

# Friday 10th February 2023

## Diary Dates

**20/02/23 - School Re-Opens at 8.40am**

**21/02/23 - Year 5 Educational Visit - Imperial War Museum**

**03/03/23 - World Book Day (please refer to details below)**

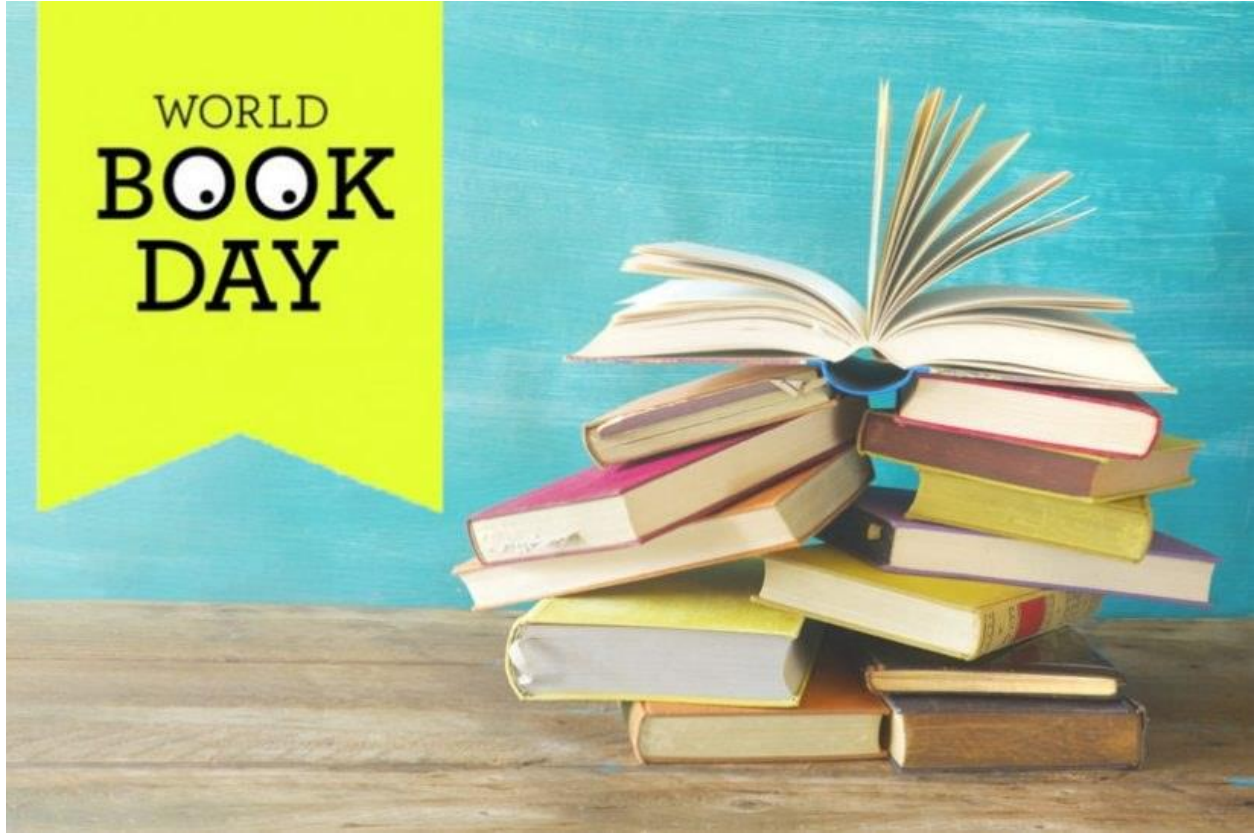
**08/03/23 - Face-to Face Parents' Evening (more information to follow after half term)**

**09/03/23 - Virtual Parents' Evening (more information to follow after half term)**

**14/03/23 - Year 1 Educational Visit - Blackpool Zoo**

**21/03/23 - Reception Production - 'We're Roaming Through the Forest' - 2.00pm - All Reception Parents Welcome**

## World Book Day



On Friday 3rd March, we will be celebrating 'World Book Day'. To mark this event, we are asking the children to bring their favourite book to school and dress in their pyjamas. Please ensure they come to school in suitable footwear. If it is your child's PE session on that day, then they will need to wear their trainers as normal.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting Lammack Primary School from Wednesday 1st March until Tuesday 7th March. This will be available at the end of the school day in the Key Stage Two hall. If your child would like to browse or purchase any of the vast array of books, please come along. The children will be given a book token which can be used against the purchase of a new book.

## Attendance



Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. Going to school is directly linked to improved exam performance which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better future prospects. We currently have a number of children who are persistently absent from school and a group of children whose attendance has fall well below 95%.

If your child is at school for only 90 per cent of the school year then they will have missed 19 days - almost four whole weeks of school.

For primary-age children, this can mean almost 120 guided learning hours. This is a big gap for any child to make up.

Please support us by ensuring your child attends school each day and avoid unnecessary absences.

