

# Shadsworth Infant School Newsletter

## Friday 1st November 2024







## Message from Mrs Crompton

Our Christmas fair will soon be here - **Tuesday 26th November @ 3.00pm-4.30pm** in the school hall. We are now asking for donations of unwanted toys, books, games which need new homes. As it is just before Christmas it is a great time to have a clear out and send into school your unwanted items. Please remember they need to be clean and have all the bits and pieces - ready for another family to enjoy.

We will be having the usual stalls for everyone to enjoy - chocolate tombola, bottle tombola and the favourite 'Posh' tombola. Face painting, visits to Father Christmas in his grotto plus the café will be serving hotdogs, mince pies, tea and coffee.

As usual, donations of bottles and chocolate will be by non-uniform day - starting next Friday - bottles can come into school all week in exchange for non-uniform on Friday 8th November

Next week School Council will be selling Poppies - please bring a minimum donation of 20p to support The Royal British Legion with this worthy cause.

***Education is not optional! There is an expectation that children are in school everyday!***

**PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING**

**1 FIRST OFFENCE**  
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:  
£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days  
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

**2 SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)**  
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:  
£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

**3 THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)**  
The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

**10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD**  
Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.



There is an expectation that children are in school everyday! Here is this week's attendance and lates.



Class	%	Lates
RB	93	6
RM	93	4
1J	89	12
1H	89	7
2H	95	8
2K	94	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>43</b>

This week we said 'Well Done' to .....



Class	Good Work	Good News
RB	Autumn F	Lotti S
RM	Ella B	Destiny D
1J	Willow-Grace K	Georgie G
1H	Ava McD	Binky P
2H	Tommy J	Skye J
2K	Ava-Jayne B	Jaxxon W

Headteacher Award goes to	Skylar H Class 2H
Lunchtime Award goes to	Umar F Class 1H



Dates for your diary



DAY	TIME	EVENT
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	9.00am	Reception Stay & Learn Phonics - Parents please join us
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	9.00am	<b>Class 2K Remembrance Assembly</b> - Parents please join us
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	During school	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a <b>full bottle for the Christmas Fair Bottle Tombola Stall</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	9.00am	<b>Year 1 Stay &amp; Learn Maths</b> - Parents please join us
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	During school	Children in Need wear something spotty or yellow please bring £1 for this wonderful Charity <b>Also, please bring Chocolate for the Christmas Fair Chocolate Tombola Stall</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	9.00am	<b>Year 2 Stay &amp; Learn Maths</b> - Parents please join us
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	<b>3.00pm-4.30pm</b>	<b>Annual Christmas Fair in the School Hall</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	8.45am	<b>Shadsworth Infant School Baby Bears Christmas Party</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	<b>9.00am-10.00am</b>	<b>SEND Coffee Morning with Mrs Grafton</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	<b>3.30pm-5.00pm</b>	<b>Messy Church in the School Hall</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	9.00am 12.00noon	Jack and the Bean Stalk Pantomime in school School Christmas Dinner is served
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	<b>9.00am or 2.30pm</b>	<b>EYFS Nativity</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	<b>9.00am or 2.30pm</b>	<b>KS1 Nativity</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	During school	<b>Christmas Jumper Day children are to wear a Christmas Jumper or favourite/sparkly top, please bring £1 for 'Save the Children'</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	9.30am	Several School Children sing at ASDA
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	2.15pm-3.00pm 3.15pm-4.30pm	<b>EYFS Christmas Disco - No Charge</b> <b>KS1 Christmas Disco - £4 per person includes, drink, hot dog and dancing</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	1.30pm During school time	<b>Class Christmas Parties</b> <b>Father Christmas visits Classes</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	<b>9.00am</b>	PTA - Carols around the Tree
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	During School 1.30pm	<b>Festive Hair Day</b> <b>School closes for Christmas</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	8.45am School starts	<b>School Re-Opens</b> 8.00am Breakfast Club - 8.35am Soft Start

# Take a look at this week's Picture News Commencing 28th October 2024

Week


**What's happening  
in the news this week?**



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**Let's have a look at this week's poster!** 28th October - 3rd November 2024

**Let's look at this week's story**



People in the United States of America will vote next week for who they would like to be their president.

