

## Parent Bulletin – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### This Week's Whole School Attendance

Week Commencing: 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024		
Class	Attendance	Number of Late Marks
R Sparkle	95.67%	1
<b>R Shine</b>	<b>99.33%</b>	2
1 Amaze	94.33%	1
1 Dazzle	94.67%	1
2 Endeavour	98%	1
2 Flourish	98.62%	4
3 Discover	93.67%	1
3 Imagine	97.59%	1
<b>4 Explore</b>	98.62%	<b>0</b>
<b>4 Believe</b>	98.67%	<b>0</b>
5 Inspire	98.62%	2
5 Unite	97.14%	2
6 Vision	96.21%	1
<b>6 Challenge</b>	<b>99.33%</b>	2

Well done to **R Shine & 6 Challenge** for achieving the highest attendance last week and well done to the classes who arrived on time every day.



Please ensure your child gets to school every day, on time!

Please be reminded that holiday requests during term time cannot be authorised.

### This Week's Online Safety Article

#### Group Chats

Group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online but they are also one of the most common reasons for online 'upsets' which come in to school.

While they are useful for helping friends to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

In the guide at the end of the newsletter, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as bullying, inappropriate content, and advice for parents and carers.



### Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children who are this week's Stars of the Week! Thank you to parents and carers who were able to attend today's celebration worship.

R Shine	<b>Leo K</b>
1 Amaze	<b>Lottie</b>
2 Endeavour	<b>Niamh</b>
3 Discover	<b>Poppy and Emaan</b>

R Sparkle	<b>Laila</b>
1 Dazzle	<b>Emily</b>
2 Flourish	<b>Kumayl</b>
3 Imagine	<b>Brodie</b>



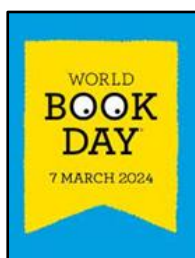
4 Believe	<b>Samuel</b>
5 Inspire	<b>Dottie</b>
6 Challenge	<b>Leo</b>

4 Explore	<b>Alfie</b>
5 Unite	<b>Elliott T</b>
6 Vision	<b>Darcy</b>

## **This Week's Notices and Reminders**

### **World Book Day**

We had a wonderful day yesterday, dressing up and celebrating World Book Day. Well done everyone for your fantastic, creative costumes. Yesterday afternoon, all children displayed their outfits in the hall for others to see – a great day was had by all!



All children will bring home a £1.00 book token which can be used until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. For participating retailers or for more information please click here:  
<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/>

### **Extreme Reading Challenge!**

Thank you to everyone who entered our extreme reading challenge – we cannot believe some of the unusual places you have found to read! All the photographs have been shared with the year group your child is in and a small selection is below.



Amelia and Billy  
reading at the top of  
Pen-y-gent!

Maggie  
reading  
upside down!



Orion and Evie-Grace reading  
in a bathtub full of books!

### **Mother's Day Service**

We held a beautiful Mother's Day service in church this morning with children in EYFS and KS1, to celebrate the special ladies in our lives. Thank you to the parents and carers that were able to attend.



### **Homework Expectations UKS2**

In Year 5 and Year 6, children will receive homework each week and this will be issued on a Wednesday. In order to prepare them for secondary school effectively, we need to instil in our pupils a sense of responsibility and independence in relation to homework. Therefore, your child's homework should be returned to school by the following Monday each week.

We acknowledge and understand that on occasions your child will forget their homework, therefore children will have a second opportunity to bring their homework on the Tuesday. If homework is not completed each week by the Tuesday, your child will be expected to complete their homework during Wednesday break time.

Thank you in advance for your support with these measures.

### **Parent Consultations**

A reminder that parent consultations will take place on Tuesday and Thursday next week. Please enter school through your child's usual classroom or cloakroom door and make your way to your child's classroom to meet your child's teacher. Your child's work will be in the opposite year group classroom for you to look through either before or after your appointment.

### **Foodbank Donations**

Beginning next week, every Wednesday, we will be accepting foodbank donations on behalf of Holy Trinity church, to support them with their ongoing work collecting for the local foodbanks. We will have a drop off point outside the main office, before and after school, all donations will be gratefully received. Thank you in advance.



Urgently needed food items: tinned potatoes, tinned cooked meat, long life juice, treats (crisps, chocolate, sweets, tinned fish, sponge puddings, tinned soup, custard, toiletries (male & female deodorants, shampoo, washing up liquid, soap powder and toilet rolls, shaving foam)

We've got plenty of: pasta

### **Farewell to Mrs Crawshaw**

Yesterday, we said a sad but fond farewell to Mrs Crawshaw, after 17 years at Low Moor! Mrs Crawshaw has been an integral part of school and will be dearly missed by pupils and staff alike. We wish Mrs Crawshaw every happiness and all the best for the future.

### **Out of School Activities**

Please see the end of the bulletin for some activities taking place during the Easter holidays.

## **Previous Notices and Reminders**

### **Easter Egg Competition**

Yes, it's that time of year again... it's time for our annual Easter egg competition!

This year, we are inviting all entries to be brought into school from **Tuesday 19th March** to be displayed and admired by everyone.

Judging will take place on **Thursday 21st March** and the winning entries will be announced on the same day. There will be a range of prizes throughout school!

