



Newsletter 3 Spring Term

10 February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Half term already! Hopefully, the weather will have turned a corner by the time we come back and spring will be on its way. I don't think I've ever known a time when there has been so much illness, both amongst staff and children.

Today we are saying, "Good luck" to Mrs Arbucias Ledo as she begins her maternity leave. We hope she has a restful couple of weeks before the birth and hope to welcome her back later in the year. Mrs Caroline Blake will be covering Mrs Ledo's classes on a Thursday, whilst Mrs Gill Simmonds will be working with Sticklebacks on a Friday.

OFSTED Inspection

I am sorry that I have been unable to inform you until today of the outcome of our recent inspection. The report has to go through a number of quality assurance checks before we are allowed to publish it. Needless to say, we are absolutely delighted with the report. Thank you to everyone in the school community who has supported us.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday, 2nd March this year, so we thought we would give you advance warning of what we will be doing in school. During that week, each class teacher will base their work around picture books written by a specific author e.g. Year 6 will cover Shaun Tan. On the day itself the children are invited to come to school dressed in their pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers, and to bring their favourite picture book into school to share with their peers.

Celebrate world Book Day with Fresh Start

Join Fresh Start in celebrating World Book Day's twenty year anniversary. There will be exciting book themed menus and a chance to find a winning golden ticket! Order your meals by 21st February to be part of the fun.

World Thinking Day Wednesday 22 February

Celebrated since 1926, World Thinking Day is a day of international friendship, speaking out on issues that affect girls and young women, and fundraising for 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world. On Wednesday 22 all Brownies will be able to wear their brownie uniform to school to celebrate World Thinking Day

Toys in School

Please remember that children should not bring toys into school. Precious toys can easily be lost or broken, so they are much safer at home!

Nursery Provision

You may be aware that from September the government are introducing 30 hours free funding for nursery care. As a provider, we have to consider whether we continue to offer 15 hours or increase our offer to 30 hours. It would really help me and the governing body to hear your opinions on this. Would you have taken up the 30 hours offer had it been available when your children were 3 years old, or would you have preferred to stay with the 15 hours? Please let me know via the office. Thank you.

Swimming

I'm delighted to tell you that this year the Year 2s will be joining the Year 3s in their swimming lessons. These will take place on Friday afternoons after Easter. A letter will be sent nearer the time outlining the details from the School Office.

ICT User Policy

In previous years, we have sent our "ICT User Policy" home with the children to be read and signed. This year we have decided to read the policy with the children in class and get them to sign it here. I am, therefore, attaching a copy of the policy to this newsletter, so that you know the e-safety rules we expect the children to follow.

Vacancies

We are currently looking for support staff in the following areas:

- Lunchtime Supervisor for Nursery children from 11:45am-1:15pm on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- After School Club Assistant
- Bank of staff to call on at times of absence for lunchtimes, Breakfast Club and After School Club

If you are interested in any of the above positions, please contact the School Office.

Have a wonderful half term break!

Regards

Debbie McLeod
Headteacher

SCHOOL DIARY

Mon 13 February-Half Term week
Mon 20 February- Back to School
Tue 7 March – Parents' Evening + Book Fair
Wed 8 March – Parents' Evening + Book Fair
Tue 28 March – 2pm Years 4/5 Performance
Wed 29 March – 6.30pm years 4/5 Performance
Sat 1 April- Easter Egg Hunt
Fri 7 April – Easter Service led by years 4/5
Mon 10 April- Start of Easter Holiday/ Mon 24 April – Back to School
Mon 1 May – Bank Holiday
Mon 8 May – Start of SATS week
Mon 29 May- Half Term Week
Mon 5 June- INSET Day
Tue 6 June- Back to school
23 June- Sports Day
Thu 6 July- Year 6 Evening Performance
Fri 7 July- FoFS Summer Event
Tue 11 July- Class Swap Day
Thu 13 July- Leavers' Disco
Tue 18 July- Presentation Evening
Fri 21 July- Leavers' Service
Fri 21 July- End of term