*Think about: Have you heard the word president before? What do you think a president would do?*

The president is a leader. They make decisions to help and protect America. The two people in the picture, Donald Trump and Kamala Harris, have been telling the people of America what they will do if they become the next president, to try and persuade people to vote for them.

*Think about: Would you like to be a leader of the country? What would you say to people to get them to pick you to be the next leader? How would you help the country?*

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## Democracy

In the United States of America, people vote for who they would like to be the president. Voting is a fair way to make a decision.



## Protected Characteristics



Kamala Harris was the first woman to serve as the USA vice president. A person's sex should never affect whether they are selected to be president or leader.



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## Useful Information



1 - Accurate information is a key part to motivation



As you are aware we use ParentMail for our communication. Please download the App to receive notifications to enable you to keep up to date on school communications and completion of relevant documents etc. Also please check out our school facebook page.



#### **Breakfast Club Rule**

IT IS **ESSENTIAL** EACH TIME YOU DROP YOUR CHILD OFF AT BREAKFAST CLUB, **YOU BRING YOUR CHILD INTO THE SCHOOL HALL, GIVE YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND MONEY TO THE MEMBER OFF STAFF SAT AT THE TABLE NEAR THE PATIO DOORS.**

PLEASE **DO NOT** DROP YOUR CHILD OFF AT THE SCHOOL GATES.

Please can we remind you that Breakfast Club needs to be paid for daily, it is £1 per day or £4 for the week to be paid in advance on the Monday - Thank you

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

- BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS**  
Bonfire Night is exciting, and it comes with a warning: be careful! Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Remind them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be supervised. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away from bonfires) and ensure any supervision is constant during these events.
- SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE**  
Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are familiar with the rules and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards (BS 7044) and that they are supervised. Don't come with them. Keep children at a safe distance from fireworks. Supervise any use and designate an adult to supervise the event. Never let a child have fireworks after they've been lit.
- SPARKLER SAFETY**  
Sparklers are often regarded as the safest, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures (up to 1,000°C) and can cause children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has been lit, and you have lit it, do a bucket of water - which you should prepare beforehand - and always keep nearby.
- ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER**  
If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals following strict safety regulations. Organised displays often provide a controlled environment where children can stay the safest from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.
- KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME**  
If you are buying your own fireworks, keep them well away from homes, sheds or trees to avoid sparking anything that fires. Choose a safe spot (open area) and make sure you have a bucket of water or a fire extinguisher nearby. If you are lit, do a bucket of water - which you should prepare beforehand - and always keep nearby. Never let a child have fireworks after they've been lit.
- BONFIRE SAFETY**  
If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else that could catch fire. Make sure it's constructed with bonfire materials like wood and straw, avoiding petrol or other combustibles. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.
- "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"**  
Teach children what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple rule: stop, drop and roll. Encourage them to get down on the ground and cover themselves with their hands. If they need to use a blanket, it can be helpful to keep a fire blanket in the house. If you have one, it can be used to smother small fires. If you have one, it can be used to smother small fires. If you have one, it can be used to smother small fires.
- SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES**  
Bonfire Night, every day the safety is vital. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames. Always use candles in a safe place, away from anything that could catch fire. Use candles in a safe place, away from anything that could catch fire. Use candles in a safe place, away from anything that could catch fire.
- EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS**  
Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with the fireworks, and how to handle any that they have. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries and property damage. Teach children the importance of treating fire with respect and the importance of reporting any fire to the fire service. Only use fireworks in a safe place, away from anything that could catch fire.
- FIRST AID FOR BURNS**  
Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. If you know how to treat minor burns, you can help. If you have a first aid kit, you can help. If you have a first aid kit, you can help. If you have a first aid kit, you can help.

**Meet Our Expert**  
James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.

**Wake Up Wednesday**  
The National College

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St Johns Court, Ainsworth Street

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter is being sent to every parent of children in the primary and secondary schools covered by Blackburn and Darwen Neighbourhood Team. It is not aimed at specific children and there is no suggestion that we are singling out your child as a potential problem. Rather, it is sent with the intention of ensuring that all parents are aware of the extent and changing nature of the problem of fireworks.

