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### Newsletter January 2017



*Our Y3/Y4 gymnastics team winning Gold and Silver at Wrekin College*

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

#### **Welcome back for the start of 2017.**

Thank you to everyone who congratulated us, having read the Shropshire Star, for being ranked as 6<sup>th</sup> out of all 50 schools in the Local Authority for our Y6 SAT results.

#### **What is new this term?**

There is a **new electronic pedestrian gate** leading into school. This is open at key times when adults and children are arriving and leaving school, but is then closed once school is in session. There is an intercom and admin staff are there to respond to requests for entry. This has been installed due to pupils raising it as an issue during a meeting between the Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding and our Children's Safeguarding Board. This board is made up of a group of pupils of mixed ages whose role it is to identify issues relating to safety in and around school.

This term we are trialling lunch-time for **KS1 pupils from 12.30 to 1.30pm**. Pupils in Reception will continue to have their lunch from 12.00 to 1.00pm.

To improve hygiene we are also trialling the use of **sanitiser hand gel** for children as they enter the dining hall.

#### **Starting school**

The closing date for applications for your child starting school in September is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.

- You **must** apply if your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013
- You **must** apply even if your child is attending a nursery or pre-school on a school site or you have a child already attending the school.
- School places are allocated in line with oversubscription criteria.

Apply on line NOW at [www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions) (if you don't have access to a computer please speak to Ms Tuffnell)

### Our global theme for the term ahead

This term's theme is "**Reach for the Stars**". This theme will focus on developing children's aspirations for the future. Subject leaders will lead assemblies to raise awareness of how a strength or interest in their subject area can be used in different careers for the future.

Don't give up	Work hard
<b>Successful people</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bounce back from failure</li> <li>• Ignore criticism</li> <li>• Think about what they need to be successful</li> <li>• Try new things</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practice the skill</li> <li>• Know that practice works</li> <li>• Enjoy working hard</li> <li>• Know there are no short cuts</li> </ul>

This term 4 children from each class base who demonstrate that they are working hard to develop these skills will be invited to our **Mad Hatter** tea party on **30<sup>th</sup> March 2017**.

### Anti Bullying Leaflet

At the end of last term the School Council met with Mrs Lakin to develop their own leaflet for parents and pupils in response to anti bullying week. School Councillors representing Y5 and Y6 have put together the **attached leaflet**. The children were quick to tell us the different programmes they use and were able to research more safe networking sites for young children.

### Reminders

We ask that all pupils wear black school shoes. It is fine for pupils to wear black boots at this time of year. Children need to have a change of footwear, trainers or plimsolls for outdoor PE. PE days are listed in your child's Home/School diary.

We ask that long hair is tied back for PE lessons and that earrings are removed. If your child has recently had their ears pierced please inform me in writing and arrangements can be made for the use of plasters for a limited period of time. Thank you if you have already arranged this with me.

Children should not leave school early unless we have been informed verbally or by letter.

**Unplanned requests** for children to be released between 3.00 and 3.15 pm. will not be sanctioned. These requests take the school administrator away from the front desk at an important and busy time of the day. Children may also miss out on important letters or teacher reminders at the end of the day.

Parents and carers bringing their children into Nursery and Reception are asked not to use their mobile phones for the safety of all pupils in the unit. Signs are in place in the area.

Can we remind parents that on forest school days in Nursery and Reception children need to wear warm clothing at this time of year.

## **Reading Questionnaire Feedback**

We asked parents and carers for their views about the reading log format we use in school. Most parents felt that the format was clear and easy to use and that there was nothing to improve.

Parents were complimentary about the system of guided reading, Teacher Assistant reading with the child and the use of bug club.

Some individual comments.....

### **Nursery**

It would be good to start reading sessions for parents of afternoon pupils attending nursery - 2 comments

### **Reception**

Parents generally stated that they were reading with their child about 2 or 3 times a week with some using the online bug club. Parents were more aware of this resource.

Some parents stated that they found it difficult to listen to their child read due to work commitments.

I sometimes do not have time to fill in the reading sheet but the teacher has helped me to complete it.

### **Y1**

It can be difficult at times as I have other children.

We read and I complete the reading sheet straight away.

I never know what to write and will often write the same thing.

It would be good to have a section for the child to complete themselves.

### **Y2**

Could you give some words and ideas about what to write about as I struggle to know what to write.

We like to read before bed time.

Could maybe children read some of their own books from home.

### **Y3**

The terminology can sometimes be difficult for parents to understand.

I keep an eye on how she has got on even if I don't fill in the homework book.

Could you give some words and ideas, like in nursery about what to write about as I struggle to know what to write.

### **Y4**

Not sure if I need to answer the focus question.

Perhaps a sticker for children who get their parents to listen to them read and respond regularly this may help if we were prompted.

Although we read regularly I do forget to write a comment in the home school diary

Could my child change their book more often?

### **Y5**

I would like a sheet to sign each day for reading even if it was just a signature and how long they have read as well as the recording sheet they already have.

### **Y6**

Differentiate what the parents are focussing on and what the TA is focusing on.

*Thank you for these comments, we are working to try to address any issues raised.*

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

Parents are invited in on a Friday this term for a fish and chip lunch.

Parents of children in Reception and older Nursery children - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 12.00pm

Parents of children in Y1 and Y2 - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 12.00pm

Parents of children in Y3/4 - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 12.00pm

Parents of children in Y5/Y6 - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 12.00pm

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

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - **Y1** parent consultation (Miss Horne and Mr Perry)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February - **Nursery** parent consultation (Miss Tuffnell)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February - **Reception** parent consultation (Mrs Dent and Miss Lloyd)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March - **Y2** parent consultation (Mrs Lakin, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Barker)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March - **Y3** parent consultation (Miss Burrows and Mr Raybould)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March - **Y4** Parent consultation (Mr Wood and Mrs Bowen)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - **Y6** parent consultation (Miss Blud and Mrs Langham)

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March - **Y5** parent consultation (Mr Williams and Mr Tagg)

**Dates for your diary** - we will be entering these dates onto the diary on our website. 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
pm 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Y2	Swimming begins
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5	Professor McGinty, historian working in school
pm 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4	<b>Internet Safety Week</b> - computing parents workshop
3.30pm 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6	Arthog meeting for parents
am 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Base 5	Parents invited in to join a maths lesson
am 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Base 6	Parents invited in to join a maths lesson
pm 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y2	Maths workshop for parents
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Invited pupils	Mad Hatter's Tea Party
9.00am and 5.00pm 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6	SATs workshop for parents and carers of Y6 pupils

Half term Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
Last day of the Spring term Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

