



Lindal and Marton Primary School & Nursery



Dear Parents,

As we move through February and head towards the second half of the spring term, school life continues to be busy and full of lovely moments. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support - it really does make a difference to the experiences we can offer the children.

Valentine's Bake Sale & Non Uniform - Friday 13th February

The School Council have organised a Valentine's themed bake sale to help raise money to replenish our reading book stock. Unfortunately, over time, many books are lost or become damaged, and we are keen to invest in new and exciting reading materials for the children.

We would be very grateful for any cake donations, which can be brought into school on Friday morning. The cakes will then be sold during the school day. Our fundraising target for this term is £400, so we are hoping this event will give us a great start - thank you in advance for your support.

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

Miss Mallinson, our Reading Lead, has been busy planning activities to celebrate World Book Day and promote a love of reading across school. This year, children are invited to take part in two fun competitions:

1. Wacky Reading - children should be "caught reading" somewhere unusual or unexpected. A photo can be uploaded to Seesaw.
2. Potato Book Character - children can create a book character using a potato (simple, creative and usually very entertaining!).

Entries for both competitions should be submitted on or before Thursday 5th March, with winners announced as part of our World Book Day celebrations.

On the day, children may come to school dressed as:

- a book character,
- in their pyjamas (bedtime story ready!), or
- in non-uniform.

Click on the link below to see what books children can purchase with their £1 token which will be sent home the week before.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Staff Updates

We have a few staffing changes to share with you this month:

Mrs Shaw will be leaving us on Friday 20th February. She has made the decision to spend the final few months at home with Astrid before she starts full-time school in Reception. Mrs Shaw has been a fantastic member of our team and has worked with pupils across the school, delivering a great deal of phonics and reading intervention work. We will be recruiting for a replacement Teaching Assistant, but in the meantime her sessions will be covered by agency staff. We thank Mrs Shaw for everything she has contributed to LAMPS and wish her and Astrid all the very best.

Mrs D'Leny will be returning to LAMPS after half term. This term she has been teaching the Year 5/6 class at Ireleth St Peter's as part of her teacher training course. She has thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we are delighted to welcome her back to the Class 2 teaching team.

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Brown as our new Midday Supervisor. Mrs Brown previously worked as a midday supervisor around five years ago and got back in touch with us to see if we had any vacancies. We were very happy to be able to welcome her back to the team.

LAMPS Values and Celebrating Success Beyond School

We regularly talk about our LAMPS values in Monday assembly and how these link to success, perseverance and personal achievement. It has been brilliant to see children proudly sharing certificates, medals and trophies they have earned through activities outside of school.

In just the past month, children have shared achievements in karate, farming, ballet, mountain climbing and swimming - a wonderful range of interests and talents.

We would love to create a display celebrating these achievements. If you have any photos of your child taking part in activities outside of school, please feel free to share them with us via Seesaw or email them to myself or the school office.

School Dinners - Please Only Order What Your Child Will Eat

We are increasingly seeing situations where school meals are ordered but children then arrive with a packed lunch instead. This is most common in Key Stage 1, where meals are funded through Universal Infant Free School Meals. While meals may be "free" to families, they are not free to the school - any meals ordered are paid for from the school budget. When meals go uneaten, this is both a waste of food and a waste of money that could otherwise be spent directly on resources to support children's learning. Please can we ask that you only order a school dinner if your child genuinely intends to eat it on that day, and let the office know as soon as possible if plans change. Thank you for helping us to reduce waste and make the best use of our school funds.

Diary Dates

These are useful dates for your diary that will be added to each week. More information about each event will be provided nearer the time. New/important dates are highlighted; changes to any previous dates or times will be in red.

Date	Event
11-02-26	UVHS Dance Platform event for Class 3
13-02-26	Year 5/6 pupils visiting Dowdales to watch production of Shrek
13-02-26	Valentines Bake Sale & Non Uniform
13-02-26	Finish for half term break - normal time
23-02-26	Return for Spring 2
23-02-26	Reception Vision Screening
03-03-26	Year 5/6 Netball Festival @ Furness Academy
05-03-26	World Book Day
06-03-26	Gymnastics Key Steps Competition @ Dowdales
06-03-26	Taster Day @ UVHS
09-03-26	Year 3/4 Girls Stanley Cup Competition
10-03-26	Year 3/4 Netball competition @ Furness Academy
13-03-26	Class 1 and Class 2 visit to Blackpool Zoo
19-03-26	Y5 Transition event (Multi Sports) @ Furness Academy
20-03-26	Red Nose Day
24-03-26	Year 6 Mixed Football Competition
26-03-26	Easter Experience @ St Peter's Church
27-03-26	Finish for Easter Break - 1:30pm
13-04-26	Return for Summer term

Yours sincerely

Mrs. F Doran

Headteacher