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## Newsletter - February 2015



### *Well done*

As a school we have achieved the **Woodland Trust Gold Award** for the work we do with our school grounds. The award recognises the work of the forest school, how we recycle materials, our Eco gardens and the tree planting carried out in the school grounds.

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

### *Welcome back*

We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Bowen, Y6 teacher, who will be starting back to work after the half term holiday. This will be a phased return following her recovery from an operation, to ensure that she settles back into all the routines. This means that Mrs Halsey will be finishing in her post as Y6 teacher. Mrs Halsey has offered to support with Mrs Bowen's phase return. I would like to thank Mrs Halsey who delayed moving away to be with her family at Christmas in order to support the children in base 13.

### *Internet Safety and Cyberbullying*

This week is National Internet Safety Week. This week we have planned a number of assemblies where we will be reminding children about our Anti-bullying Charter and warning children about the dangers of Cyberbullying. Parents may think that this does not affect primary age children. As a school we have had to follow up a number of situations where parents have alerted us to inappropriate conversations between children through social media sites.

Children in Y3 will be working with a theatre group on the theme of "Sticks and Stones". Last week we invited parents into school to look at ways they can keep their children safe on-line.

In addition to the newsletter we are sending to you

- The Department of Education "Anti - Bullying Handbook for Parents/Guardians".
- Our E- Awareness Policy that we are asking all parents to go through with their children and to **return a signed copy to school**.

Parents can also view our Behaviour Policy and Anti - bullying Policy on our school website under Policies in the parents and carers section.

Staff and Governors have all signed our newly developed Social Networking Policy.

### ***New Curriculum***

#### ***SEND***

There have been many changes to the school curriculum from September 2014. There is now a new Code of Practice for children identified as having a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND). Advice about these changes can be found on the school website.

#### ***The content of the school curriculum***

Expectations have increased for children in all year groups in literacy and mathematics. Children now cover different aspects of work in Science, History and Geography. A break down of the curriculum for each year group can be found on the school website.

#### ***Assessing without levels***

This year schools are being asked to develop a system for assessing children's progress without the use of levels. From September 2015 schools will not be using the terms levels 1 to level 6. The school Senior Leadership Team are working with staff and governors to develop a system for our school. As a school we have strong systems for assessing and tracking children's progress and are often asked to share this with other schools. We are adapting and trailing our current systems in preparation for September and will keep you informed.

### **Health and Safety**

#### ***Arriving in school***

We have had a number of new families arrive in school over the past few weeks. This is just to keep them informed of our procedures in the morning.

Children should arrive in school no earlier than 8.40 a.m. At 8.40 a.m. a member of staff will be on duty in the playground. Once children are on the school

premises, they should remain there to ensure their safety. At 8.45 a.m. the children are welcomed into school. All children enter via the appropriate door from the playground. These doors will then be closed at 9.00 a.m. Any children who arrive after this time will enter through the main office.

### *KS1*

What used to be the KS1 adventure play area is now our bike and scooter area at lunch-times. Children are enjoying this change of activity.

### *Earrings*

For health and safety reasons we ask that children remove their earrings for PE or do not to wear earrings on PE days. Our youngest children are able to do this safely. We ask that if parents/carers are planning to have their child's ears pierced they plan this for the beginning of the summer holidays to allow a 6 week period where the child would need to keep their earrings in. If your child has recently had their ears pierced please write to Mrs Baxter so short term arrangements can be made.

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

It has been good to see parents/carers back in for lunch this term. We are inviting families in on a Friday this term to sample our fish and chip lunch.

Parents of children in Y3/4 - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 12.15pm

Parents of children in Y5/6 - Friday 20<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 12<sup>th</sup> March - Base 9 and 10 (Miss Bull and Mr Wood)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Base 13 and 14 (Mrs Bowen and Miss Blud)

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Base 7 and 8 (Mr Raybould and Miss Buckton)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Base 11 and 12 (Mr Tagg and Mrs Langham)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Base 5 and 6 (Mrs Lakin and Miss Jones)

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
Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> February	All children	Internet safety week and cyberbullying awareness
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3	Theatre group in " Sticks and Stones" - Bullying awareness
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 - base 14	Pizza making at "Frankie and Bennies"
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 - base 13	Pizza making at "Frankie and Bennies"
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Nursery children	A 6 week programme beginning for Birmingham Repertory Theatre working with child in Nursery - Let's pretend.
After school 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 /Y3 - 4.30 - 5.45 Y4 / Y6- 6.00 - 7.30	Valentine's Disco
Week beginning 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	All children	Book fair all week to link with "World Book Day"
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y3	Visit to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
10 <sup>th</sup> March	4 children invited from each base	Behaviour reward - Mad Hatter's Tea Party
am 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 base 6	Parents invited into school to your child's mathematics lesson
am 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 base 5	Parents invited into school to your child's mathematics lesson
pm 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2	Parents mathematics workshop
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4	Children working in the "Cooking Bus"
pm 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5	Careers convention at the International centre at Telford Town Centre
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 parents	<b>9.15 am</b> - SATs information sessions for parents/carers of children in Y6 <b>5.00 pm</b> repeat session
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y6	Residential visit to Arthog Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Wales

Half term - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Easter holidays - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015

PD day Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015

