13th February, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our February newsletter, which contains some important information, along with a number of dates and events that you might want to note down. Remember that if 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, and for so many good wishes and positive comments about them. The proceeds of £1,123.00 from the sale of the show tickets and raffle tickets will be used to benefit the children of the school.

Donations to Charities

The school has participated in a number of charity events so far this year, the outcomes of which are as follows:

* Children in Need: £479.97
* Hartlepool Food Bank: two contributions, one of tins donated by parents, another of food left over from the Christmas Parties.
* Poppy Appeal in aid of The Royal British Legion: we have not been notified of the amount (the money is collected in sealed containers).
* Christmas Jumper Day in aid of NSPCC: £132.

Many thanks for all your generous contributions.

School Fundraising

The sponsored Zumba fundraising day raised a fantastic £5,599.31 to help fund school initiatives (eg replacing aging IT equipment). This is an absolutely superb effort by the school community; our heartfelt thanks go out to parents and children who have done such a brilliant job in inspiring the community to give so generously, and, of course, to all of you who have made contributions, grateful thanks for such kind generosity. Thanks to Mrs Wilkinson for organising it and running it with her brilliant dancing team.

Many thanks also for attending the Christmas Fair, which was a lovely festive event to kick-start the Christmas period in school. £1,753.32 was raised for school funds, which is another excellent effort. Thanks again for your attendance and generous spending, and to Mrs McCarroll and Mrs Keen for organising the event.

School Book Fair and World Book Day

This year’s Book Fair will take place from Friday 28th February until Wednesday 4th March, and our celebration of ‘World Book Day 2020’ will happen on Friday 6th March. Please see Mrs Keen’s separate information sheet for the fine details.

Class/Group Photographs

Class and group photographs (groups being, for example, music groups and sport teams) will be taken on Thursday 23rd April, 2020.

Safer Internet Day

An excellent whole-school Safer Internet Day has occurred this week (11th Feb), organised by Ms Low and her team of Digital Leaders (many thanks to all of them for their efforts), so we will take this opportunity to remind parents of the importance of monitoring carefully the online activities of your children, and to support them with the steps they need to take to ensure their own safety when using the internet. Thank you.

SATs

This year’s SATs for Y6 pupils take place during the week commencing Monday 11th May, 2020. The Y2 SAT period takes place throughout the month of May.

Y1 Phonics Screening (and re-tests for Y2 children)

The Y1 Phonics Screening Tests will take place during the week beginning Monday 8th June, 2020.

Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

This new test will take place during the three-week period from Mon 8th June to Fri 26th June, 2020.

**Arrangements for the Summer Half-Term Holiday, 2021**

***Please note that our arrangements for the Summer half-term holiday (Whit) will be as follows next year (2021):***

PD day week (school closed) Mon 24th May – Fri 28th May, 2021

Summer Half-Term Holiday (Whit Week) Mon 31st May – Fri 4th June, 2021

In short, **our Whit fortnight in 2021 will be from Mon 24th May to Fri 4th June**.

School re-opens Mon 7th June, 2021

Once again, we very much hope that parents/carers will take the opportunity to use this fortnight for holidays next year, and try their hardest to avoid school time; this way no children will lose any days of schooling to term-time vacations.

Forthcoming Dates

Mon 17th Feb – Fri 21st Feb, 2020 School closed for half-term holiday

Mon 24th Feb School re-opens

Fri 28th Feb – Wed 4th March Book Fair

Fri 6th March World Book Day celebration day

Mon 23rd March Parental Consultation Session (3.40-5.30pm)

Wed 25th March Parental Consultation Session (5.00-7.30pm)

Mon 30th March – Friday 3rd April Science Week

Fri 3rd April Science Week Celebration Event (3.30pm)

Friday 3rd April, 2020 Last day of Spring Term

Mon 6th April – Fri 17th April, 2020 School closed for Easter Holiday

Mon 20th April, 2020 Children return for the start of Summer Term

Thurs 23rd April Class and Group Photos

Fri 8th May Bank Holiday – school closed

Mon 11th – Thurs 14th May Y6 SATs week

May 2019 Y2 SATs & assessment period

Mon 25th May – Fri 5th June, 2020 Half Term Holiday – School closed (fortnight in total)

Mon 8th June, 2020 School re-opens

Mon 8th – Fri 12th June Y1 Phonics screening test week

Mon 8th – Fri 26th June, 2020 Y4 Multiplication Tables test period

Fri 26th June (1.30pm) Sports Day

Tues 30th June Summer Discos (R/KS1: 3.30-4.45pm KS2: 5.00-6.30pm)

Thurs 2nd July Y6 Leavers’ Assembly for parents

Fri 3rd July Y6 Leavers’ Assembly for the school

Mon 6th – Friday 17th July Y6 secondary school transition fortnight (except English Martyrs – one week of transition starting on Mon 6th July, and both Manor Academy’s and Dyke House Academy’s fortnight finishes on Thurs 16th July)

Mon 20th July, 2020 Last day of Summer Term – school closes at 3.20pm

Tues 1st September, 2020 First day of Autumn Term, 2020-2021

Yours sincerely,

Mr C.P. Cornforth

Headteacher