



Langho and Billington St. Leonard's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,



STATIONS of the CROSS

Worship

This week we have considered why Jesus said 'I am the good shepherd' and how we can be like his flock, following in his footsteps and knowing we are loved.

Reverend Tracy led Wednesday worship with the first service about the Stations of the cross which will continue throughout

Lent. We wish Rev. Tracy a speedy recovery from her upcoming operation and she will be in our prayers.

Lenten Lunch

For the past two Wednesdays, our fabulous Y6 children have delighted parishioners from St Leonard's by hosting lunch. They very much enjoyed the friendship and enthusiastic chatter, and the parishioners left with many compliments about our children, their confidence and good manners.

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

Today Y3 enjoyed a workshop from 'GEM - Giving Emotions Meaning' and benefitted from some thoughtful discussion in class - they engaged beautifully with our visitor, and learned some techniques for managing their feelings.

Sport

I am incredibly proud of the Y4 children who attended today's glow in the dark dodgeball competition. Their behaviour was impeccable, and they returned to school with an award for being the most honest team, as voted by all other competitors. Excellent 'living out' of our St Leonard's pupil promises in the community!

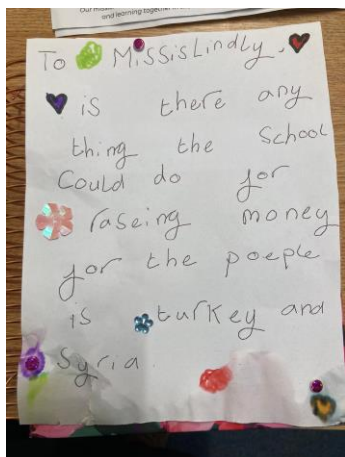
Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Lindley



Lent Appeal

A separate letter is coming home this evening detailing what the children would like to do to raise funds for people in Syria and Turkey in the aftermath of the recent earthquakes that have devastated the region. Children feel very passionate about this cause and want to donate to The British Red Cross as their chosen charity.



Parking and Community Centre

A further reminder to park safely and respectfully at the start and end of each school day. When parking in the community centre car park please be mindful of other cars and of course adults and children. It is crucial for our children that we model courteous behaviour and act in a safe manner.

Please also note that the large green bin at the community centre is not for general public use. Items have been placed in this bin by others which have then to be sorted by the community centre volunteers.

Borwick Hall residential

Thank you for the ongoing contributions for the Y6 residential visit to Borwick Hall. This is a polite reminder to continue making the payments as per the plan sent out initially. If you would like to discuss this confidentially with the office staff please call in or telephone.

Appointments





Wherever possible, medical appointments should be made outside of school hours. In the rare cases when this is unavoidable, you must let the office know in advance and you will be asked for proof of the appointment (such as a hospital letter) otherwise it may have to be categorised as an unauthorised absence. You will also be asked about the anticipated time of return.



Year 5 Brass Concert

Our Year 5 children have been learning to play a brass instrument since September. They will be performing in their first concert for family members on **Thursday 30th March at 2:45pm** in the school hall. In preparation for this concert, please remind your child to continue practising at home.

This Week's Attendance !

	Class	% Attendance this week
	Kingfishers	99.3
	Swifts	98.8
	Wrens	98.8

Author Visit & World Book Day

This week we had the pleasure of meeting an award-winning children's author, Christina Gabbittas who is from Blackburn. Christina was invited to our school after receiving a letter from our Guardians of the Planet club to share her stories all about recycling, 'Save us!'. We had stories and poetry read to us using expression and Christina taught us how to make voices for our own book characters. We loved learning how Christina brings her books to life using intonation when reading and how she uses the power of a story to spread important messages. Here are some snapshots of children enjoying World Book Day! Keep reading 📖



Recycled Uniform! Please purchase!



Children grow so quickly!!

Our kindly donated school uniform is on sale. Log on to <https://www.uniformd.co.uk/> and search for our school. **We have lots and lots of items in excellent condition!!!**

You can buy items, for a very small amount, on the website and then collect them from school once you receive an email to say your item is ready. Many thanks to Mrs Duckett for running our recycled uniform shop! Money made through 'Uniformd' will go into our school fund that pays for those extra treats for children such as school trip subsidies etc.

If you can't see an item listed that you need, then message Mrs Duckett, via the school office who can help.

Most Combos this week!

Herons	Hugh
Kingfishers	Erin
Owls	Jack R
Robins	Bobby
Swifts	Jenson
Wrens	Ben Jenny



Weekly Highlights

Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds



This week our early years children have been very busy learning all about Africa! In Little Lennie's we have read 'Handa's Hen' and in Blackbirds, we have read 'Anna Hibiscus's song.' These stories have supported Geography learning across the phase. Our younger children have located Africa on a map/globe and our older children have focused on the following climate zones: Rainforest, Savannah and the desert. We have enjoyed listening to and moving our bodies to traditional African music. It was lovely to see so many children dressed up for World Book Day, these costumes really did ignite some great imagination into their play and learning. What a great week!

Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons



We have enjoyed another fun-filled week in Key Stage 1! We were really lucky this week to have two visitors to school to enhance our learning. We thoroughly enjoyed our visiting author and found her stories very entertaining to listen to. We were also lucky to have the opportunity to grow our own carrots and learn about the life cycle of a carrot plant. In DT this week, we had the tricky task of making a prototype of our fairground wheel. It was a challenging activity, but we all persevered and tried our best. World book day was great fun and all three classes looked amazing in their wonderful costumes. It was lots of fun discussing our favourite books and trying to answer the questions on our World Book Day quiz! A super week everyone, well done!

Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls



In Lower KS2 this week we have been all poetic with our new writing unit and a visit from Christina Gabbittas, performing her 'save us from plastic' rap alongside talking to us about her experience as an author and using music to enliven reading. For PE, we practised sending and receiving skills with tactical decisions in our own variations of dodgeball and netball with some of us even representing school as ambassadors in the glow dodgeball tournament.

Historical enquiry focussed on our locality, researching why St Leonard's Chapel was listed and protected as a significant building. We had a 'wheely' good time with DT, creating the frame for our slingshot car chassis. Other notable highlights have been in computing, where we designed and coded a musical instrument using the Scratch software, and rounding off the week with our artistic character designs for World Book Day based on the 'Iron Man'.

Well done everyone!

Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts & Wrens



Year 5

We have had another great week in Year 5, filled with super learning. The children wrote some brilliant Norse poetry, casting spells to protect warriors in adventure and battle. We started our Vikings unit in history and the children analysed sources teaching us about the Lindisfarne Raid and discussed their reliability as historical evidence. In PE, the children created and performed sequences using a variety of gymnastic positions before learning a variety of balances – we have some skilled gymnasts amongst us! We continued to explore databases in computing, this week learning how to sort data by field. Both classes sounded fantastic during their brass lessons, learning a range of different songs and genres to perform. In RE, we started a new unit of learning and discussed what we mean by ‘victory’ while considering different victories through history. Well done Year 5 – keep up the great work!

Year 6

This week, the children have been working very hard as usual. On Tuesday, the children enjoyed the visit of the author Christina Gabbittas who kindly gave them a copy of her comic strip book to read and take home. They also enjoyed looking at the Mayan artefacts on loan from the Lancashire museum service - we had good fun examining the objects and deciding what they were. We enjoyed another RE lesson from Reverend Tracy which was again most thought provoking. In Science the children learned about classification keys and created their own. We are continuing to enjoy our class novel - ‘Wonder’, and rounded the week off with a super PE lesson. Well done Wrens !

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

	<u>Little Lennies</u> <i><u>Ismail</u></i>	<u>Blackbirds</u> <i><u>Elyse & Evelyn</u></i>
<u>Doves</u> <i><u>Noah</u></i>	<u>Eagles</u> <i><u>Teddy</u></i>	<u>Falcons</u> <i><u>Maeve</u></i>
<u>Hérons</u> <i><u>Arabella</u></i>	<u>Kingfishers</u> <i><u>Jannah</u></i>	<u>Owls</u> <i><u>Ezra</u></i>
<u>Robins</u> <i><u>Halima</u></i>	<u>Swifts</u> <i><u>Luca</u></i>	<u>Wrens</u> <i><u>Oscar & Maddie</u></i>

Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th March	Year 5&6 Swimming Gala (Information to follow)
Thursday 16th March	KS1 Girls football (Information to follow)
Tuesday 21st March	Bikeability for Reception class
Wednesday 22nd March	Bikeability for Reception class
Thursday 23rd March	Bikeability for Reception class
Friday 24th March	Y6 Road Safety session in school with BAE
Monday 27th March	Class Photos 4pm KS1 Dance event (Information to follow) 6:00 pm Year 3 and 4 Let's Go Sing! Concert at King George's Hall, Blackburn
Tuesday 28th March	Reception class Parents and School Together sessions (more details to follow)
Wednesday 29th March	Reception class Parents and School Together sessions (more details to follow)
Thursday 30th March	Reception class Parents and School Together sessions (more details to follow) 2:45pm Year 5 Brass Concert
Friday 31st March	1:30pm School closes for Easter holidays
Easter Holidays	
Monday 17th April	8:45am School re-opens for the Summer Term

Sunday Services

9.15 Eucharist
10:30 Family Service

Monday

4pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday

12pm Midday Prayers (with light lunch on 1st Wednesday of each month)

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Please see our school website for this academic year's term dates. <https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/parent-info/holiday-dates>

Swimming Lessons
ages 4-10

Join us
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