



HECKINGTON ST. ANDREW'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7th September 2023

Welcome
Back

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a lovely summer holiday. It has been lovely to see all of the children back in school and to welcome our new starters in Oak Class. All of the children have settled in really well and are enjoying their new learning. As we start a new school year, I thought it would be a good opportunity to just remind you of our expectations for school uniform. We try to ensure that our uniform keeps costs as low as possible for you but we would ask that you adhere to our policy. I would particularly like to draw your attention to the following:

- Hair must be the child's natural colour. Long hair must be tied back, for safety and hygiene purposes, with a plain hair bobble or dark band. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Hair ornaments of any type are not permitted.
- For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear jewellery other than a single pair of plain stud earrings.
- Our PE uniform consists of plain black shorts, leggings/joggers and hoody/jumper as well as a house colour plain t-shirt and we would ask that all of these items are unbranded
- Children are not permitted to wear makeup of any kind including nail polish except at school social functions e.g. discos.

Thank you for your continued support with this.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Bentley

Upcoming Events

Meet and Greet Sessions

Please come along and meet your child's new class teacher:

Monday 18th September 3.30 p.m. Year 2 & Year 5

Tuesday 19th September 3.30 p.m. - Year 3 & Year 4

Tuesday 19th September 4.00 p.m. - Year 6

Wednesday 20th September 3.30 p.m. - Reception & Year 1

More Key dates to follow -
watch this space!

P.E Timetable

Oak	Wednesday	
Maple	Thursday	
Willow	Monday	Friday
Chestnut	Tuesday	Friday
Rowan	Wednesday	Friday
Silver Birch	Tuesday	Thursday
Hazel	Monday	Friday



Dear children at Heckington St Andrew's Primary School,

Greetings from Clitheroe in Lancashire, where dragons fly and the echoes of the Lancashire witch trials still whisper in the wind!

My name is Sophie Stewart, and I am the author of 'The Best-Kept Secret'. A magical tale inspired by local history, folklore and legend. When I visit schools, children often ask, 'What inspired you to become an author?' The answer is simple: reading! Reading isn't just about learning new words or facts. It's about exploring new landscapes, meeting extraordinary characters, and discovering the boundless power of your imagination.

Imagine, for a moment, an ancient dragon - magnificent, awe-inspiring, and chained for centuries. With its shimmering scales and fiery breath, this dragon embodies the immense power of stories trapped within books. When you open a book and start reading, it's akin to unlocking the chains that hold this mighty beast. Suddenly, you're flying alongside it (or riding atop it!), feeling the wind rush past as you journey through realms unknown, exploring enchanted lands and meeting characters who are braver, cleverer, funnier (or scarier!) than you ever thought possible.

Just as a witch's spell might make the unseen visible or the impossible possible, the words on a page can transport you to places beyond your wildest dreams. They can make you laugh, cry, wonder, and dream.

While reading is a spellbinding adventure, crafting your own stories is akin to having your own dragon to command. Think about it: every word you write, every character you create, and every plot twist you imagine is a puff of smoke from your very own dragon. You can create enchanting forests, bustling towns, or eerie moors reminiscent of where the Lancashire Witches might have once roamed.

While dragons are creatures of strength, they can also be tender and gentle, cunning or wise. Similarly, your stories can be thunderous adventures, suspenseful mysteries, humorous tales or tales of friendship, love, and discovery. Remember, as the dragon rider, you decide the journey.

To read is to unleash the dragon; to write is to command it. So, let your imagination run wild on the moors, summon your inner witch or wizard, and dive into the world of storytelling. May your books always be portals and your pens forever be wands!

Happy reading and enchanted writing!

Warmest wishes,

Sophie Stewart



Dragons don't often eat Lancashire folk.
They try now and then, but the clothes make them choke.

It may be the wellies, the flat caps or coats,
The wet-weather gear gets stuck fast in their throats.