As you will be aware we are fast approaching bonfire night. There are a number of issues that as a parent you may need to be aware of.

**1. The anti-social use of fireworks** resulted in the previous years in a vast number of calls throughout our Policing area about a wide range of incidents.

- **Children and youths throwing fireworks at each other.**
- **Fireworks thrown at elderly persons or passers by.**
- **Setting fireworks off at all times of day and night weeks before bonfire night.**
- **Fireworks being put through people's letter boxes.**
- **Fireworks being thrown at vehicles.**

**2. Safety.** As all parents know, groups of youths acting together are not always the best judges of their own or others safety. The illicit buying of professional display fireworks or the misuse of legal but powerful fireworks and the dangers that these poses are not to be under estimated. Their use in uncontrolled situations has resulted in serious injury. The use of ordinary fireworks in juvenile horseplay or in downright anti social nastiness can have less obvious but equally serious consequences for personal safety.

**3. Legislation** does exist to prosecute persons using or possessing fireworks in a number of circumstances. This includes the following.

- **Supply of firework to a person under 18.**
- **Possessing Adult Firework.**
- **Discharging fireworks after 23:00-07:00 except on New Years Eve or Bonfire Night.**
- **Throwing fireworks in the street or public place.**
- **Other linked offences of Arson, Criminal Damage, Assault or offences under the Public Order Act.**

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*Don't let your children have their own fireworks!*

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The police will not be in a position to apply the law over every single incident, but please be aware that where the opportunity presents itself, officers will be seizing fireworks and availing themselves of their powers. Discretion or leniency will not be encouraged. Children could find themselves in court and parents would be expected to accompany them.

Parental pressure can assist us in keeping the disruption and danger caused by the reckless use of fireworks to a minimum. Some simple actions by parents are probably worth more than the collective action of a whole number of organisations like the Police, Fire Service Blackburn with Darwen Council or Trading Standards.

- **Please keep your own fireworks secure.**
- **Do not be pressured into buying fireworks for your child (however old he or she is) for use before Bonfire Night.**
- **Monitor what your child is spending his or her money on in the lead up to Bonfire Night.**

- Be wary of your child hiding fireworks in your house or elsewhere.
- Be wary of buying larger and noisier fireworks for unsupervised use.
- Be wary of your child using the Internet or mail order to purchase large and potentially dangerous fireworks.
- Be wary of elder siblings purchasing fireworks on behalf of their younger brothers, sisters or their friends. They could be committing a serious offence of supplying fireworks and in extreme circumstances could face up to six months in prison.
- Take the time to discuss these issues with your child prior to Bonfire Night.
- Be prepared to listen sympathetically to the complaints of any neighbours. There is one other more basic piece of advice that would cover all problems: -

**Don't let your children have their own fireworks!**

Your individual co-operation and assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated. The more parents who do this the better will be the outcome and we can all contribute towards allowing a traditional festivity to be one night of enjoyment.

Kind Regards

**Sergeant 5304 Emam**

**Blackburn with Darwen Neighbourhood Sergeant**

## Mini minds Matter

Introducing our mindful calendar, each month the calendar will give you ideas and suggestions of how to be more mindful as a family. Please take a few moments to look at the calendar, share the information with your child/children, have fun and enjoy!



# November Kindasaurus



TUE		WED		THU		FRI		SAT		SUN		MON	
5	create a friendship picture	6	share a toy	7	Kindasaurus Circle time	8	Kindasaurus Circle time	9	clean your toys	10	create a 'puppy' for someone-else's dog	11	complete the 'making labels' activity
12	use chalk outdoors to create a Rangoli PATTERN	13	donate something to charity	14	share the Kindasaurus activity	15	take part in a story massage session	16	play with somebody new	17	create a Puffly mask for children in need	18	help to make dinner
19	be kind to plants	20	role play - Bubbles	21	create some kindness postcards for the community	22	create a kindness portion	23	do some 20 firmament yoga	24	'I am kind to my friend'	25	bake some cookies for a friend
26	lead the Kindasaurus meditation	27	be kind to the environment	28	Be Kind	29	give a friend or well-wisher a hug	30	read Kindasaurus Saves Christmas				

**EYFS**

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