



**ST. PAUL'S**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*From the words of St. Paul... 'Encourage one another and build each other up'.*

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Headteacher News.

You will be aware following the government's announcement on Monday, that **all children** will be returning to school on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. Please note that attendance is compulsory. More information regarding our return to school plans will be sent out at the beginning of next week. We cannot wait to see all the children back in school and hopefully returning to some form of normality. We appreciate that everyone will have received this news in different ways and some of you may be feeling anxious about your child returning. Please remember that we are always here to support you however we can. If you have any questions or concerns following the information you receive next week, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the class emails or if you wish to speak to a member of our Senior Leadership Team, please email [school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk) and someone will contact you as soon as possible.

We are asking that children continue to come in their **own clothes until after the Easter holidays**. Please ensure these are clean clothes every day. This will also hopefully give you additional time to get their uniform together as I am sure many of your children will have had a growth spurt over the last few weeks. This also means they can come to school after Easter in their summer uniform, weather permitting. Let us keep our fingers crossed for lots of sunshine this summer.

### Polite Reminder

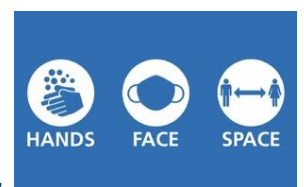
Please can I remind parents that **smoking is not permitted** anywhere on our school grounds including the ring road. This also includes the use of electronic cigarettes. We continue to request that parents and carers wear masks whilst on the school grounds unless you have a medical exemption, including BYT parents. This is to protect all our school family.

I have also been informed that some children are arriving late. As you are aware, we are following the government's advice by having staggered start and finish times. It is important that your child arrives and is collected at the correct time which I have added again below for your information. We cannot keep external doors open whilst waiting for children to arrive for safety reasons. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Class & Teacher	Start time	Finish time
Acorns - Miss Cavaney	8.40am	3.00pm
Ashes - Miss Pounder	8.40am	3.00pm
Sycamores - Miss Fielding	8.50am	3.10pm
Alders - Miss Cowgill	8.50am	3.10pm
Elms - Mrs De Boutemard	8.40am	3.00pm
Maples - Miss Yates	8.40am	3.00pm
Elders - Mrs Nolan	8.50am	3.10pm
Willows - Mrs Cooper	8.50am	3.10pm
Oaks - Mrs Lee	8.50am	3.10pm
Blossoms- Mrs White	8.50am	3.00pm



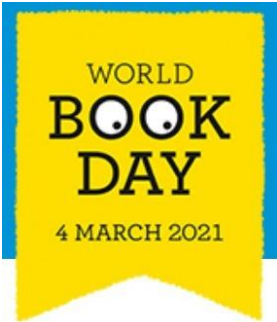
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### Updated Contact Details

Please can we ask that you ensure the school office have your most up to date contact details including any change of addresses. Please also remember to update your ParentPay account with any changes. We are aware that some parents are not receiving texts or emails due to the contact details being incorrect.



### World Book Day


You will have hopefully received an email via ParentPay regarding this year's World Book Day. Even though we are not all in school, we still want to celebrate this day together. We are looking forward to seeing lots of photographs of your outfits, artwork, and any other activities which you have completed throughout the day. Please remember, there is no expectation that you buy an outfit. In fact, homemade outfits are even better. There are lots of ideas on the internet if you are looking for some inspiration.

### Life Education Van

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March, we will be visited by the Life Education team. However, due to social distancing restrictions, things will look a little different this year. Unfortunately there will be no parent sessions and we will not be able to visit the van. However, the team will be coming into classrooms across school. Full PPE will be worn and social distancing will be maintained. The Life Education team are a charity and our annual visits do rely on parental donations. With this in mind, we are asking for a contribution of £4 in order to support the visit and the children's learning in PSHE which can be made via your ParentPay account. Thank you in advance.

There will also be an opportunity for your child to buy a 'bendy pencil' from the Life Education Team. If your child would like to purchase one, please bring £1 into school and these can be ordered via your child's class teacher.

