

Your Weekly Newsletter



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Two pages this week



Lunch Menu This Week - **Menu 2**
(See item below)

Diary Dates

Tuesday 8th January
Friday 11th January
Week beginning 14th Jan

Elvis' Birthday – (He would have been 84!!)
Swimming lessons start for Classes 13 and 14
School Dental Nurse will be in to see all classes

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All week

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a great Christmas break. The weather was certainly kind to us, although it is getting a little chilly now. With that in mind please could I ask you to remind your child to bring their **coat** to school and possibly a hat and gloves. Please could you also make sure these items are named to help identify them if they are lost?

Particular welcome to our new members of the Anchorsholme Family. We have had new children joining us across the school and we even have a new teacher in Class 6, Mrs Smith. We welcome them all to our school and hope they will be very happy here.



School Lunch Menu Changes – In the coming weeks there will be some changes to the lunchtime menus, which will be announced in advance on Anchornews. In order provide children with a greater number of their preferred meals, we consulted a group of children from across the school who all have school dinners.

We asked them to pick their 20 favourite meals. They were very mature in making their choices and they have produced a good fortnightly menu. We are just waiting to hear back from the nutritionists to ensure that it meets all school meals recommendations and then we will put it into place. As confirmed above, we will give you plenty of advance notice about the changes.



Year 5 Swimming Lessons – These lessons start again next Friday 11th January. This half term it is classes 13 and 14 who are going swimming. Could parents of those children ensure the children have their full swimming kit in school each Friday. If your child is unable to attend a swimming lesson, please provide a letter to confirm this. Attendance at swimming lessons is monitored by the Local Authority.



Choir, Junior Artists, Drama Club and Les Miserable Rehearsals – All of these after school activities **will start again next week.**

The commencement of all other clubs and activities will be announced to the children involved by the staff leading them. We will put reminders of these on Anchornews as required.



Guitar Lessons Reminder – Blackpool Music Service have now appointed a new guitar teacher, Mr Dearden who will re-start guitar lessons at our school on **MONDAYS** starting **14th January.**



Year of Reading Reminder – A reminder that we are having a big push on reading at school. Reading is an essential tool for all elements of learning, including maths. National surveys are showing that children’s reading and comprehension skills are worsening and this is having a catastrophic impact on children’s learning and, by default, their future employment opportunities. As you are aware, we are having a year-long focus on reading and are providing children with an extensive range of strategies to help them to improve their reading. In order to make the most of this, ALL children need to be reading (or being read to) on a daily basis at home. This does not always have to be their home reading book but can include all suitable reading materials at home. Please include both non-fiction and fiction books. When listening to them read, or when reading to them, please could we ask that you do the following:-

Vocabulary – discuss any new words with them in the text, ask them to tell you other words that mean the same – try introducing them to a brand new word every day. Make sure that they can use the word in a sentence of their own.

Inference – can they tell you what is being suggested in a piece of writing or even in the pictures in the background – e.g. “Why is Floppy looking unhappy?”

Predict – Can your child predict what might happen next?

Explain – Can you child explain why something has happened in the story?

Retrieve – Can you ask you child questions about what they have just read?

Sequence or summarise – Can your child retell the main parts of the piece of writing they have just read in the correct order?

Please assist us and your child with this as their ongoing reading development is essential.



Times Tables Rock Stars – Like the reading item above, your children’s ability to know and recall their times tables is essential to their ongoing development in maths. It is expected that all children should know their tables up to 12 times 12 **by the end of Year 4**. They should be practicing their times tables on a daily basis at home and it would be really useful if you could help them with their practice and learning. You may find this web link useful <https://www.theschoolrun.com/times-tables>. They should also have the ability to access Times Tables Rock Stars from home if you have access to the internet. Remember if you don’t have access to the internet at home, libraries do.



100 % Attendance

Awards Reminder – We are introducing a new system to celebrate 100% attendance each term. Children who achieved 100% attendance

last term will get a bronze badge. If they achieve it for two terms it is a silver badge and a gold for three terms. If a child misses out in one term, they can still get a bronze badge the following term. However, attendance does not carry over into a new school year, so gold can only be achieved in one academic year. **Please be aware that 100% means 100%**, i.e. the child will have attended every class registration to get 100%. Unfortunately, they cannot be registered as being here if they are at an appointment or an event not directly linked to school. Sorry to seem harsh but we must adhere strictly to this. The first bronze badges for the Autumn term will be handed out to “100% ers” next week

Attend today, achieve for a lifetime!

Attendance -----to w/e 03/01/19-----

Our minimum weekly target is 95% and our weekly challenge target is 97.6%

Whole School Attendance this week is --- 95.3 %

The winning class this week is ...

Class 7 --- 97.8% - Fantastic

Well Done, Enjoy your extra break

| Year | Class | % | Class | % | Class | % |
|------|-------|------|--------|------|-------|------|
| EYFS | Red | 94.9 | Yellow | 91.4 | Blue | 91.7 |
| 1 | 1 | 95.3 | 2 | 90.8 | 3 | 95.4 |
| 2 | 4 | 97.1 | 5 | 95 | 6 | 95.1 |
| 3 | 7 | 97.8 | 8 | 96.6 | 9 | 97.4 |
| 4 | 10 | 95.4 | 11 | 94.9 | 12 | 97.4 |
| 5 | 13 | 96 | 14 | 95.1 | 15 | 96.2 |
| 6 | 16 | 97.1 | 17 | 95.4 | 18 | 95.6 |

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

