



Duke Street Primary School

Newsletter 7

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Spooky Bog-Eyed Jog: Wednesday 31st October

After the success of the bog-eyed jog last year, Mrs Robinson and the PTFA are organising another fund raiser to try to raise £1100, for purchasing new additional reading material, to promote an even greater love of reading across school.

The event basically involves the children getting sponsors and are running laps around the playground on the morning of Wednesday 31st October. There is a keep fit element to the event as well as it being fun and helping us to buy more books for the children to enjoy.

It is not really bog-eyed as we are starting with the youngest children running at 9.00am with the oldest ones starting around 9.30am. Last year we encouraged the children to wear pyjamas. This year they can wear pyjamas or, as it is happening on 31st October, a Halloween costume. Just consider that the children will be wearing this outfit for the whole day!

For now, using the sponsorship form sent home, try to get some sponsors, over the half term break, for your child to run some laps of the playground. This could be an amount per lap, or simply an overall pledge. You can also be giving some thought to what your child will wear. A post-run breakfast will be provided on the day.



Harvest Assembly



Thank you to those who attended our Harvest Assembly this week and to the many people who donated non-perishable items. The food will be distributed to needy people in the local community through **Chorley Help the Homeless**. Ken Phillips from CHC attended our assembly and expressed his gratitude for the generous donations he was able to load up for distribution.

Free Books

Books that are no longer needed in the school library are available, free of charge, from the marked boxes currently situated in the horseshoe area. Feel free to help yourself to any books in these marked boxes after school.



“Together” Challenge

The theme of the harvest assembly this year was “Together”. Can you rise to the Together Challenge and try to organize more meals at home where everybody sits down together to eat at the table and with no TV/tablet/phones switched on?

Free Family Breakfast

Thank you to all those who attended the Free Family Breakfast this morning. This was open to all parents, children, carers and staff to celebrate our funded Breakfast Provision, courtesy of the Greggs Foundation and Leyland Round Table. It was great to see well over 100 children and adults attending. Thanks for all your support. It was lovely to see the KS1 children dressed in pirate attire for the occasion too!

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Year 6 P.G.L. Trip September 2019: Deadline extension

To secure your child's place for the trip next year, we need a £60 deposit. The deadline has been extended to **Friday, 2nd November**. 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.



Photographer

Tomorrow, Friday 19th 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, 5th October to Thursday, 11th October was Kiwi class with 98%. Well done to Miss Kiernan's class.



Reading At Home



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

Redwood: **82%**. Spruce: **77%**. Poplar: **75%**. Willow: **71%**. Acer: **70%**. Maple: **64%**. Rowan: **48%**. Cherry: **48%**. Sycamore: **30%**. Kiwi: **24%**. Rose: **18%**. Well done readers in Mr Reay's class.

Chorley Primary Schools Celebration Music Concert

Our children performed magnificently at the Chorley Primary Schools Celebration Concert at Holy Cross High School on Monday. Many thanks to Mr Stott for preparing the choir and to Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Wilson who gave their time in supervising the children throughout the proceedings. The combined choir of all 9 participating schools, numbering over 200 children was particularly moving. It was a truly joyful event.



Halloween and Bonfire Lunches 31st October/5th November

If your child usually has packed lunches and would like a school dinner on one or both of these days, please return the slip being sent home today by no later than Monday, 29th with the appropriate choice of day(s) indicated and payment. Menus are displayed around school and are on the school facebook/app.



Half Term break

We break up for half term tomorrow Friday, 19th October at 3.15pm. The children return to school at 8.45am on Monday 29th October.



Yours sincerely

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Mr A Kidd (HEADTEACHER)