



# Duke Street Primary School

Newsletter 6

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## World Mental Health Day



Miss Zawistowicz led a relaxing and mindful whole school assembly on this subject yesterday. We hope you have been able to spend a little time to access widely available information on the subject and also talked to your children about what they have learned from the day. Here is one such source: <https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/world-mental-health-day>

## Reading Cloud

The new electronic library is now fully up and running, and all children have access to a wide range of fiction and non fiction books. The majority of children will keep their library books in school and use as part of their independent reading time (ERIC time).



Mrs Robinson has now rolled out the next phase of the system which enables the children to blog about the books that they are reading. They can also use the system to chat to their friends about the books they are reading. Log in and password information will be sent home soon. The children can access 'Reading Cloud' at home and it is a safe learning platform. Further information can be found at: <https://www.readingcloud.net/>. The children have access to both our own school books, and books that are borrowed and renewed annually from the Lancashire Library service.

In addition to this, Mrs Robinson has introduced the Fantastic Book Awards to our year 6 pupils. This scheme is also run by the Lancashire Library service and designed to promote reading for pleasure. The children will have the opportunity to read 6 different titles, get involved in creative activities and vote for their favourite books alongside many other schools who are also running the scheme.

## Harvest Assembly



Our Harvest Assembly takes place next **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9.10am**. Harvest gifts, of non-perishable items only, such as tins, packet food (with long shelf lives please) can be brought in **from tomorrow Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October**, so that it can be displayed in the hall. The food will be donated to needy people in the local community through **Chorley Help the Homeless. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly.**



## Family Breakfast

A reminder that the Free Family Breakfast will be served in the hall next Thursday 18th October 8.15am until 8.45am. This is open to all parents, children, carers and extended family to celebrate our funded Breakfast Provision, courtesy of the Greggs Foundation and Leyland Round Table. If you have not been before please come along and take a look.



## Urgent request: Year 6 P.G.L. Trip September 2019

To secure your child's place for the trip next year, we need a £60 deposit paid by **tomorrow Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October**. Cheques should be made payable to Lancashire County Council. The anticipated cost is £ 184.00 which would be reduced to £174 if we could get another 7 children going on the trip.

## Unwanted Uniform

**If you have any outgrown or unwanted school uniform or PE kits which might be of benefit to other families in school, please bring them to the school office so we can redistribute .**



## Photographer

**Next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October, the photographer will be in to take individual and family photos. Family groups with pre-school aged children should arrive for 8.30am for their photos.**

## Attendance

The class who had the highest attendance from Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> October was Rose class with 99.6%. Well done to Miss Zawistowicz's class.



## Reading At Home



The percentages of reading certificates given for the last week were as follows:

Poplar: **89%**. Spruce: **88%**. Willow: **81%**. Acer: **77%**. Redwood: **68%**. Rowan: **67%**. Maple: **66%**. Kiwi: **57%**. Rose: **54%**. Cherry: **53%**. Sycamore: **47%** . Well done readers in Miss Partington's class.

## Holy Cross Music Concert: amended finish time

Children who are singing in the Chorley Primary Schools Celebration Concert at Holy Cross High School on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October should note that the organisers have advised us that the concert is now due to finish at **7.00pm**. If parents arrive at around 6.50pm, they may be able to sneak in to see the final song performed by all 225 children from the 9 primary schools participating in the event.

## Half Term break

**We break up for half term next Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October at 3.15pm. The children return to school at 8.45am on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.**



Yours sincerely

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