



Welcome to our latest newsletter and the last one of the Spring 1 half term! There is lots happening over the next few months. Please see the Diary of Dates and keep checking ClassDojo for updates.

Traffic Around School

We have received communication from the Parish Council requesting that we pass on concerns that have been raised with them relating to traffic problems on Church Street. Recently they have had requests to act regarding several vehicles exceeding the 20mph speed limit and it has been highlighted that these vehicles are “on the school run”. Please continue to be mindful of speed and parking restrictions around school – we are grateful for everyone’s co-operation.

PreSchool

We are now taking applications for our Pre-School intake for September 2024. Further information can be found on our school website <https://www.ribchester-st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk/pre-school/> or by contacting the school office on 01254 878300.

After School Clubs



Cookery Club - The next Cookery Club will be Monday 26th February - Monday 15th April. We like to offer 5 cookery club sessions, however there are only 4 Mondays available in Spring 2 so we will hold the 5th cookery club session after the Easter holidays.

Sports Clubs take place straight after school and finish at 4.30pm. The clubs for this half term are:



Monday – Reception & Hodder Multi Skills

Starting on Monday 26th February to 25th March

Tuesday – Key Stage 2 Badminton

Starting on Tuesday 20th February to 26th March

A link will be posted on ClassDojo to reserve your child a place.

REMINDER: There is no sports club today (Monday, 5th February).

Attendance By Class For January 2024

Calder – 96.39%

Hodder – 97.84%

Ribble – 98.12%

Wyre – 95.57%

Attendance of: 96% - 100% = **Green**

Attendance of: 90% - 95.9% = **Amber**

Attendance of: below 90% = **Red (Persistent Absence)**

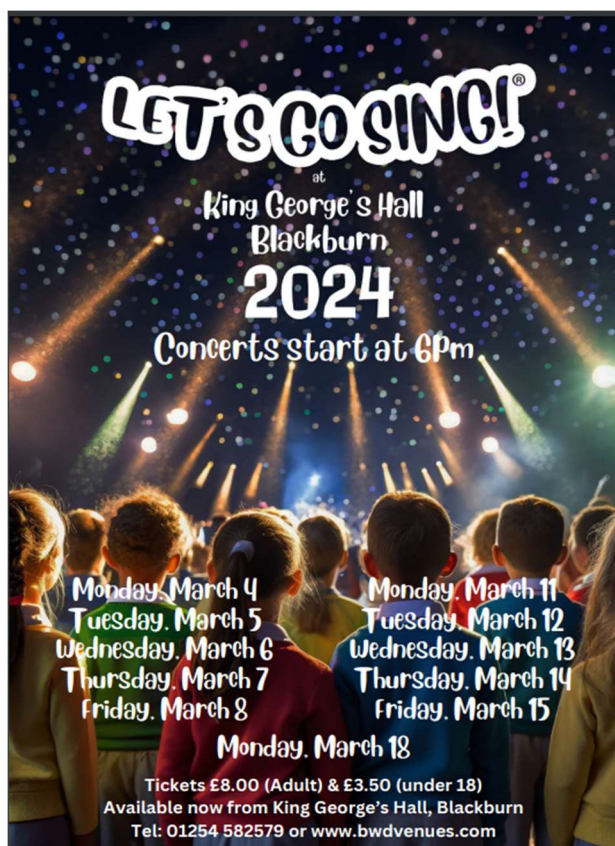
Upcoming Trips and Events:

Residential Trip

Wyre class will be attending their residential trip to PGL Newby Wiske Hall from 20th to 22nd May. Reminder that the final instalment is due to be paid in March.

Shakespeare Festival – 5 March 2024

Wyre and some of Ribble will be taking part in the Shakespeare Festival at The Met, Bury on Tuesday, 5 March. Tickets are available to buy direct from the Met at £11.95 for adults and £10.50 for concessions. As a school we have been allocated a limited number of tickets at a group rate of £10.00 each. The remaining tickets will be available to purchase on ClassDojo on a first come first served basis - ClassDojo will be updated when this is live.



