

# Newsletter – WC 9th January 2023

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## Stars of the Week

**A massive St John's well done to all our Silverdale Stars this week.**

- Starlings** - Scout – for always being so helpful and brightening everyone's day
- Curlews** – Molly - for great reading and writing in phonics
- Bitterns** - Kara – for being the only girl in class this week, but still getting totally stuck into all session in school. Even rugby!
- Harriers** - Thomas P – for a huge improvement in his handwriting. Keep up the good work

## Chinese New Year Day

This year, Chinese New Year is on Sunday 22nd January. To increase the cultural awareness of our children, we will be holding a Chinese New Year day in school on Friday 20th January. Isaac's dad and other friends of the Chinese community from Lancaster, will be coming into school and cooking, teaching children how to use chopsticks and creating some lovely Chinese crafts. Classes will also be tailoring their activities around learning more about China in class. Please can children wear something red to celebrate this day. They don't need to wear school uniform. This is the colour of good luck in China. Don't worry if you don't have something red to wear!!



## Reading

Mrs Knight will be promoting the 'Karate reading' again very soon. Watch this space! Please encourage your child to read every night – to you, to teddies, to themselves! Books are an amazing way of opening up the world of adventure to children. It expands their minds and their sense of there being a huge world out there to explore. Imagination is a very strong and powerful gift. We need to nurture it. Please also encourage children to bring 'home readers' into school every day, along with their reading records.

## Attendance and school timings

There was, and still is, a lot of illness making it's way around the population. Because of this, some children have slipped below the 90% mark which makes them persistent absentees. Whilst we fully understand the reasons for this, and thank you for supporting us to suppress the spread of illness in school, please consider your child's attendance and try to work with us to improve this. All family holidays are unauthorized as these aren't classed as exceptional circumstances. We ask you to think very carefully before taking your child out of school.

If you feel your child isn't well enough to attend school, please ring the office on the first day of absence and each subsequent day to inform us of the reasons for this.

We will be contacting parents of children below 90% just to make them aware of this and to work with you to improve attendance. School opens at 08:45. Before this, children must be supervised on the playground by their parents or guardians. All children arriving after this will be regarded as late. Children arriving after 09:25 will be marked down as an unauthorized absence.

## Lost

A black Velcro wallet went missing last week in school. If anyone knows anything about this, please can they let the office know. It had quite a substantial amount of money in it. It may just have been misplaced. But either way, we need to return it to its owner as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

## Friday Thought

You are to help your brothers until the LORD gives them rest, as he has done for you, and until they too have taken possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving them. After that, you may go back and occupy your own land, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you east of the Jordan toward the sunrise.

—Joshua 1:14-15



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## Football at playtime

The boys (and girls) love playing football at playtime, but in the winter months, it can be rather a squeeze on the playground for them. We have decided to try football on the grass for a few weeks, to see how it goes. There will be a rota. Bitterns Monday. Harriers Wednesday. Bitterns and Harriers Friday. Children must wear old clothes if they're playing football. These can be kept in school, and must only be worn for football times.

## Movie Night

It's movie night in school next Friday. FOSS are running it, and would love to see as many children as possible. Tickets are £3 each. £2.50 for siblings. Tickets will get...

Sing 2 (the movie)

A hot dog

Sweets and a drink

Movie night starts at **16:30**. Children need picking up **18:30**.

## Mid morning Snack

The children are loving flapjacks! More than that, Miss Sanderson is loving the conversations she hears between the children and Mrs Taylor as they queue up at the 'Tuck shop'. There is nothing 'British' about our children when they are hungry! It's also a joy to watch the children using their maths skills to count out their money and pay the shop keeper. Going forward, children will be charged **50p for a large flapjack**, and **30p for a smaller one**. This is to encourage our younger children not to overindulge before lunch.

## Further afield...



THU, JAN 12  
January Pop-up Repair Cafe  
Created by Simply Repair South Lakes



SAT, JAN 21 AT 2 PM  
Garden Tool Care & Repair workshop  
Created by Simply Repair South Lakes

Interested Going

## Health Needs Assessment Year 6

A health needs assessment questionnaire will be completed in school next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January. It has been designed in collaboration with the Public Health Team at Lancashire County Council for children who wish to participate in the school health needs assessment programme. The questionnaire is completed online (via the Lancashire County Council secure portal) in class, by your child, regarding their health and well-being. This can be viewed on HCRG's website via the following link:

<https://lancsyoungpeoplefamilyservice.co.uk/school-nursing/>

If you do not wish your child to complete the questionnaire or you would like to speak to your school nursing team please contact within the next 7 days on this number 0300 247 0040 Option 2 - North and Lancaster area.



## The week ahead...

18.01.23 - Caroline TLC to look at reading scheme

18.01.23 – Miss Sanderson to see Steve Edge

18.01.23 - Adele Thompson TLC in Bitterns class with Mrs Knight

19.01.23 – Ian Ellershaw leading worship

20.01.23 - Access arrangements course. Miss Jackson

20.01.23 – Reception + Y6 + Height/Weight

20.01.23 - Movie Night after school

## Lunches

### New Menu

Week 2 WC 16.01.23

## Church News

Reverend Mary is on sabbatical for 5 weeks. Her husband will be taking services at St John's in the time being. Sunday at 09:00 for 40 minutes. A time of informal worship for all.

Stay for Bacon Butties after the service