You can help prevent your child missing school by:

- having a routine from an early age and sticking it to it
- making sure your child understands the importance of good attendance and punctuality
- making sure they understand the possible implications for themselves and you as a parent if they don't go to school
- taking an interest in their education - ask about school work and encourage them to get involved in school activities
- discussing any problems they may have at school and letting their teacher or headteacher know about anything that is causing concern
- not letting them take time off school for minor ailments or holidays during term time

To avoid disrupting your child's education, you should arrange (as far as possible), appointments and outings:

- after school hours
- at weekends
- during school holidays

### Term time holidays

Term time holidays have been increasing over the last number of years. Parents should make every effort to make sure that their child does not miss school due to holiday plans. We cannot authorise leave during term-time and penalty notices are being issued to families who choose to ignore the guidance.

Currently, our Inclusion Officer is monitoring the absence of children. Meetings and home visits will be arranged to discuss concerns with families during the course of next half term.

## Parking

Our Parent Governors have reported that parking has improved on Lammack Road during busy periods of the school day. Thank you to all the parents who have listened to the advice and are now parking in safe places on Lammack Road and also making more use of the QEGs car park. It really does contribute to a much calmer and more pleasant experience for all road users. It has been reported that Whinney Lane is still chaotic, with some parents parking in the middle of the road, blocking driveways or parking on yellow lines. We need to all work together to keep everyone safe.

## Sad Farewell



Mrs Bax, one of our long serving Special Support Assistants, has made the difficult decision to leave Lammack so that she can pursue a different career. She has worked at the school for 18 years and has supported different children with additional needs throughout her time at Lammack. On behalf of all the staff and governors, I would like to thank Mrs Bax for her hard work, commitment and dedication to Lammack over the many years she has worked with us. We will miss her but we would like to wish her all the best as she embarks on another exciting adventure. I am sure she will keep in touch with us and let us know how she is getting on!

## Parent Governor Position

The ballot paper link for the Parent Governor position will be sent out today and the closing dates for the votes is Monday 20th February at 12.00pm.

Please find below information about the parents who have put themselves forward for this position:

## CANDIDATE 1

### Sanam Saleh

I am a Chartered Accountant by profession and mum of two young children at Lammack. I have lived in Blackburn for close to two decades.

I am passionate about Early Years education in particular and have a keen interest in supporting our local school and community. I currently sit on the board of trustees and act as treasurer at local registered charity Blackburn Community Sports club who run, amongst other sports teams, Lammack F.C. I am also an East Lancashire Scouts group volunteer at AHF Scouts where I support the scout groups with events and trips. Along with my volunteering and trustee responsibilities, I am also a part of the Lammack PTA and have spoken at recent Parents' Open Evening to share my experiences as a parent at Lammack Primary school and to encourage other parents to send their children to Lammack.

I am keen to establish a real connection with the place my children study and make friends. I am keen to understand the values, ways of working and future plans from the other side giving me an advantage as a parent and as an advocate for young children in the community.

If elected, I hope to bring my experience with acting as a trustee, treasurer and my skills within strategic governance to bring a rewarding role to life. I am committed to Lammack Primary school's success as a parent and would love to help make a difference to the lives of all the children who attend Lammack by volunteering my time and skills.

## CANDIDATE 2

### Siham Galal Younis

I am Siham 40 years old lady , I moved to live in the UK 4years ago before that I was in Saudi Arabia for 8 years. I am a doctor with master's degree in medicine. I worked in Egypt and Saudi Arabia as internal medicine specialist. I do not work now as I preferred to give all my time to my kids and to take care of their education. I have 3 kids Ahmed in year 8 and Aseel and Albraa in Lammack school. I used to work hard within groups either as a member or as a leader since I was in high school to help in community. I used to lead projects while I was studying in university. I participated and organised a lot of social activities in my country as helping poor people and people with disabilities. I am eager to have an impact in the community and to improve both education process, safety and welfare of pupils in schools.

I value the opportunity to be part of children's lives and help shape their futures. I feel it is important that every child at Lammack school is happy, safe, confident and strive to become the very best they can be. I want to add positive value, impact, and significantly help the headteacher and senior management team run the school smoothly.

### CANDIDATE 3

#### Fiza Javed

My name is Fiza Javed, I have a degree in Law but have chosen to devote my time to bringing up my children. As a parent of a student at Lammack Primary School, I am extremely invested in the education and well-being of all the pupils who attend. I have a good relationship with many of the parents and if given the opportunity, I look forward to being an active and engaged governor who represents the views of parents and the local community.

### CANDIDATE 4

#### Sumayya Nandhla

Through my experience as a primary school teacher for over 10 years, I have wide-ranging experience of working closely with children, parents and the community. I feel that my passion and love of working with children, as well as my knowledge of education, the curriculum, special needs and safeguarding of children will be helpful towards the creation of effective governance structures.

Since my child started Lammack Primary School I have been incredibly impressed with the care she has received, and the progress she has been able to make. I am extremely keen to give something back to the school who has given my daughter the ability to strive in her education and as an individual person.

I want to support the governing body in continuing to ensure every child has the warm and happy environment they need to thrive at school, with a stimulating day- today experience and a broad, creative curriculum that enables them to develop as problem solvers and independent thinkers.

During my spare time, away from the classroom, I love spending time with my child making lots of memories as a family for her to remember when she grows up. I believe every child should have a chance to make those memories as children's future is of the utmost importance in this society. Therefore, I would be delighted to be given the opportunity in also making a difference in the education of not just my child but to the school as a whole

## Happy Holiday

The children and staff have worked very hard throughout this half term. They are all ready for a well-deserved break. I hope you can all enjoy spending quality family time together. We will look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 20th February.