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Week 24 Newsletter

Monday 7th March 2022

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter! We have had some new COVID cases this weekend with 3 pupils currently absent due to testing positive (1 in F2 and 2 in Y6) and 2 staff testing positive (both Nursery) since the last newsletter. Please note the important email that came out on Monday morning to clarify the new drop off and collection system that came in to force from today. The system is simple, unless you have pupils in both the EYFS and the Y1-6 section of school- if so please read the email carefully! The school day timings will remain until September when we hope to return to a single start and end time for the whole school.

School News: A huge well done to our Y5 Boccia team who won the event and are now through to the South Yorkshire Finals which will be held on Friday 18th March at the English Institute of Sport. Good luck in the next round! Can we also say a big thank you to all families, pupils and staff for their efforts on World Book Day- we had a wonderful time and took another opportunity to cherish the love of reading in school with assemblies, parades and lots of fun! Special thanks to Mrs Fearn for organising the event and well done to our winners at the parade who will receive a free book from the Book Fair when it arrives on Wednesday 23rd March! We also need to show our appreciation of the efforts of Y5 swimmers who shone in their first session and were immaculately behaved. Lastly, a huge well done to Y5/6 girls who drew 0-0 with a wonderful Shawlands football team on Friday after a closely fought battle, they went down 6-5 in the penalty shoot-out but the practice for the Y5/6 North of England finals next week was invaluable!

Snacks for break and packed lunches: Please note that we only allow fruit or healthy snacks for morning snack time. No chocolate, crisps, etc. Any fruit should be cut up into manageable and safe chunks where needed...e.g. grapes or strawberries for younger pupils.

Art Competition: This Wednesday is the start of Penistone Arts Week and we have shared an excellent opportunity in book bags for families to get involved! Please take a look. This Tuesday is International Women's Day so we thought we would combine the two and launch an Art Competition across the whole school. We have a little art gallery space in school between Y2 and Y3 and this is in need of a refresh so we want to ask that pupils who want to take part and have a go do so by Friday 25th March. The theme is portraits and the portraits need to be of inspirational women from across the World or people who we love and care about. Any entries are welcomed regardless of size/style but in order to be considered for the gallery they need to be either A4 or A5 in size and on paper or card. Entries can be given to teachers to be passed to the school office. There will be prizes and certificates to celebrate effort and achievement.

Music Events: We have recently launched our annual music event to celebrate the amazing talent of every musician in school. Any child who learns a musical instrument, in or out of school, can come along and showcase their talents on Thursday 28th April between 5-6pm. To book your place at the presentation please email me or the school office. Children can perform one piece of music at the event. The prestigious awards- the Hillary Smith Award for talent and the Jack Sykes Award for effort and enthusiasm- will be presented on the evening. We hope that you can join us. Pupils who learn the ukulele in Y3 are not included in the event but please note that they are going to be performing at the Metrodome in a Music Festival on Thursday 30th June (as things stand) so we will confirm this with parents in case they would like to attend to watch.

Reminders:

- We have an important Y2 parent meeting tonight at 5pm- the Zoom link has been sent out
- We have also emailed out curriculum themes and PE days for all classes to parents last week
- Clubs are starting this week with the exception of Basketball Club (Wednesday) and Games Club (Thursday)

Have a fantastic week everyone!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

School Statistics- Week 23

Attendance: 96.8% Classes of the Week: Y2 and Y6 with 100% Late marks: 4 GOOD to be GREEN: 99%

Mini Diary- Week 24

(Well-being theme: Healthy Living- Staying Fit/Music of the week: Madonna)

Dinner menu: Week 1 Most clubs begin this week (not basketball or games!)

Monday 7th: Philip Kaye assembly, Y3/4 theme day- optional dress up, Y6 boys football v Cawthorne (4-4.50pm)

Monday 7th: Y2 Parent meeting (some info emailed after but please attend if you can- Zoom link sent out) 5-5.30pm

Tuesday 8th: External maths deep dive in school by School Evaluation Officer

Wednesday 9th: Y6 set off for residential at 10am, Special netball session (selected pupils Y3-5) 3.15-4.15pm

Wednesday 9th: Penistone Arts Week begins **Thursday 10th:** Selected Y3/4 pupils at Netball (PGS) 4-5.15pm

Friday 11th: Y5 swimming session, Y6 return at approx. 3pm, Y5/6 girls v Y5/6 boys football 3.30-4.15pm

