



Newsletter Newsletter

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Welcome back everyone; this is the first Newsletter of the New Year.

We all had a fantastic break over the Christmas period and have returned to school with a positive attitude, ready to work.

PANTOMIME

We started off the year by attending a fabulous travelling Pantomime (Jack and The Beanstalk) at the Church Hall...oh NO we didn't...oh YES we

most certainly did! The children thoroughly enjoyed it and it was a brilliant start to the New Year.

We are almost at the end of our first half term and have another very busy one ahead!

YOUNG VOICES

Miss Neal and her choir went along to Sheffield arena to take part in the Young Voices performance. Following many months of learning and practising many songs and dances our 32 children joined 5 thousand other children to put on a fantastic show.

READY STEADY READ

The children had a fabulous day on our launch of the Ready Steady Read scheme.

Please encourage your children to read at home as often as possible and if you can, please sponsor them to help raise money to buy new books for school.



COSTCUTTER OPENING

Miss Neal and the choir were invited to sing at the Grand opening of the new Cost Cutter. They sang a number of songs including "The Cost Cutter song" which the children had adapted by changing the words of a well-known pop song. They also met Dickie Bird and came away with lots of freebies!



SCHOOL EVENTS

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th February is "Safer Internet Day" please access the link below for your information on how to keep your children safe on the internet.

http://esafetyoffice.co.uk/Resources/Letter_SID_2017.pdf

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

February is Attendance Awareness month. We had some visitors in school last Friday to do an assembly on the importance of good attendance.

Every child who has 100% attendance and is here on time every day this month will receive special stickers and a reward at the end of the month.

The race is now on to see which class has the best attendance and will be our "Attendance Champions" this month!

Year 6 Booster classes

Monday- Maths

Tuesday- Literacy

We will be starting booster classes following the February holiday until Sats tests in May. These extra classes after school will be extremely beneficial to all the children and will help them reach their true potential in their tests. Please encourage your child to attend.

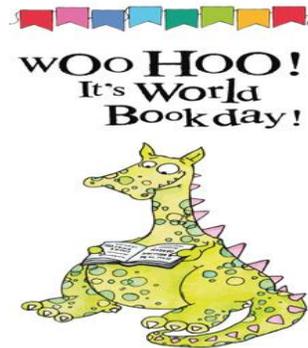
Letters will be sent out to the Year 6 children with further details.

The tests take place week commencing 8th May.

It is vital that all the children are in school every day between now and the tests so that they do not miss out on essential learning.

Please DO NOT take your child out of school for a family holiday on the run up or during the period of the Sats tests.

WORLD BOOK DAY



FRIDAY 3rd MARCH

We are taking part once again in "World Book Day" and our theme this year is "BEDTIME STORIES".

We ask that all staff and children wear their Pyjamas or Onesies to

school and also bring their favourite Teddy and bedtime story book.



TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

The Nursery children will be joining in our dress up day and they will also be holding a "Teddy bears picnic" during both sessions. Please make sure the children bring their Teddies!

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

Once again we will be holding our Mother's Day service here in school on **Friday 24th March. (Time to be confirmed)**

RED NOSE DAY

We will be joining in with the Comic Relief fundraising event which will take place on **Friday 24th March March.**

Orders are now being taken to purchase some Red noses at a cost of £1 each orders and payment have to be in by this Friday.

The children started off the new school year looking wonderful in their uniforms however; some children have lost their ties.

The children do need to be wearing a tie as it is part of the uniform.

These are now available to order from our uniform supplier at a cost of £3. Order forms can be collected from the school office.

Another area of school uniform which is also becoming a little lapsed is footwear. The children should be wearing **BLACK SCHOOL SHOES.** There are lots of children who are wearing trainers for school. These are **NOT** school uniform.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS IN ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING BROUGHT TO SCHOOL. It is not staff's responsibility to go looking for lost, misplaced uniform. Your child needs to be responsible for their own.