Let's Go Sing

Audience tickets for Let's Go Sing are available online at <https://bwdvenues.com/whats-on/> or by ringing the King George's Hall box office on 01254 582579. Tickets are £8 per adult, U18 £3.50. There is also a small booking fee per ticket charged by KGH. Doors will open at 5.15 for the audience.

Liverpool Trip – 7 March

Wyre Class will be visiting the Liverpool Maritime museum and Liverpool Philharmonic on Thursday 7 March – please provide consent and payment via ParentPay for your child to attend.

Hodder Class Florence Nightingale Workshop

On Monday 4 March, we will have a drama company in school running workshops with Hodder where the children will learn about Florence Nightingale and the role she played in helping soldiers in the Crimean War in the Victorian times. ***Please provide parent contributions via ParentPay to allow this activity to go ahead.***

Wear Something Red Day - Friday 23 February 2024

Throughout the year Mrs Cowgill, along with her family, are raising money for Cardiomyopathy UK by completing 20 events/challenges to mark 20 years since the passing of her dad. Some of the fundraisers will be hard, some will be fun but most of all they want to spread awareness of the charity and the support they give children, young people and adults with life-limiting heart conditions. Cardiomyopathy UK provide support and information, campaign for better access to quality treatment, save lives through raising awareness and provide hope through shaping research.

In January Mrs Cowgill and her sister started off their fundraising by holding a Beetle Drive and have completed a London winter walking marathon. More information on the charity and their fundraising can be found via the JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/page/erica-sowerbutts-1699481391580>.



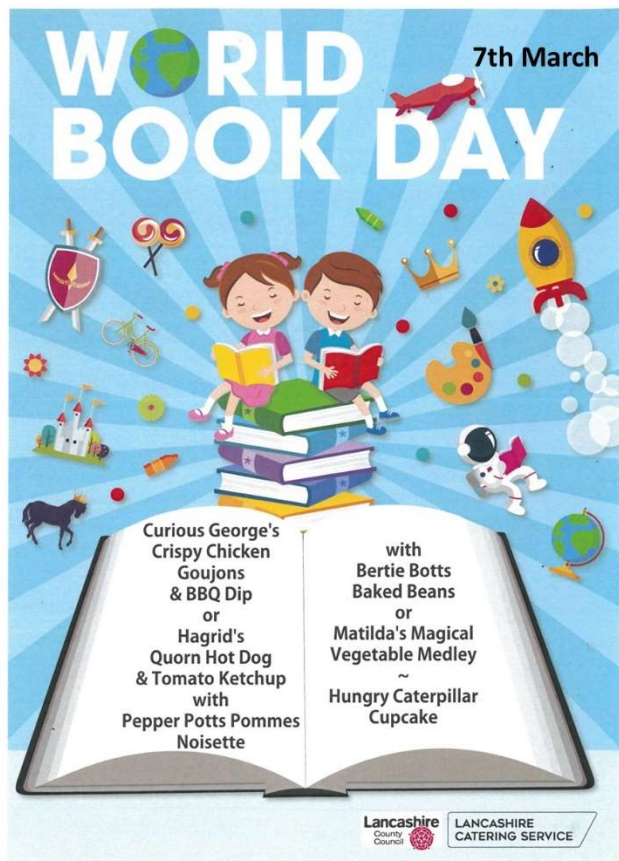
As a school we would like to support Mrs Cowgill with her fundraising. In exchange for a £1 donation, which will go to Cardiomyopathy UK, everyone is invited to attend school on Friday 23rd February 2024 in non-uniform and in recognition of the charity you are encouraged to wear something red.

Confirmation

Confirmation will take place on Sunday 14th April at 4pm by Bishop Philip. Confirmation is open to Year 6 children and above. Any parent interest please contact Rev'd Brian directly on 07973 740981 or canonbrianmcconkey@btinternet.com.

