

# Newsletter Friday 22nd March 2019



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- 22nd Celebration Assembly @ 2:55pm
- 25th Art Week
- 27th Rec Class trip to Whitworth Art Gallery
- 28th Last Choir Standing @ 5:30pm
- 29th Celebration Assembly @ 2:55pm



- 4th Beech Class Assembly @ 2:55pm
- 5th Egg Rolling / Best decorated egg competition
- Easter Celebration in school hall @ 2:15pm
- Break up for Easter holidays

### Clubs WB 25th March

- Mon:** Multiskills Y5/Y6  
Netball @ Oakhill
- Tues:** Ribcaged drama  
Netball Y5/Y6
- Weds:** Netball Y3/Y4  
Danceworks 3:30pm
- Thurs:** No Lego Club or Cheerleading
- Friday:** Pro-Sport Football

### Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Miss Chelsea Walker who got married today. Her married name will be Mrs Hanson.

On Tuesday evening, it was lovely to watch our Y3 and Y4 children sing as part of a 400 strong choir

### Singing Together

at the Singing Together concert at King George's Hall. The children were wonderful. Thank you to the parents for their support and to the lower KS2 team, particularly Mr Todd, who worked so hard with the children.

On Thursday evening, the school choir take part in the Last Choir Standing competition at Blackburn Cathedral. They sounded amazing when I heard them sing at a recent rehearsal. Good luck to you all.

### Dogs

Please could I remind parents that no dogs, other than guide dogs should be brought onto the school grounds as some children are scared of dogs. Unfortunately the signs around school seem to have come down, but we will replace them soon.

### Sport News

There have been two sports events recently. A couple of weeks ago, the Y5 and Y6 football team played in a tournament at Ribblesdale, winning two games and losing two games.

The swimming team performed extremely well at the swimming gala with several children finishing in the top three in their event and the boys team came third over all in the competition.

Well done to everyone who took part in these two

### Cricket Training

Whalley Cricket Club are restarting junior training sessions on Friday 12th April at 6:30pm. This is open for children from Reception age to Year 8.

### Parent App

See next page regarding the update to the app



Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Meatballs, mash & green beans	Veggie brunch with omelette, hash brown, beans	Roast pork dinner, mash, carrots & broccoli	Chicken tikka curry, rice & naan bread	Beef burger in a bun, chips & peas
Margherita pizza, wedges & sweetcorn	Fish finger & salad wrap	Tomato pasta, salad & garlic bread	Cheese whirl, wedges & sweetcorn	Battered fish, chips & peas
Pasta with tomato sauce	Jacket potato with cheese or beans or tuna mayo	Hot panini	Jacket potato with cheese or beans or tuna mayo	Pasta with tomato sauce





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## RAISE / Whalley's Got Talent

Congratulations to our two acts who won the Whalley's Got

Talent competition. Ben made everyone laugh with his comedy act and Ava and Libby performed an amazing paired dance. Both acts will represent the school at the RAISE final at The Grand in Clitheroe on Friday 5th April. The event, as well as showcasing talent, is a fundraiser for The Solomon Project who work in Kenya to provide meals each day for over ten thousand children. Four of our year sixes, Annabel, Enola, Seb and Sam have helped to organise the event at school and at The Grand and they will also be there on the night.

If you would like to support the children, tickets are available in the school office £6 for adults, £4 for under 18s and concessions. No tickets will be available on the door.

## ParentApp Update

Message from ParentApp

We are pleased to inform you that we are currently upgrading our current communication app and will be launching a brand-new app from Parentapps that will greatly improve the way we communicate with our parents.

The **Parentapps Connect System** will provide you with instant access to our calendar, event information, newsletters/ letters home, website, social media and much more. You will also be able to report absences and update your contact details directly from within the app as it has done previously.

Additionally, with the new features of the system, you will be able to view and submit consent forms easily, receive secure documents, and it also enables us to invite multiple family members to download the app, ensuring that the right people have access to important information regarding your child.

We will use this information to send child specific information via direct and group messages, so you aren't bombarded with messages for all year groups! All messages within the app are free to send which saves the school a considerable amount of money over text messaging.

Lastly, the app is fully secure and GDPR compliant and in order to access it you will need to be invited via email on Monday 25 March.

You will need to download a new app called Parentapps Connect and our old app will be no longer be utilized.

***Current ParentApp users - please look out for an email invitation from Parentapps with further instructions on downloading and accessing the new app. A link will be added to the next newsletter to directly download the app.***

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**Dear Parent/Carer,**

This letter is to inform you that from 29th April 2019, Whalley School will be participating in Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which ensures that a child's school is informed, prior to the start of the next school day, that there has been an incident of Domestic Abuse to which the child or young person has been exposed, and which might then have an impact on them in school the following day.

Each school is informed of all Domestic Abuse incidents, not just those where an offence can be identified or those which are graded as high risk. The partnership recognises that all incidents of Domestic Abuse can be harmful to children and young people.

This information will be shared throughout the year, including school holidays and the weekends. Information will only be shared with the school by the police where it is identified that a young person was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

A nominated member of staff, known as a Key Adult, has been trained to liaise with the police. At Whalley School, the Key Adult is Mr Blackburn. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school makes provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. The Key Adults will keep this information confidential, and will only share it on a need to know basis, for instance, to teaching staff for the child or young person. It will not be shared with other school students.

Operation Encompass was first introduced in Plymouth in February 2011, and has proved very effective in providing appropriate and timely support to young people affected by domestic abuse. This initiative has been implemented across the whole of the Lancashire Police area. If you would like some more information about it, you can view it online at [www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org).

We are keen to offer the best support possible for our pupils and a recent review of Operation Encompass showed that it is beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

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