

Your Weekly Newsletter



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Three Pages this week

Dates for your diary

Mon 12 th Mar	Chick's Assembly	9.00am
" "	Commonwealth Assembly	9.15am
" "	Class 9 trip to Beacon Fell	9.30am
Tues 13 th Mar	Class 5 to Blackpool Tower	10.00-1.30pm
" "	PTFA Easter Bingo event (Easter Bonnet competition –see below)	6.30-8.30pm
Thu 15 th Mar	Class 6 Assembly	9.00am
Fri 16 th Mar	Last Choir Singing event at The Marine Hall (see below)	5.15pm



URGENT Online Safety and cyber bullying information – As you will be aware over the last few months we have provided you with guidance for supporting children with online safety and issues around cyber bullying. Last week we included a letter from the Awaken team and recently our Year 6 children have had a presentation from **Julie Speight from the Awaken Team**. Sadly, despite this, we are seeing a growth in inappropriate use of the internet by a growing number of our children. This week, three families have approached us concerned by the cyber communications their children are being exposed to. **Sadly, much of these concerns relate to social media sites, which our children should not be accessing.** I am not sure if parents are aware, but sites such Snapchat, Instagram, WhatsApp and Facebook **all have an age limit of 13**. If your child is accessing these social media sites, they must have used a fraudulent date of birth in order to access them. I understand that some of the inappropriate communications are being seen on other age appropriate games such as Fortnite, etc.

What saddens me is that, despite extensive guidance and support for our children, some of these comments and uses of inappropriate language are being made by a small number of our children.

The following advice is recommended by many online safety advisors:-

- 1) Parents should ensure that their children are only accessing age appropriate online sites
- 2) They should ensure that all parental controls are in place for all devices the children have access to.
- 3) Parents should guide their children as to what is appropriate language to be using online. Parents also need to remind their children that whatever is written online, is owned by the social media site being used and can be used by them or accessed at any point in the future.
- 4) Parents should encourage their children to report to them any inappropriate comments they see. Most reputable social media providers have complaints sections where inappropriate or abusive users can be reported and then blocked. If the comment is serious, racist, homophobic or threatening then it should be reported to the police.
- 5) Where the comments are likely to affect the child at school, **please inform us** and we will do what we can do to address the issue, but please be advised that our jurisdiction within the cyber world is limited. To help us with any action please provide us with screenshots of the inappropriate comments. **Where it is clear that inappropriate or hurtful language is being used by our pupils we may contact the parents of such children to inform them.**
- 6) Finally, the "OFF" switch is a very powerful protection tool for your child and would certainly minimise the risk of your child being exposed to inappropriate comments. It may be best for you to advise your child to simply remove themselves from the source of the upset.

We will continue to make every effort to guide your children on how to use the internet safely and appropriately.

Year 5 and 6 pupils will be having a presentation on Monday afternoon from the AWAKEN team about cyber bullying and inappropriate internet usage.



Important Choir Information

Junior Choir – Next **Monday 12th March** our Junior Choir are performing at the Opera House as part of the Hilton Hotel and Millfield High School Celebration of Music. We wish them all the very best and thank Mrs Felvus for her preparation of the children.

Competition Choir – Our Competition Choir are competing on the Last Choir Standing at the Marine Hall, Fleetwood next **Friday 16th March**. They are also the guests of honour at Blackpool Choir of the Year on **Monday 19th March**

NO CHOIR PRACTICES until Tuesday 20th March – Because of all the performances next week, there will be no choir practices until Tuesday 20th March when they will return to a 4.30pm finish. The next event we will be preparing for is the Music Extravaganza. More news soon.



EASTER BINGO will take place on Tuesday 13th March at 6.30pm until 8.30pm. Thank you all so much for your donations for the event at today's non-uniform day. Huge thank to the PTFA Amigos for organising the event.

Please note there will also be an Easter Bonnet competition at our Easter Bingo event



Soccer Stars – Congratulations to our first team and our development team who both beat teams from St Teresa's this week. Our development won a very close game 7-6 and our A team won their game 18-1. Well done to all boys involved and that to the staff and parents who supported them.

Post Flood Information

Catch up particularly for Year 2 and 6 pupils – The governors have asked me to contact you all to confirm that any learning time lost during the flood, particularly for Year 2 and 6 children has been caught up thanks to the tremendous efforts of the Year 2 and 6 staff and those who have supported booster and intervention sessions.