### Free school meals.

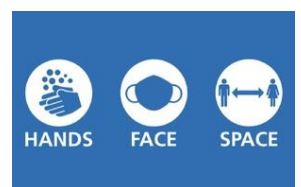
 For any parents/carers, whose circumstances have changed and think their child(ren) maybe entitled to Free School Meals, please can an application form be completed. Parents can apply electronically via the link below or can complete a paper application form.  
**Are you entitled? Registering for the Free School Meal service also means the school will receive additional funding for your child, which is called Pupil Premium.**

[https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free\\_school\\_meals\\_and\\_pupil\\_premium](https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_school_meals_and_pupil_premium)

Please note that younger siblings of pupils who are already entitled will not automatically qualify for Free School Meals. If a family's circumstances have changed and cease to be entitled to qualifying benefits, the elder children will be protected but any new children will not qualify. This is why Pupil Access Team require applications completing so they can properly assess new sibling's entitlement.



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## Home Learning

Following government guidance, we plan to continue to host our daily check - in via zoom and deliver our learning via our learning grids which will be supplemented by high quality video content such as Oak Academy, White Rose Maths and BBC Schools. In addition to this, we will provide daily learning materials for your child to complete at home. These can be found at <https://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk/home-learning-2/>

This week all our staff would like to say a huge WELL DONE to all the parents at home. Whatever your personal circumstances, we think you are doing an amazing job. Please do not worry if your child has stayed up late, if they have played too long on the x-box and not done all their work. That's fine. You have to do what is right for you and your family. Be kind to yourself. The world is hard enough right now. We know our pupils as **safe, loved and cared for** and that is the most important thing at the moment. **Please do not let school work put any extra pressure on you** when you are trying to hold down jobs, earn a living and keep your child/ren safe.

**Please be kind to yourselves.** We are all facing uncertain times and we are all doing the best we can. We know how difficult it is to work from home and try to home teach children of different ages. **Do what works best for you and your families.**

The little people in our lives are the most important and if they are struggling, please do not feel guilty if you need to switch off. Go for a walk, read a book, listen to music, laugh and try to embrace this time together.

**Their happiness, safety and well-being is paramount to us right now.**

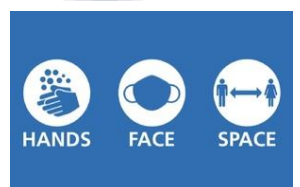


If you are having difficulties with IT such as one laptop between two/three children or require additional internet please let us know as we can allocate free internet for families who cannot access the internet. We have also been allocated a small number of laptops from the DfE which we can loan to families. Please note, this will be based on your family's circumstances and needs.

If you require access codes or feel your family may be eligible for a laptop, please email [school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk) and we will alert your class teacher.



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## Dates for your diary...

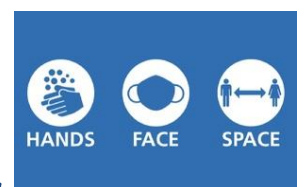
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## Reflective Friday



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## Action for happiness: Friendly February We all need each other more than ever right now!

This month let's focus on reaching out to connect with others and doing our best to be a good friend. Our acts of kindness and connection ripple out and impact so many more people than we realise - and they also boost our own happy hormones too! In stressful times people around us may be feeling the strain, so let's try to keep calm, take time to listen and show compassion.




# ACTION CALENDAR: FRIENDLY FEBRUARY 2021




MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>1</b> Send someone a message to say how much they mean to you	<b>2</b> Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	<b>3</b> Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone else	<b>4</b> Organise a virtual 'tea break' with colleagues or friends	<b>5</b> Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	<b>6</b> Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	<b>7</b> Make an effort to have a friendly chat with a neighbour
<b>8</b> Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	<b>9</b> Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	<b>10</b> Look for the good in people, even when they frustrate you	<b>11</b> Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	<b>12</b> Focus on being kind rather than being right	<b>13</b> Send a friendly message of support to a local business	<b>14</b> Tell your loved ones why they are special to you
<b>15</b> Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	<b>16</b> Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	<b>17</b> Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	<b>18</b> Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	<b>19</b> Share a video or message you find inspiring or helpful	<b>20</b> Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun	<b>21</b> Actively listen to what people say, without judging them
<b>22</b> Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	<b>23</b> Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	<b>24</b> Tell a loved one about their strengths that you value most	<b>25</b> Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	<b>26</b> Give positive comments to as many people as possible today	<b>27</b> Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	<b>28</b> Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones



**"The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer somebody else up" - Mark Twain**



**"The only way to have a friend is to be one" - Ralph Waldo Emerson**

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS







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Learn more about this month's theme at [www.actionforhappiness.org/friendly-february](http://www.actionforhappiness.org/friendly-february)



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