhyme	Ages 0-3
11:30 – 15:00	Lego Club	Family Friendly
Saturday 6th April		
11:00 – 15:00	Lego Club	Family Friendly
12:00 – 14:00	Eid Crafts	Family Friendly
14:00 – 15:00	Musical Petting Zoo	Family Friendly
Monday 8th April		
11:00 – 15:00	Lego Club	Family Friendly
13:00 – 15:00	Go Velo Smoothie Bike	Family Friendly
Tuesday 9th April		
11:00 – 15:00	Lego Club	Family Friendly
Wednesday 10th April		
14:00 – 14:45	Storytime	Ages 2-5
15:00 – 17:00	Lego Club	Family Friendly
15:30 – 17:00	Easter Origami	Ages 6+
Thursday 11th April		
11:00 – 11:45	Action Rhyme Time	Ages 2-5
Friday 12th April		
10:30 – 11:15	Baby Bounce and Rhyme	Ages 0-3
14:00 – 16:00	Spring STEM Games and Activities	Family Friendly
Saturday 13th April		
11:00 – 15:00	Lego Club	Family Friendly
12:00 – 14:00	Spring Crafts	Family Friendly
14:30 – 15:00	Jack and the Beanstalk Interactive Story	Family Friendly