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Newsletter – 1st February 2019

This has been a very strange week for me as I have been out of school on training for 4 of the 5 days this week. It was wonderful to get back into school on Thursday and see the staff and the children, all of whom I had missed during the first half of the week. As ever the children managed to put a smile on my face within moments of them arriving into school and my week was immediately brightened! There is a reminder further on in the newsletter about lines of communication should we face severe weather conditions so do remind yourself of these.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Suzie Wilson - Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary

- 4.2.19 – 3.30-4.30pm Netball
- 4.2.19 – 3.30-4.30pm Sewing Club
- 4.2.19 – 3.30-4.30pm – Y6 booster classes
- 5.2.19 – 3.30-4.30pm Football
- 5.2.19 – 3.30- 4.30pm Craft Club
- 7.2.19 – 3.30-4.30pm Dodgeball
- 7.2.19 – 3.30-4.30pm Lego Club
- 7.2.19 – 3.30-4.30pm – Y6 booster classes
- 8.2.19 – 9.15am Celebration Assembly
- 8.2.19 – PTA Disco

- 11.2.19 – 2.45pm Parents Forum
- 12.2.19 – 7pm at St Peter's Church - Confirmation
- 13.2.19 – Y2 Indian Afternoon
- 15.2.19 – Reports Home
- 15.2.19 – 3.30pm school closes for half term

- 25.2.19 – 9am school re-opens for all pupils
- 27.2.19 – 5pm – 7pm Parents' Evening
- 28.2.19 – 3.30pm – 5.30pm Parents' evening
- 11.3.19 – Science Week
- 15.3.19 – Non-Uniform day for Science Week

Year 6 SATs Workshop Information

On Monday after school Mr Kalnins gave an information workshop for our Year 6 parents on the upcoming SATs. The PowerPoint for this can now be found on our website under – Parents – Parental Workshop Information. We hope this is of use.

Year 6 Conover Hall Trip

Please ensure all Conover Hall payments are up to date – we cannot hold your child's place otherwise. Any issues please do come and make an appointment to speak to Mrs Wilson.

Can You Help Us?

- Could you or someone you know give some time for an important role within our school? We currently have a vacancy at school for midday supervisors Monday-Friday 12.00-1.15pm. The role requires someone who can help supervise our children during lunchtime to stay safe and play. Please share if you know someone who may be suitable for this post or ask in the office for further details.

PTA Upcoming Events

Our PTA are always busy behind the scenes organising various fundraising events for our school which enable us to purchase items, provide experiences or enrich our curriculum in ways that would not be possible without their support. They have agreed to fund the £1 donations for all children for the science week non-uniform day. They have also organised a school disco for next week – further details can be found on the attached flyer.

School Car Park

Please can we remind all parents that our school car park is very small and is for staff use only. The social club are very happy for parents to use their car park and it only takes a minute or two to walk from there into school so please do utilise this rather than the staff car park or parking dangerously on the road.

Reading at Home

Please can we encourage all parents to make sure that they are listening to their child read regularly at home. Even if a child is a fluent reader it is still important that they get the opportunity to read aloud to an adult or to share a book and be read to by an adult on a regular basis. Whilst we do endeavour to provide lots of reading opportunities in the school day, reading at home too will encourage a lifelong love of reading and greater progress in this area. Thank you for working in partnership with us.

Times Tables – How Many Do You Know?

The National Curriculum states that ALL children need to know their Time Tables 1x 2x 3x 4x 5x 6x 7x 8x 9x 10x 11x 12x by the end of Year 4. We know that some children are really quick to learn Time Tables and some children need LOTS of reinforcement to recall facts quickly. Children need to be able to recall facts quickly when using the operation of multiplication or division. If we can make this learning fun at both home and school we can ensure children know their timetables. Here are some websites with games you might find useful!

Apple and Android apps – search: times tables

<http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/numeracy.shtml

Let it Snow!

We always intend to keep the school open throughout the Winter. If it becomes impossible to safely open the school, we will consider the following factors:

- a) safety and accessibility of the site and surrounding area
- b) availability of heat, light, power and water
- c) availability of staff
- d) availability of meals

As parents, we encourage you to check the school twitter and the council school closure website

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

We would also encourage parents to share updates via parental messaging groups to ensure that as many families as possible know if there is a school closure.



*A champion is not defined
by their wins but by how
they can recover when they
fall.*