



24th May 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

We break up today for the half term holiday, returning to school on Monday 3rd June. There are a number of half term activities taking place around Leeds including 'Clutter Critters' at Temple Newsam. I looked on the website and found the following information – This half term go on a beastly trail, be inspired by our fantastical creatures then make your own unicorn, monster or more from recycled materials.



In Leeds at the City Museum (Millennium Square) there is an **exhibition of stories** by Michael Morpurgo who is the author of 'War Horse' and many other famous stories. I really want to go to this myself!

Finally you may have received some information in book bags about a **family activity day** at Chapel FM. This takes place on the 31st of May and is only £1 to attend. Please look at their website for more details as they have many exciting activities on offer for all age groups and don't forget it's close enough to walk!

<https://www.chapelfm.co.uk/education-training/courses/2019/05/family-day-2-3-2/>



Those of you who were in assembly this morning will have seen the large number of certificates handed out for attendance, Y3 were the winning class with 16 children earning a certificate for being at school, on time, every day this half term. At this time of year we start to notice a pattern in attendance of some children who regularly miss Fridays or Mondays and in some cases both. We also notice a pattern of siblings who are both ill regularly on the same days. This is because families are having long weekends at the caravan or similar. Whilst we appreciate that time spent together as a family is important I

would urge you to remember that good school attendance is crucial to children making good progress, children do miss out by being off school. Mrs Taylor is currently reviewing attendance patterns and is looking at those children and families whose attendance needs to be monitored more closely – please ensure this is not your child.

Yesterday the nursery staff visited the 'Scrap Store' in Farsley to purchase some materials for the outdoor area in Early Years. Resources they'd really like are plastic drain pipes and tubes for the children to use in water play, as musical instruments and to drive small vehicles through. Does anyone have any of these or perhaps you know a roofing contractor who would be willing to donate scrap materials to us?



Have a fantastic week with the younger members of Team GD.

Miss Hill