24th February, 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our February newsletter, which contains a number of important dates and events that you might want to take note of and remember. Should you mislay your copy, you will be able to find an electronic version on the school website.

Christmas Performances

We would like to thank you all again for joining us for our Christmas Performances. The proceeds of

£726.00 from the sale of the tickets will be donated to a range of charities suggested by the children.

World Book Day

World Book Day will be celebrated in school on Friday, 3rd March, 2017 (see previous communication for details). Every child will receive their £1 book token which can be used to buy one of the specially produced books or towards any book worth £2.99 or more.

Writing Week and Celebration Event

The final week of last half term was school’s writing week, during which all the children in the school wrote texts using the theme of ‘Through the Door’. Brilliant writing was produced across the whole school, and the celebration event at the end of the week was extremely well attended. Many thanks for your patience waiting in the queue to get into school; I’m sure you felt the displays were worth it!

E-Safety Day

Writing week also incorporated an E-Safety Day during which the newly appointed team of ‘Digital Leaders’ (children from within the school) hosted sessions on internet safety for children throughout the school. All children in the school attended one of these sessions. One of the digital leaders said ‘My class thanked me for running such a good session’.

Class/Group Photographs

Would you please note that class and group photographs (groups being, for example, music groups and sport teams) will be taken on Tuesday 25th April, 2017.

SATs

This year’s SATs for Y6 pupils take place during the week commencing Monday 8th May, 2017 through to Friday 12th May, 2017.

Y1 Phonics Screening (and re-tests for Y2 children who fell short in Y1)

The Y1 Phonics Screening Tests will take place during the week beginning Monday 12th June, 2017.

P D Days

Would you please note that the school will be closed on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th June 2017 for staff training.

Free School Meals

Could we please, once again, encourage any parents who think they may be eligible for Free School Meals to claim them as it generates a great deal of funding for the school. Please note that children are not identified in any way as being in receipt of Free School Meals. For further information please contact the school office.

Dogs

Could we also remind that dogs, whether on a lead or carried, are not allowed on the school premises. Only guide dogs are an exception to the rule. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Car Park

We would like to remind you of the following:

•The school car park is for staff and visitors only.

•Parents are not allowed to use the car park unless: they are dropping children off for breakfast club before 8.15 am, there has been an emergency during the school day and a child needs collecting, or a prior arrangement has been made with the school.

Whilst the vast majority of parents adhere to these rules, we still have a small minority who are ignoring them. We do ask for your cooperation and support regarding this matter.

We have also received complaints from members of the community regarding inconsiderate parking at drop-off and pick-up times. Please read and attend to the information in the HBC advice sheet on school gate parking which is being sent home with this newsletter.

Dates

3rd March World Book Day celebration

13th – 17th March Science Week (Celebration Event for Parents -17th March, 3.30-4.30pm)

27th March Parental Consultation Session (3.40-5.30pm)

29th March Parental Consultation Session (5.00-7.30pm)

10th April – 21st April Easter Holiday – School closed

10th & 11th April Y6 Easter School

24th April School re-opens

25th April Class and Group Photos

Monday 1st May Bank Holiday – School closed

8th – 12th May Y6 SAT week

May 2017 Y2 SATs & assessment period

29th May – 2nd June Half Term Holiday – School closed

5th June School re-opens

12th – 16th June Y1 Phonics screening test week

27th June Summer Discos (EY/KS1: 4.15-5.30pm KS2: 5.45-7.15pm)

29th June & 30th June P D Days – School closed

21st July Last day of term – School closes at 3.20pm

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher