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Newsletter- Week 32

Dear families,

Monday 20th May 2019

Welcome to our latest newsletter. As we approach the end of this (very short) half-term we wanted to make sure that parents were fully up-to-date with lots of the important and/or exciting things that have happened recently and are aware of upcoming events in the near future! **Remember, we are closed from this Friday (24th May) but we re-open on Monday 3rd June at the usual times.**

Sports Day: A reminder that our Y1-Y6 Sports Day is this Friday. Please take a look at last week's newsletter for full details (on email and online now). We hope that everyone can come along and enjoy the day! In the event of poor weather we will communicate via text message and tweets to all parents. The forecast looks fairly positive for the week ahead with a dry and cloudy day likely, we will keep you updated during the week now that I have cursed it!

Sports Update: Sports clubs are back in full flow and coaches are reporting excellent progress and engagement from all groups. Last week our Y6 pupils played two post-SATS matches against Thurgoland Primary in what proved to be great games between two good teams. The spirit of the game was fabulous too! Our teams lost 4-3 and lost 4-3 on penalties after an excellent 1-1 draw! The games that saw over 20 players take part! Players of the match go to Ethan, Trinity and Riley with a special mention for Lucas who played in goal for the development team and performed so well in his first 'real' match!

Y2/Y6 SATS: A huge well done to pupils in Y2 and Y6 who have been taking on Government assessments over the last few weeks. We're very proud of you all! A huge thanks also to parents for their support and our wonderful staff who go the extra mile to help the children to be confident and enthusiastic learners.

Reading Update: We are pleased to see that so many pupils are reading at home following our recent updates. We send home much less homework than most schools so we want to continue to stress that daily/regular reading is the crucial element of our home learning. As staffing budgets are cut year on year the importance of home reading becomes even more vital as there is clear proof that reading and discussing the text with an adult is vital to academic progress. Thank you for your continued support in this area.

Attendance Update: Our attendance is absolutely superb at present and lateness has virtually been eradicated with very few late occurrences during the whole school year so far. Thank you for your support on these vital matters! A reminder that any planned absence from school must be logged on a 'leave of absence' request sheet. These should be completed (forms available online or from the main foyer) and handed in to the office as soon as possible for processing. A reminder that attendance falling below 95% presents cause for concern and that attendance falling below 90% for the year, even if it is due to holidays, illness or a combination of both will lead to letter of concern or meetings being arranged by school leaders.

Staffing News: As the half-term draws to a close we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Aitken who has been with us for almost 18 months to support children with additional learning needs. Mrs Aitken has done an excellent job and she has made a significant difference to the education and happiness of many pupils. We wish her well in her future endeavours and look forward to seeing her regularly as a parent in school! We are currently meeting as senior leaders to discuss staffing for next September and we will be confirming teacher/support staff arrangements for the new classes in September in the coming weeks.

Holiday Clubs: We have had details sent through from Team Activ about a holiday club from Tuesday to Friday next week during Spring Bank. The flier is online under 'letters home' for anyone who is interested. Mrs Andrew has also organised a 'Messy Angels' Holiday Club at Springvale Methodist Church on Friday 31st May which is just £1 per child. No booking is necessary. The event runs from 10am to 11.45am.

Lost Property: Our lost property is now out in the circle for collection by pupils, we will display it on the field during Sports Day. Please ensure that all items brought to school have a name inside them somewhere!

NPSCC: Thank you for your support last week with our latest fundraiser. We raised £173.50 for the NPSCC and the children all received vital messages and strategies about how to stay safe!

Welfare: We have recently had contact from parents expressing concern about children, mainly girls (some as young as 7), talking negatively about food due to concerns about health and weight. We are unsure where this has come from but will be addressing the matter sensitively in an assembly tomorrow about the importance of different foods in a balanced diet/healthy lifestyle AND the importance of being proud of who we are and our differences. We will also be stressing to children, as we often do, the importance of kindness and the impact that making unkind comments can make on how people feel about themselves as this could be part of the problem. We would really appreciate parents being extra vigilant to this sort of thing and working with us to ensure that children are not concerned about such matters as they can have a significant impact on children and their wellbeing.

Head-lice: Unfortunately we have had a high number of reported incidents of lice recently with some families reporting the need to repeatedly treat. It has now affected most classes and some have had them on and off for quite some time. Could we please ask that parents check and treat (if needed) as soon as possible *en masse* so that we can try to eradicate them once and for all? Please ensure that any treatment kills the eggs and not just the live lice as this may be affecting the regular return of the problem.

TT ROCKSTARS IS NOW WORKING AGAIN!

Have a great week everyone,

Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Week 31 Stats	Average 2018/19 Stats	Week 32 Diary Dates
Attendance: 98.7% Late marks: 0 GREEN LIGHTS: 100%	Attendance: 97.5% Late marks: 14 all year GREEN LIGHTS: 99.4%	Monday 20 th : Y5/6 Rounders at PGS 4-5.30pm (selected pupils) Tuesday 21 st : 9am Y6 at Youth Centre Wednesday 22 nd : NSPCC workshops (Y5/6) and Y5/6 girls at football (selected) Thursday 23 rd : Y5/6 boys football event in Leeds (selected pupils) 2.30-7pm Friday 24 th : Y1-Y6 Sports Day (all day, all welcome)
Classes of the Week: F2 Amazing Acorns and Y6 Yorkshire Roses with 100%		