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## Mrs Peck's Message

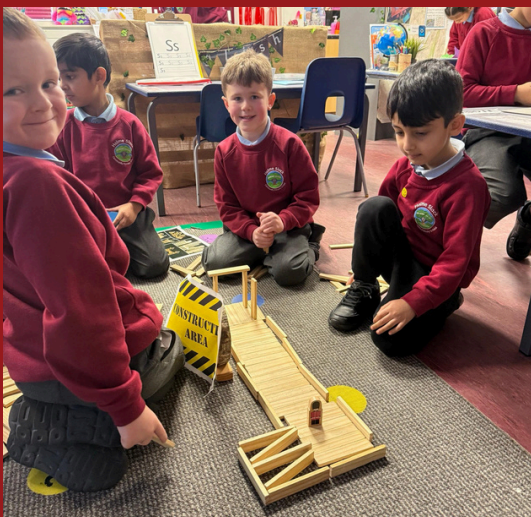
Here is our second newsletter and, again, it is fun packed! We cannot believe we are only two weeks in to the Spring Term but what a week this has been!

Aside from our amazing pantomime (pictured below), parents/carers will also know that we have had some other special visitors in school - Ofsted inspectors. We cannot yet report on their findings but I would like to say that I am very proud of our children, who were polite and respectful throughout the visit and behaved impeccably. I am also very proud of the Holme Slack Team who were amazing and their passion for both the children and the school was recognised. We will all wait eagerly for the report. Many thanks.



## MINI SKILLS WINNERS!

Our Year 4 children took part in a Mini Skills Competition with great enthusiasm and worked hard to demonstrate their abilities in catching, throwing, kicking and running. Through teamwork and determination they performed exceptionally well and achieved 1<sup>st</sup> Place as a result! Well done Coach Mulla and our Year 4 team - Charlie, Asia, Chayma, Jasmine, Yousaf, Amin and Mustafa. We are so proud of you all!



## CLASS SPOTLIGHT - YEAR 1

### Year 1

🌟 Year 1 have had a fabulous week showcasing their amazing talents to our visitors! 🌟 The children have been hard at work writing interesting sentences with ambitious vocabulary inspired by our story 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. 📖✍️

In addition, we have some budding design engineers in class, collaborating to create strong structures together! 🏗️ Their resilience, respect, and determination shine through in every task they tackle. Mrs Kirkham is incredibly proud of our Year 1 children and her fantastic team! 🤗

Let's celebrate their achievements! 🎉

**Did you know?** - Our Year 1 Class Teacher, Mrs Kirkham, is a Lead Foundation Stage Practitioner for Lancashire so lots of schools come to visit to experience her outstanding provision. We are so proud of our Year 1 Team.



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## OUR WEEKLY SUPERSTARS

	Core Value Award	Wonderful Writer Award	Marvellous Mathematician Award
Reception	Leo	Elsie	Rory
Year 1	Rosie	Elyse	Kiyana
Year 2	Oscar	Reece	Jafar
Year 3	Byron	Jenson	Patsy
Year 4	Asia	Yousaf	Noor
Year 5	Emma	Noor	Steven
Year 6	Ella	Namirah	Brandon

## ATTENDANCE LEAGUE TABLE

1	RECEPTION	14
2	YEAR 5	11
2	YEAR 3	11
3	YEAR 4	10
4	YEAR 1	9
5	YEAR 2	9
5	YEAR 6	8



This weeks attendance winners are Reception again with 97%  
Well done Reception!



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 6<sup>th</sup> January - 13<sup>th</sup> February - Big Schools' Birdwatch
- 23<sup>rd</sup> January - School Nurse Drop-In Session
- 27<sup>th</sup> January - KS2 Kurling event
- 30<sup>th</sup> January - Y5 Trip to Alston Observatory
- 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Y1 Trip to Preston North End
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> February - Y5/6 residential trip to Robin Wood
- 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> February - Children's Mental Health Week
- 10<sup>th</sup> February - Y1/2 Mini Skills event
- 10<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Please click on the link below to sign your child up to one of our new clubs that are starting next week.

<https://forms.office.com/e/4EcDAniiTV>

### Days off school add up to lost learning

#### 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

<p>0 DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days)</p> <p><b>100%</b></p> <p>EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE</p> <p><small>Best chance of SUCCESS</small></p>	<p>6 DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE</p> <p><b>96.99%</b></p> <p>SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE</p> <p><small>Harder to make good progress</small></p>	<p>15 DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE</p> <p><b>92.99%</b></p> <p>REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT</p> <p><small>Less chance of success</small></p>	<p>19 DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE</p> <p><b>Below 90%</b></p> <p><small>Persistent Absences</small></p> <p>CAUSE FOR CONCERN</p> <p><small>Serious concern Possible Court Action</small></p>
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## ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Please ring school and leave a message on our absence line if your child is not going to be in. We encourage you to bring your child in if they are just not feeling 100%. We will always keep an eye on them and contact you if they are genuinely poorly. Sometimes those headaches and tummy aches disappear by break time! If one sibling is poorly we will only be able to authorise one absence. It is extremely rare for two siblings to have the same illness at the exact same time.

## IN OTHER NEWS....



### Lancashire Health Visiting and School Nursing

## Download our app!

For instant access to trusted health and wellbeing information, search 'Lancashire Child and Family'



### New app for child health advice

Lancashire Health Visiting and School Nursing has launched a new mobile app that gives families instant access to health and wellbeing advice and information on local support available.

The app makes it easy for parents and carers to access information on their child's development, from before birth to 18 years. Tailored specifically for families in Lancashire, it includes an overview of the services offered by Lancashire Health Visiting and School Nursing and the clinic locations.

It's a convenient way to find tips on breastfeeding, infant feeding, and general healthy eating, and the collection of short expert-led videos cover topics such as sleep and vaccinations. There's also a section especially for dads, because they need support too, and a built-in tool makes it easy to find the nearest essential services, such as pharmacies and dentists.

### Download today

Every family deserves easy access to expert support, so whether you're a first-time parent or have a growing household, download the free app now for practical guidance on every stage of your child's development.

Download on the [App Store](#)

Get it on [Google play](#)



Getting outside in winter is great for children's physical health, mood and wellbeing. Fresh air and movement can help boost energy levels, support better sleep and give children a break from screens.

Benefits of winter outdoor play:

- Fresh air supports physical and emotional wellbeing
- Movement helps build strength, coordination and confidence
- Outdoor play can improve mood and reduce stress
- Being active outdoors can support better sleep

Staying safe in colder weather:

- Dress children in warm layers, hats and gloves
- Choose sturdy footwear with good grip
- Keep outdoor play shorter and take warm-up breaks
- Apply sunscreen on bright winter days

Even simple activities like park walks, puddle jumping or nature spotting can make a big difference.

## School Nurse Drop In Session 2pm Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Pop in for a chat with our lovely school nurse in a private space if you have any concerns regarding your child, including :

Bedwetting.

Soiling and constipation.

Sleep and bedtime routines.

Low level emotional health e.g. friendships, puberty, body changes

Managing low level behaviour- boundaries & routines. Referral to Parenting Team for parenting course.

Hygiene support.

Headlice support.

Healthy living/lifestyle support

Audiology referrals as required.

Special care dentistry referrals as required.

Any other issues not mentioned