Warm winter coats

Not all children are coming to school wearing a coat. It has been freezing recently and they really do need to be wearing one which is warm and suitable for school. Please make sure

your child leaves home on a morning wearing their coat.

Cough sweets

Only allow your child to bring cough sweets to school if absolutely necessary and please only give them 2 or 3 sweets which have to be given to their class teachers for safe keeping. The reason for this request is that some children have been sharing them with their friends and staff may not be aware of any allergies.

PARENTS APPROACHING THE SCHOOL FENCE

Once again I need to request that parents **DO NOT** approach the fence and encourage the children to come over to them particularly at lunchtime. In order to keep your children safe we do not allow them to approach the exterior fencing however, some parents are calling their children over to them.

When bringing your children to afternoon Nursery can you please drop off and then leave promptly so that the children on the playground are not tempted to approach the fence.

SNOWY WEATHER

We have been very lucky so far not to have had any snow.

However, if the snow does arrive, and I do have to close school the decision will not be taken lightly. I have to consider the safety of all children and staff and unfortunately, as many of our staff and children travel from far afield this may be unavoidable.

When school is going to be closed due to exceptional circumstances, **parents will now be notified using our "Call Parent" texting service.**

Dearne FM are also informed and will put regular updates on the radio and on their website.

If the snow arrives unexpectedly whilst we are in school then all parents will receive a text or telephone call to collect their children.

Therefore it is vital that we have up to date contact numbers.

If you have changed any contact numbers please give updated ones to the office staff as soon as possible.

Breakfast

There are still an increasing amount of children who arrive at school not having had breakfast; some of them have not eaten since teatime the day before.

These children find it really difficult to concentrate and therefore they are not learning.

Please try to ensure your children has some breakfast before coming to school even if it's just a slice of toast and a drink it will help them to have a good start to the day.

Alternatively please encourage your child to have a "Playground Bagel" which are free and can be collected from the Year 2 classroom door every morning.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Come along to our Breakfast Club -
Daily, Weekly or Monthly.

The club will be run by familiar staff members; Mrs Copley and Mrs Fenwick and Miss Wilmott.

Miss Guest will hold a "Wake up, Shake up" session every Thursday morning.

Different activities will take place daily and Breakfast will be provided.

There will be opportunity to complete your homework too!

The Breakfast Club is not only fun, it is also an opportunity to socialise with your friends before the start of school.

There will be weekly competitions and awards presented.

The club will be open daily at 8am.

This is the timetable for activities:

Monday: Homework Club

Tuesday: iPads

Wednesday: Puzzles

Thursday: Wake Up Shake Up

Friday: Games

Prices (to cover the cost of child care) to be paid in advance:

£2 per day

£8 per week

£30 per month

For any more information please see Mrs Wilkinson in the school office.

We will be offering some **FREE** sessions at Breakfast Club shortly so watch out to see if your child has been selected to attend!

BREAKFAST CLUB IS OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN IN SCHOOL INCLUDING NURSERY

VALUES

Each month we will be focussing on a particular VALUE with the children.

This month our focus is on **LOVE**.



LOVE is patient
is kind
it does not envy
it does not boast
it is not proud
it is not rude
it is not self-seeking
it is not easily angered
keeps no record of wrongs
does not delight in evil
rejoices with the truth
always protects
always trusts
always hopes
always perseveres
never fails

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 20th - Friday 24th February

Monday 10th April – Friday 21st April

Monday 1st May – May Day

Monday 29th May– Friday 2nd June

Monday 24th July- Friday 1st September

(Additional Inset days for return in September will be confirmed later).

AND FINALLY...

I would like to remind you all that

SCHOOL CLOSSES ON THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY (Friday is a teacher training day)

AND OPENS AGAIN

on

MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY

I would like to wish you all a safe and restful break.

Additional photos can be seen on our school website.

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PHOTO GALLERY FROM READY STEADY READ DRESS UP DAY

