

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

*To strive for respect, enjoyment and excellence for all!*

25.01.24

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone has survived this awful windy and rainy weather. Our children have been brilliant and behaved sensibly on the yards when they have been able to play outside, especially Year 4 when we were nearly blown to Eccles Baths on Tuesday! We were all very excited when the snow fell too and it was lovely to see the children making snow men and snow angels.



### Collective Worship

In our Collective Worship both for this week and next week, our theme is 'Courage'. As we challenge ourselves to 'Make A Difference', this can often mean that we need to be brave. *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”* Joshua 1:9 How can we show courage and make a difference for the children in our class, our school community, our family and even globally?

### Mrs Hancock and Mrs Wells make a difference!



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## Valentine's Day Market

We are excited to announce that a **Valentine's Day Market** will be held in school at **3.30pm** on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**. You may remember that we held one of these several years ago and it was a huge success! More details will follow nearer the time.



## Can you help?

The staff of youngest children in Nursery and Reception are asking for donations of underwear, socks, tights, trousers, dresses, etc. They are useful when children have wet accidents. All donations will be gratefully received. Thank you.

## Facebook

School receives lots of friend requests that are usually accepted. Recently, our account has received a number of request from accounts that contain unsavoury photos on their page or as their profile picture. In these instances, I will not accept the friendship request and the account blocked. Please let me know if you see anything similar on our Facebook page and I will remove it. Thank you

## Miss Cregan and Mrs Shryane

Good news! We welcome Miss Cregan back to school from next week. As she is still recovering, Miss Gerrard will also continue to teach alongside Miss Cregan. Mrs Shryane will also be returning to support our Reception children after half term. We have all missed them both!

God bless,  
Mrs Bladen-Kay  
Head Teacher

Spring Term 2024 Key Dates	
January	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Sharing Assembly
February	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y3 Sharing Assembly
5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair
9 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Sharing Assembly
12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	DT/Enterprise Week
16 <sup>th</sup>	Enterprise Celebration School closes for half term
26 <sup>th</sup>	School opens after half term
March	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y5 Sharing Assembly (re-arranged)
5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
6 <sup>th</sup>	World Maths Day Standards and Welfare Committee
8 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Sharing Assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	Assessment Week/ Art Week
13 <sup>th</sup>	Buildings and Finance Committee
15 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Sharing Assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Music Celebration
25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evenings
27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Music Celebration School closes for the Easter holiday

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