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Newsletter- Week 16

Monday 6th January 2020

Dear families,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2020. We hope that everyone has had a wonderful Christmas period and a great start to 2020. We wish you all the very best for the year ahead! We will be writing a review of our school improvement journey to share with you soon to ensure that everyone is aware of our current key strengths and next steps as we aim to be 'the best school in the World!' Could we also stress our thanks and pride that we have **already** raised the desired £750 for the Sheffield Children's Hospital Bear Fund- we hit the target on the final day of term thanks to generous donations from families, staff and even some pupils who raised funds! Many staff have also asked that I pass on a thank you for any cards, gifts and messages of thanks- they are never expected **but** always appreciated!

Clubs: Our clubs will be launched today (Monday 6th) at 12.30pm with a full programme in place starting next week and running up to the February half-term holiday! If you miss out on a place in a club please let us know as we do have reserve lists for the most popular or we may add extra places due to popularity there will, as always, be a range of lunch time events for free as well. These include Book Club, Colouring Club, Choir and a new Quiz Club for Y5/6 led by myself as we aim to prepare to defend our title of Barnsley Quiz Champions later in the year against other schools from across the region!

Pupil Progress: On Thursday this week our teachers, teaching assistants and leaders will be working together at various points during the day to discuss individual pupil progress and next steps for improved progress and outcomes. Some families may receive a mini-report following these meetings that just gives you some further feedback in terms of what we are trying to support your child with how you can continue to help them (and us) at home. The main foci will be on engagement in class as well as phonics and writing skills. Thank you for all of your amazing support so far and for making our ethos intention a reality by working with us and learning together!

Reading Books: Thank you for returning all books just before Christmas. We have reorganised all of the books in school, especially those in lower school so that they now match teach child's phonics ability. Children may also bring home a book that is way above their reading level but this can be shared/enjoyed together. The letter that explains the new lower school system for reading has already been circulated but we have sent it again alongside this newsletter after the Christmas information overload may have led to many not seeing this information!

Basketball Visit: Please note that a very special opportunity will open up tomorrow for our KS2 pupils. We have organised an exciting visit to watch a basketball match (Sheffield Sharks v Scorchers) which will take place on Friday 31st January. A letter will be emailed out alongside the booking opportunity but the main details are that the event is on Friday 31st January and pupils should meet us at school at 6.15pm to leave. Children can bring a snack and water bottle but should have had an evening meal before they join us. The game starts at 7.30pm and we aim to return at approximately 9.45pm. The cost is £10 per pupil and this should be booked and paid on the School Money system.

General Reminders:

- Please ensure that all children have a warm/waterproof coat each and every day
- Please ensure that all children have access to a water bottle during the day
- Please ensure that all personal property is labelled (name and class) to minimise lost property in school

Diary Dates- Spring 2020: Please note the following key dates for diaries- a full list will be published online and on the newsletter on the first week back.

Monday 6th January- INSET Day (School closed to pupils) Clubs launched at 12.30pm
 Wednesday 15th January- Deadline for F2 applications next year
 Thursday 16th January- Y5 enterprise day in school
 Tuesday 21st January- 5 to 6pm Wellbeing workshop for all families
 Tuesday 21st January- 6 to 7pm Y6 Information Evening (SATs/Robinwood)
 Wednesday 29th January- at 4.30pm- Springvale Museum- all parents/carers welcome
 Friday 31st January- Basketball Visit for KS2 6.15pm leave (booking opens early in the term)

Thursday 6th February- 5pm London meeting and Y3/4 assembly
 Thursday 6th February- 6.30-8.00pm Family Quiz event
 Wednesday 12th February- PM (Cross Country South Yorkshire Finals- transport help needed)
 Thursday 13th February- 9.15am Y2 Class Assembly and SATS meeting
 Thursday 13th February- 3.15pm Phonics Meeting for Y1 parents
 Friday 14th- School closes at 3.15 for half term

Monday 17th to Friday 21st Half Term

Monday 24th February- school reopens for 6 weeks (no INSET day)
 Monday 24th February- Science Week (all week): KS2 Planetarium Day (Monday)
 Monday 24th February- Parents' Evening bookings open at 5pm online
 Tuesday 25th February- 2pm Spring 2 club bookings open
 Wednesday 26th February- Mad Hair Day
 Friday 28th February- Y5 swimming begins (AM)

w/c Monday 2nd March- Parent and Pupil Feedback week (book fair in during this week too)

Wednesday 4th March- Parents' Evening 1.30-7.30pm
 Thursday 5th March- World Book Day- dress up (book characters) or dress down (PJs)
 Friday 6th March- Books for Breakfast from 8am (Nursery and Y4-6)
 Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th March- Y6 at Robinwood
 Thursday 12th March- Y5 Class Assembly at 9am
 Friday 13th March- Sports Relief Day- Dress Down (sports theme and some events TBC)
 w/c Monday 16th March- Wellbeing week
 Wednesday 18th March- Y1 Class Assembly at 9am
 Friday 20th March- EYFS (F1 and F2) Mothers' Day Presentation at 11am and 2.30pm
 Thursday 26th and Friday 27th March: Y3/4 in London
 Thursday 26th March: Y5/6 at Cross Country event at PGS
 Monday 30th March: Easter Egg Competition begins

Wednesday 1st April- Class Photographs
 Wednesday 1st April- Instrument Evening from 6pm
 Thursday 2nd April- 3.30pm Y5 Scarborough Meeting for parents
 Friday 3rd April- Easter Egg Competition judged and school closes at 3.15pm

Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April Easter Holidays (Closed for INSET on Monday 20th April)

Kind Regards

Mr L McClure

Headteacher

Week 15 Information	2019/20 Average (Autumn Term Final Data)	Week 16 Diary Dates
Attendance: 98% Late marks: 0 GREEN LIGHTS: 100% Class of the Week: Y2 'Attenborough's Animals' with 99.7%	Attendance: 97% Late marks: 0.3 per week GREEN LIGHTS: 99.3%	Monday 6 th : INSET Day, Clubs launched at 12.30pm Tuesday 7 th : Basketball visit launched AM Thursday 9 th : Pupil Progress meetings (staff and leaders) Friday 10 th : Star of the Week assembly and Captain's Table (KS2)