There will be 2 classes before Easter, Sunday 17th and Sunday 24th March at 4pm and afterwards on Monday 15th and Monday 22nd April 6.30- 7.30pm.

School Lunches / Morning Snack



Lunches continue to be £2.70 per day. These should be paid for in advance on ParentPay (weekly or for the half term). The cost for the Spring 2 half term will be £75.60.

Morning snack (toast) is 30p per day. If paying on ParentPay please pay for the half term - £8.40.

Please note, credits for any lunches / toast not taken will be carried forward.

As we approach the end of the financial year, please can we request any outstanding balances are brought up to date. Many thanks.

easyfundraising
.org.uk

You can help raise funds for the school without having to donate anything yourself! Over 7,500 brands and sites will donate to us every time you use [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself. This means you can raise money for us every time you get clothes, groceries, takeaways, insurance, school supplies or anything else you might be buying online anyway. It's easy, completely FREE and will make a BIG difference to the school. Please sign up and help us raise more:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ribchesterswcptfa/>

So far we have a total of free donations raised to date of £1,627.54
£12.54 in the last 30 days with 47 supporters



Ribchester and Hurst Green 1st Cub Scout Group is looking for new members!

What do Cubs get up to?

Being a Cub is all about growing and learning in small but mighty ways. Here are some of the things you'll get up to with your new friends.

Learning new skills

Cubs learn by doing, and the skills you develop will be practical, like knowing how to cook a delicious meal or give someone first aid. Others will allow you to become a master at your chosen hobby!. But the most important skills you'll learn at Cubs are the ones that will make you feel confident and happy in your own skin. We call these character skills, and they include things like integrity – which means being honest and doing what you think is right – and initiative – which means knowing how to take the lead on something without being asked. Whatever skills you'd like to learn, it's all about having the courage to try new things.

Helping others

Cubs work as a team to help other people. Together, you'll learn about global issues and what we can all do to help solve them. You'll also make an impact in your own community, through activities such as collecting donations for a food bank, or planting trees in a neighbouring park.

If you have a child who is between 8 and 10.5 years old and think they would like to join our cubs group please don't hesitate to get in touch with one of us

**Annie Scott 07771648999
Bev Kershaw 07968 204803**

We meet every term time Monday from 6.00-7.15pm

Membership is £45 per term

Our Venue is Hurst Green Village Hall

Cubs is designed to be an accessible and affordable way for young people to learn lots of new skills through a single membership. Nobody should feel excluded from Cub activities because of money worries.

Fancy becoming a leader yourself / helping out / being a parent volunteer for the session?

There is an amazing online training system for adults who are supporting and helping to lead the group. Being a cub leader is not only very personally rewarding and lots of fun, but taking part can also support career possibilities, widen your horizons in other ways!

Diary of Dates:

9 February	Calder Class Sharing Assembly with Stay and Play
9 February	School closes for Half Term break
19 February	Inset Day
20 February	School re-opens
23 February	Non uniform day – wear something red
29 February	Reception and Year 6 Heights & Weights check
1 March	Hodder Class Sharing Assembly
4 March	Hodder Class Florence Nightingale Workshop
5 March	Shakespeare Festival – Wyre Class and Year 4
7 March	World Book Day (including special lunch menu)
7 March	Wyre Class Liverpool Trip
8 March	Ribble Class Sharing Assembly
13 March	Let's Go Sing Concert
19 March	Reception and Year 6 Class Photograph
22 March	Wyre Class Sharing Assembly
25 March	PTFA Disco
26 March	Year 5 Hockey Tournament – Longridge High School
27 March	Easter Lunch
28 March	School closes for Easter break
14 April	Confirmation – St Wilfrid's Church
15 April	School re-opens
25 April	Ribble Class Blackburn Museum
6 May	School closed – Bank Holiday Monday

Cardiomyopathy^{UK}
the heart muscle charity