



Welcome to our latest newsletter and the first one of this current half term. We hope the children all have a restful break.

Please note there will be ongoing roadworks along Preston Road (From Dale Hey Farm To Black Bull Pub) until 26th April. Description of work found on the LCC website is as follows:

"Resurfacing works and associated planing/ironworks. Road to only be closed on planing and surfacing dates, stop and go to be used at all other times. Ironworks dates 7th-25th february. Planing dates 28th feb, 7th & 14th march. Surfacing dates 3rd, 4th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd march."

We understand this will cause disruption for some families – where possible please allow extra time for getting to school.

Fairtrade



We have now been informed that Calypso have stopped producing the fairtrade fruit juices. We are currently looking in to some alternatives but until these are confirmed we will continue just selling a fairtrade biscuit (30p each). The next fairtrade sale will be **Friday 4 March**.

EYFS Outdoor Area

Many thanks for the support we have received so far for the development of our EYFS area. We now have a new mud kitchen, with lots of pots and pans for the children to use. Our fundraising is slowing growing, with £1700 raised so far from events such as non-uniform days, nativity ticket sales, village quiz etc. We were delighted to find out we have been chosen by the Co-Op be one of their local causes they raise funds for. So far we have raised £132.39.

Our next event will be a **cake sale on Thursday 31 March** – more details to follow. If you wish to bake a cake please contact Miss Sowerbutts.

We are currently looking for other items to fill our outdoor area for climbing, balancing and den building, such as logs, rope etc. If anyone has anything they think might be suitable to donate please let u know.



We will be celebrating **World Book Day in school on Thursday 3 March**.

The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character - please bring the book into school to match their character.

Wyre Class Liverpool World Museum and Philharmonic Trip



On Wednesday 16th March Wyre class will be visiting Liverpool. In the morning they will attend Liverpool World Museum and then in the afternoon they will see the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra performance “**Musical Tracks**”. We will be leaving school after registration and the children will require a packed lunch. We aim to return back to Ribchester Rec for around 4.15pm. On the day please keep an eye on ClassDojo for any updates on arrival time. Also depending on the roadworks we may arrange an alternative place for pick up. ***Thank you to those that have already completed payment and given consent for the trip via ParentPay. Please can any outstanding payments be made as soon as possible.***

National Dental Survey



On Friday 29 April the Dental Epidemiology team, based at University of Central Lancashire, will be visiting school to complete a dental survey on any children aged 5. Further information and a consent home will be sent home with the children taking part nearer the time.

Class Photographs



Photographer will be in school on Thursday 17 March to take class photographs of Reception and Year 6.

Red Nose Day – 18 March



In exchange for a donation to Red Nose Day the children are invited to attend school on this day in non-uniform with a wacky theme! This could be wacky hair accessories, colourful clothing, mismatched outfits, or anything else wacky you can think of. Please can donations be made to Red Nose Day by following link

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6428> (the link will also be posted on ClassDojo).

By following this link the money raised goes straight to Comic Relief and there is also the option to contribute gift aid.

easyfundraising
.org.uk

Please support Ribchester St Wilfrid's School PTFA on #easyfundraising this year, you can raise FREE donations when you shop online with over 6,000 retailers. It's simple and only takes 2 minutes to sign up! This will make a BIG difference to us. Sign up here:
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ribchesterswcptfa/>

Total of free donations raised to date: £1461.72

Supporters: 44

In the last 30 days £9.10 raised and recruited 1 new supporters

COVID-19 Government Update

Changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts

From Thursday 24 February, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. In addition, the Government will:

- No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.
- End self-isolation support payments, national funding for practical support and the medicine delivery service will no longer be available.
- End routine contact tracing. Contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests. Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.

Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advice on COVID-19 vaccination for healthy 5 to 11 year olds

The NHS is currently offering vaccines to at-risk children and those who live with immunosuppressed people in this age group. Parents and guardians of at risk 5 to 11 year olds should wait for the NHS to contact them, with local NHS teams already contacting those who are eligible.

On Wednesday 16 February, the government accepted the advice from the independent JCVI to make a non-urgent offer of COVID-19 vaccines to all children aged 5 to 11 in England.

The JCVI advice follows a thorough review by the UK's independent medicines regulator, the MHRA, which approved Pfizer's paediatric vaccine, as safe and effective for children aged 5 to 11.

Children without underlying health conditions are at low risk of serious illness from COVID-19 and the priority remains for the NHS to offer vaccines and boosters to older age groups and vulnerable children, as well as to catch-up with other childhood immunisation programmes.

The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April so parents can, if they want, take up the offer to increase protection against potential future waves of COVID-19, as we learn to live with this virus.

The updated JCVI advice for vaccinating 5 to 11 year olds, which was published on Friday 18 February by the NHS, confirms that community pharmacy-led local vaccination services and vaccination centres should be the primary delivery models for this cohort.

This information is also available, with links to the government guidance, on our school website <https://www.ribchester-st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk/parents/school-health-advice/covid-19/>

Diary of Dates:

3 March	World Book Day
9 March	Wyre Class leave for Tower Wood
11 March	Wyre Class return from Tower Wood
16 March	Wyre Class Liverpool Trip
17 March	Tempest Photography Class Photos (Reception and Year 6)
18 March	Red Nose Day
31 March	Cake Sale
1 April	Last day of term
18 April	Bank Holiday
19 April	School Reopens
29 April	National Dental Survey – 5 year olds
2 May	Bank Holiday
9 May	Year 6 end of stage assessment week
27 May	Last day of the half term
7 June	Inset Day
8 June	School Reopens