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"To be the best we can be"

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## Newsletter - February 2016



MP Lucy Allen attended a special assembly with Helen Stollery from Nurture Group UK and invited parents

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Following the work on British Values the School Council has been working with Miss Marriott and children in their class to review the vision statement for our school. We have asked for an input from governors, parents and staff. At the parents consultations after half term we will be asking for feedback from parents/carers.

Is there anything you feel that we need to add to or take out of our statement?

*Our School Vision for citizenship now and in the future*

*We believe that **children's wellbeing** is at the centre of our life in school and **the key to raising academic success**. This is supported by **high expectations for every child** and by developing personal awareness, creativity and social understanding.*

*We place a strong emphasis on trust, honesty, respect and tolerance through **a close partnership** between children, staff, governors and parents as an extension to family life. We care about the whole person.*

*We believe that we make a difference by **creating a safe, healthy and stimulating environment of quality provision** where our children feel and know how to keep themselves safe, happy and supported in their learning in school and in the wider community.*

*Our aim is to raise children's aspirations and to widen their horizons through a **context rich curriculum** that gives purpose to their learning, offers a range of experiences, as well as broadening understanding of the local, British and global community. We see excellence in teaching and enjoyment in learning as the foundation for success in life. Learning is strongest when the learner commits energy, focuses on a **real goal, does not give up and works hard** to overcome obstacles.*

*Above all, we aim to develop **positive, confident, reflective children** who*

- *take part in decision making within the classroom and school so that they have **sound knowledge of their own value and purpose***
- *Understand the school rules and those of society so that they can make choices and decisions for themselves with the understanding of what is right and wrong*
- *are able to think **creatively and independently** in order to have aspirations for the future*
- *are proud to be part of British society.....*

## **Welcome back**

Ms Chadwick will be returning from her maternity leave after the half term holiday. Ms Chadwick will be covering classes in Reception and Key Stage 1.

## **Safeguarding Children**

### *Internet Safety Week*

This week is Internet Safety Week, although we do talk to the children everyday about keeping themselves safe online.

Mrs Lakin will be leading 2 assemblies this week to support children in keeping safe online. She will be talking to children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 about a leaflet she has developed relating to "Sexting", an issue that is increasing with young people.

### *Safeguarding*

Mrs Rawlings has now completed her training to be a Designated Safeguarding Lead alongside Miss Marriott and myself. Kerry Brownhill, parent governor, is the link governor for Safeguarding.

We have now updated the photographs in the main entrance to show parents, volunteers and visitors who we are.

## **Parent Governor**

Mrs Nicola Thornton's office as a parent governor has come to an end. This means that we have a vacancy on our Governing Body. The governors will be sending out information after half term to all parents to ask if anyone would like to be our second parent governor.

## **The outdoor area**

Our numbers are growing! Over the past 4 years we have grown from 333 pupils on roll to now 435 pupils. We are continually trying to make adaptations to the school building and grounds.

### *KS1 playground*

We hope that the new blue metal fencing will be completed over the half term holiday. This will enable us then to have the soft surface area repaired following the dismantling of the play area. The next step will be to take down the wooden fencing giving us a larger play area for the children.

### *School entrance by the Nursery*

We hope that work will be completed over the half term to have this gateway widened. Due to our increased numbers there is more pressure on our main entrances, especially at the end of the day.

### *Missing canopy*

We can all remember the morning when the canopy by bases 3 and 4 was blown away due to high winds. We have planned for this canopy to be replaced in March.

## **Parents are invited in to join their children for lunch**

Parents are invited in on a Friday this term to sample our fish and chip lunch.

Parents of children in Y3 and Y4 - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 12.15pm

Parents of children in Y5 and Y6 - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 12.15pm

The cost of a child's lunch is £2.00

The cost of an adult lunch is £2.85

We look forward to seeing you then.

## **Day-time - meetings for teachers and parents**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Base 1 and 2 (Mrs Lloyd and Miss Smith)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Base 13 and 14 (Mrs Langham and Miss Blud)

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Base 9 and 10 (Mrs Bowen and Mr Wood)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Base 7 and 8 (Miss Burrows and Mr Raybould)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Base 5 and 6 (Mrs Wilson and Miss Bagnoli)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Base 11 and 12 (Miss Greenwood and Mr Tagg)

Dates for your diary - we will be entering these dates onto the diary on our web site. A copy of all newsletters can be found on the school website. Further details about start times for some of the events will be sent out to you nearer to the date.

| Date                      | Year group                          | Event  |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 8 <sup>th</sup> February  | All children                        | Internet safety week in school   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> February | Y6 children who are going to Arthog | 3.15pm information meeting for Parents/carers of children who are going to Arthog. |

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| 24 <sup>th</sup> February | Y4           | Visit to Dudley Zoo  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> February | All children | Book Fair in school all week - end of the school day   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> March     | All children | We have a story teller working with children in school to celebrate World Book Day                 |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> March    | Y6 parents   | 9.15 am - SATs information sessions for parents/carers of children in Y6<br>5.00 pm repeat session |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March    | Y1 - Y6      | NSPCC leading 2 assemblies in school - keeping children safe                                       |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> March    | Y5           | Professor McGinty - historian working with children  |
| am 15 <sup>th</sup> March | Y2 base 5    | Parents invited into school to your child's mathematics lesson                                     |
| am 16 <sup>th</sup> March | Y2 base 6    | Parents invited into school to your child's mathematics lesson                                     |
| pm 17 <sup>th</sup> March | Y2           | Parents mathematics workshop   |
| am 18 <sup>th</sup> March | Y5 and Y6    | NSPCC workshop for children - keeping safe   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> March    | Y6           | Residential visit to Arthog Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Wales                                       |

Half term - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Easter holidays - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Children return - Monday - 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016