Each entry should include at least one egg but, other than that, you are free to choose how to complete your design. Children will be able to bring home their creations after the judging has taken place.

Previous years have demonstrated how talented and imaginative our children can be and we look forward to seeing the fantastic creations for this year. Good luck everyone!



### **Red Nose Day**



On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March we will be supporting Red Nose Day with a non-uniform day – wear red if you can (no football kits please). This is in exchange for a £1.00 donation via [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

### **P.E. Timetable for the Spring Term**

During the spring term, P.E. lessons will take place on the following days:

Monday	Year 5 and Year 1
Tuesday	Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5
Wednesday	Year 2 and Year 3
Thursday	Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6



Friday	4 Explore and Year 6
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Please ensure your child has a named P.E. kit in school. Children in Years 1 to 6 need an outdoor P.E. kit (burgundy or grey tracksuit, white t-shirt and outdoor trainers).

### **New Email Address**

The school office has a new email address – [office@lowmoor-ce.uk](mailto:office@lowmoor-ce.uk)

The year group email addresses have also changed to the following:

EYFS	<a href="mailto:YR@lowmoor-ce.uk">YR@lowmoor-ce.uk</a>
Year 1	<a href="mailto:Y1@lowmoor-ce.uk">Y1@lowmoor-ce.uk</a>
Year 2	<a href="mailto:Y2@lowmoor-ce.uk">Y2@lowmoor-ce.uk</a>
Year 3	<a href="mailto:Y3@lowmoor-ce.uk">Y3@lowmoor-ce.uk</a>
Year 4	<a href="mailto:Y4@lowmoor-ce.uk">Y4@lowmoor-ce.uk</a>
Year 5	<a href="mailto:Y5@lowmoor-ce.uk">Y5@lowmoor-ce.uk</a>
Year 6	<a href="mailto:Y6@lowmoor-ce.uk">Y6@lowmoor-ce.uk</a>

### **Low Moor Little Library**

A reminder that everyone is welcome to use our Little Library at the main entrance of school. Children and parents are welcome to take a book home, share it, read it together and then return it for others to enjoy! We have included some new books for adults too, please come along and choose one!



### **Upcoming Dates**

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS – Height and weight checks by the School Nursing Team
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Breadmaking Session EYFS - 2.00pm (book via ParentPay)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS – Height and weight checks by the School Nursing Team
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 5.45pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – non-uniform/ wear red in exchange for £1.00
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Showcase for parents at 2.30pm (more info to follow)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Egg competition – bring entries to school until Thursday
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 SAT's Meeting 3.30pm or 5.00pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Judging and winners announced for Easter Egg competition
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Ambassador Awards 9.00am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Break up for Easter holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Showcase for parents at 2.30pm (more info to follow)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Showcase for parents at 2.30pm (more info to follow)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Showcase for parents at 2.30pm (more info to follow)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day (morning)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day (morning)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day - 1.30pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Summer Fayre

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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Year 2 Showcase for parents at 2.30pm (more info to follow)

Year 1 Showcase for parents at 2.30pm (more info to follow)

Family Visit to Bridlington

## **Church Matters**

**Holy Trinity Church** Website: <https://www.lmando.org/>

### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

10.00 - Great British Spring Clean in Oakenshaw. Gather at 10.00 at St. Andrew's church

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March:**

09.30 - Early Church at Holy Trinity

11.00 – Morning Worship at Holy Trinity

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March:**

10.00 – Coffee morning in the church centre, all welcome

*Please also see the posters at the end of the bulletin for events taking place over Easter.*

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## **Aldersgate Methodist Church**

### **Every Sunday**

10.30 - Worship and children's session.

On Sunday evenings Aldersgate share in worship with the other churches in the Circuit as shown in the [Circuit Plan](#).

### **Weekday Activities:**

#### **Monday**

10.00 - Low Moor Papercraft Group

#### **Tuesday**

10.00 - Time out (crafts, games, chat) (Weekly)

14.15 - Bible Study (1st Tuesday in month)

14.00 - Darby and Joan

#### **Wednesday**

10.00 - Fortnightly. Memory Tree- for people living with dementia and their carers

14.00 - Ladies Friendship Circle – alternate weeks

#### **Thursday**

19.30 - Peer talk – for people living with depression

#### **Saturday**

10.00 -12.00 – Coffee Morning – alternate weeks

Contact Rev. Albert Gayle: Telephone: 01274 675370  
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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

### EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

### SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

### UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

### NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert; potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

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## Advice for Parents & Carers

### CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things an impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

### GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat. Instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

### BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

### PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

### AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

### SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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# Easter



## HAF CAMP



Join us for our fun Easter camp and take part in sports, dance, arts and crafts that will keep your children entertained. Our camps also promotes social skills as we set challenges for groups and loads of friends to be made.

### Tues 2nd – Fri 5th April



### 9am – 1pm

Odsal Stadium, Stadium Road, BD6 1BS



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**1ST APRIL 2024**

# EASTER *Hunt* EGG



**EASTER EGG HUNT  
FUN STALLS & LOTS  
OF PRIZES TO BE  
WON**

**HAROLD PARK**

**11:00 til 13:00  
Bonnet parade @ 12pm  
Free Entry For All**

**Donkey rides • BBQ • Stalls • DJ**