Post Flood Art Competition – During the flood, a group of parents contributed to a crowd fund to help the school to recover from the flood. This was a wonderful gesture. Fortunately, the school was fully insured and the insurance company were very supportive in responding to the school's challenge. As such, we still have the crowd fund collection. We have decided to use this fund to both sponsor a school art competition and create a permanent art display for the new main entrance. We would like children from across the school to create **a piece of art inspired by the flood**. They can do a painting, take a photo, create a collage or even create a textile. The choice is theirs. A winner will be chosen from each year group and their work will go on permanent display in the school main entrance. **The competition closes on Friday 23rd March.**



Year 3 Easter Service - Year 3's Easter service will take place at 9am on Thursday 22nd March in the large school hall and Year 4 children will also be attending the service. We would like to invite parents to join us; however, due to seating restrictions, we are only able to invite parents of children in Year 3 on this occasion.

Easter Chicks! - A representative from Country Classrooms will be delivering a whole-school assembly on Monday 12th March, as we will be having the chicks in school again this year. The eggs will be arriving in school on Monday morning and they will be staying in Class 14 until they have hatched. Once the chicks have hatched, each class will have a timetabled session when the chicks will be brought to the classroom for the children to observe and handle. If your child has any allergies or if you would rather they did not participate in the session, please inform your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Regular updates on the chicks will be posted on the school website.

Children's University - Please can all hours sheets for the Spring term (January to March) be returned to your child's class teacher by Monday 19th March to allow all passports to be updated. If you require any additional hours sheets, these are available from the school office. All completed hours sheets will be returned to the children, as soon as the hours have been recorded in the passports.

IMPORTANT - Parents Evening Bookings – Our Parents Evenings will be held on **20th March 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm** and **21st March 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm**. Online booking will be available from the beginning of next week. You will get a ParentApp message to let you know when the system is live.

Please, please, please can I urge you to read this Anchornews each week. Remember you can also read all other Anchornews on our school website www.anchorsholme.co.uk





Five to nine be on time!!! We are often asked to confirm the correct starting time for school. We will once again remind everyone. All children should be in their places ready to learn by 8.55 am each day. To ensure this can happen, we will always try to make sure the doors are open at 8.50 each morning. This can sometimes be slightly delayed when we have morning staff meetings but we do try to avoid any delay. Please could you make sure that your children are in the playgrounds at 8.50 at the latest ready to enter school. Children entering school after 8.55 are likely to be considered late for school. I know this may sound harsh, but if your plane is due to take off at 8.55 and you arrive at 8.56 you will have missed your plane. Getting children in school on time is developing good life habits for them.

Macbeth Thanks - Thank you to all parents and families for supporting the children in the Macbeth performance this week. Thanks for picking and dropping the children off promptly at the appropriate times. We hope you enjoyed the performance and we look forward to working with the children again at the next event. Huge thanks also to Mrs Stafford for her hard work, leading up to the event. One person is to be chosen by the RSC from each school to perform at the Swan Theatre in Stratford upon Avon in July. Details will be released later. **Shakespeare Drama Club has now finished for the time being.**



Continued Parking Concerns – I continue to have concerns raised with me by parents and our neighbours about parking concerns that are causing local disturbances and severe risks to our children. I know that our councillors are receiving similar regular concerns. Our councillors **Paul Galley and Tony Williams** meet each month in Anchorsholme Library. Could I ask those of you who are concerned about parking to attend their next meeting on **Monday 9th April at 5pm**. Contact the library or our local councillors directly for further details of the meeting.

Lunch menus will be Week 2 next week

Chinese Characters of the week - 本周汉字 Běn zhōu hàn zì

什么 shén me — what 里 lǐ — in/inside

To find out more about these characters, visit <https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/> and simply copy and paste the character into the search bar on the website



Attendance ----- week to 06/03/18 -----

Our minimum weekly target is 95% and our weekly challenge target is 97.5%

Whole School Attendance this week was --- 96.9%

The winning class this week is ...

Class 9 --- with --- 100% Fantastic

Well Done. Enjoy your extra break

Year	Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
EYF5	Spring	97.7	Summer	93.3	Autumn	94
1	1	93.1	2	98	3	98
2	4	98.3	5	97.6	6	96.2
3	7	97.4	8	97.6	9	100
4	10	97.4	11	98.3	12	97
5	13	96.7	14	96.3	15	98.6
6	16	98.2	17	96	18	94.8

Attendance – Target 97.6

Overall attendance w/e 23/02/18 - **96.9% (it is dropping a bit)**

1 st – Class 9 - 100% !!!!	2 nd – Class 15 - 98.6 %	3 rd Class 4 and 11 – 98.3%
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For more detail on class by class attendance, please expand the image on the left.



Community Messages

Please expand these notices for more details

← **Pet Check** – Free Wellbeing Checks for dogs
 Free Microchipping
 Free Nail Clipping and Ear Cleaning
 Free Advice

Easter Fun at All Saints Church →



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