



NEWSLETTER

12th January 2018

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break. It has been great to talk to the children and hear their stories of Christmas, Santa, parties and presents.

The children have returned to school with an excellent attitude to learning and the new school term. Thank you for all your help and support in ensuring that they come to school prepared, properly equipped and ready to learn. Our character strengths this half term are Enthusiasm, Perseverance and Love of Learning and at the moment they all seem to be displaying these strengths in bucket loads!

Our Jigsaw PSHE theme for this half term is 'Dreams and Goals'. Mr Kyle and the class teachers have already begun talking to the children about their own dreams and ambitions as well as considering how others have achieved their goals, often overcoming great adversity. I'm sure this will be a chance to find out even more about the children and what they want to achieve in life.

Mrs Thwaites and Mr Kyle have also started Kidsafe sessions this week. This gives the children the opportunity to reflect on how they keep themselves safe and what to do if they have a problem or are unsure about something. This will involve getting the children to consider how they feel in different situations and reflect on these feelings. We know that these sessions are incredibly useful.

With safety in mind we are also looking ahead to Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6th February. On this day schools across the country will be working on activities with children to get them to think about how they stay safe online. We will also be sharing some parental internet safety information during that week. Before then you can always check our website under 'Information' where you will find a range of Internet Safety materials for parents.

As we look forward to the chance of lighter days and warmer weather we are arranging for an all-weather path to be installed to give year round access to our outside classroom and wooded area. This is being paid for through the grant we have recently received from the Tesco blue token scheme. Once again, thank you to all relatives and members of the local community that supported us with that. Our next project will be to ensure that all pupils have access to waterproof clothing and wellingtons at all times to ensure that this is not a barrier to using our outdoor space.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council have already been busy since they returned after the Christmas break. Obviously they have picked up on the fact that many of us have over-indulged as their latest mission is to get the school eating a healthier diet.

With this in mind they are going to be carrying out 'Fruitbomb' days from next week. This will involve choosing a day each week at random where they will check who has chosen fruit for their pudding or who has fruit in their packed lunch. All 'fruit eaters' will be awarded with a house token for their team. Talk of Carmen Miranda headdresses and Wham's Club Tropicana have been mentioned so I think this could be a very lively event!

DOJOS AND HOUSE POINTS

Thank you for support in ensuring the children follow our school Behaviour Policy. As ever this centres around our 6 simple Golden Rules of being honest, being kind & helpful, looking after the school, working hard, listening and being gentle.

Almost every child in the school kept to these rules last term. Only 4 pupils lost more than 10 dojos over each half term. This is the lowest total we have had since we introduced the dojo scheme in April 2015.

At the end of last term Rowling House (Blues) were in the lead. Well done to everyone in Rowling House. It is still extremely close and anything could happen over the next two terms. School Council will be busy this term deciding what the prize should be that goes to the winning house at the end of the year. Bowling, cinema, McDonalds, parties and chocolate have all been mentioned so far so who knows what it will be (not sure all options are particularly healthy though!).

COLLECTION AT THE END OF THE DAY

Just a reminder that our school policy is for Y3 & Y4 pupils to be collected by an adult. Please ensure that if there is a change to any arrangement that your child's teacher is informed so they know who to expect. We will never let a child go with an adult if we have not had your permission.

Please can we also ask that if you need to speak to your child's teachers at the end of the day that you do this after all the children have been handed over. This will ensure that staff can be vigilant and ensure all children go safely without distraction. They are more than happy to speak to parents after this.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2018

This year World Book Day is on Thursday March 1st. As usual we will have our school Readathon on this day and also invite children (and adults!) to attend school in costume as a book character if you would like to. We are just drawing your attention to this date now so that you have plenty of time to think about costumes if you so wish.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR AUTUMN TERM

Great news! We achieved our target of 97% for last term. Our official attendance figure is 97.04%. This puts us on track to once again have attendance figures above the national average.

DINNER MONEY

If you send dinner money into school please could you ensure that it is paid on time. As school has to pay Dolce in advance for dinners, any money owed is then owed to the school and not Dolce. As you are probably aware school budgets are getting increasingly tight and any debt then has a direct impact on school resources. At the beginning of September £1323.05 was owed to school. This debt now stands at £750.01.

If you have any concerns or queries about money matters then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Fletcher in the school office who can discuss arrangements and payment plans with you.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-2018

Events coming up this half term:

16.1.18: Full Governors meeting

6.2.18: Safer Internet Day

Wb 12.2.18: Half Term break