



Friday 9th October 2020

West End Newsbites

Stars of the Week

	W/E 25 th Sept	W/E 2 nd Oct
Mrs Cliff	Jake Wilson	Eryk Marciniak
Year 6	Kristopher Baines	Amy-Mai Ashton-Yamnikar
Year 5	Bethanie Rollinson	Tyler Sharples
Year 4	Harry Powling-Park	Sophia White
Year 3	Ava Harrison	Aston Anthony
Year 2	Zara Powling-Park	Alesha McKenzie
Year 1	Iris Jackson	Lacey Green
Reception	Grace Randall	Bobby Bailey-Gouldsbrough



Our Amazing Families

Can we thank you all for your support during our unforeseen closure. The work both online and using the school packs has been amazing. We are one of many schools who have had to close as we learn more about this virus. As a school we have a very detailed risk assessment that is being improved as we tackle every situation. Lessons have been learnt from this closure and risk assessments have been improved but we cannot guarantee that class closures will not happen in the future. We are asking you to play your part in this by collecting your child and using our one-way system, not stopping to talk to other parents in the school playground. We are also asking that you wear a mask and if picking up older siblings you wait on the muga and not in the playground and only one parent to collect so we are limiting the number. Also please do not let children on the play area as this needs to be sanitised after use.



Work Packs

Please can you return any work packs you completed at home so we can use it as evidence of children's learning at home. Any closures will result in children being expected to be learning at home either remotely on a computer or using the packs provided by school.

DOJO Points



ClassDojo

These are working great in classes but we are not ready to roll this out to parents yet. If you want to do DOJOs at home, you can create your own home account by visiting <https://www.classdojo.com>

"A family school at the heart of the community offering quality education for all"

Is your child due to start school in September 2021?

The deadline to apply for a school place for September 2021 is 15 January 2021 for primary schools. You need to apply online at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

We will be producing a virtual tour of the school this year for families to watch. This will be available soon on the school website.



ParentPay

Unfortunately this system has not worked for us, so we need to revert back to sending school dinner money and any other payments in with your child. These should be in an envelope with their name clearly written on the front. We have got a copy of all the payments you have made and this is in our school account. Hopefully they can sort our issues out soon and we can get back up and running with online payments.



Free School Meals

If your child is on FSM and is in isolation, then school will arrange for a food parcel to be delivered to your home with a range of lunchtime food. This will be paid for from school. If you don't want this parcel delivered, please let us know when you ring up school to inform us that your child will not be coming in. Also if your circumstances change and you are now entitled to benefits then please apply for FSM at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> as this will also entitle you to money off any school trips etc.



Breakfast Club and The Den

Breakfast Club and The Den are now available daily. Breakfast club is priced at £2 from 8am to 9am and is a drop in session in the hall. The Den must be pre booked and paid for, this will also run from the hall so we have more space. This will be from 3pm to 5pm priced at £5 per session. Both clubs will be held in the Hall and be run by Miss Phillips. A new Den pack needs to be completed before children can come to the session.



Half Term Holiday Club

We are aware that some parents needed to take time off work to look after their children during the school closure and wondered how we could support you over the half term. Firstly we completed our inset day, that was supposed to be on Friday 22nd October, while we were closed so this is a day that the school will now be open. Secondly we thought it might be useful to open during the half term for a holiday club to help working families. This would have a cost but subsidised by school so it would be affordable. We are just asking firstly if this would be beneficial to our families and we are asking that you email head@westend.lancs.sch.uk to register your interest. The proposal is that the club would be open from 8:45am until 3pm Monday to Friday.

