



February Newsletter 2019

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It's hard to believe we are already half-way through this school year!

We end our half-term this week by saying 'thank you' to our very talented children in Years 3, 4 & 5 who put on a fantastic musical production 'Dancing through the Decades.' Over 170 children took part in singing songs from the 1970s to present day, and performing a variety of iconic dance routines. A huge thank you to parents too, as both performances were a sell out - such a wonderful celebration of the arts in our school!

Since September we have invited parents, grandparents and family members to 27 parent sessions to share learning with the children in English and Maths, and through Enterprise events. These have all been well attended and we are looking forward to continuing to invite you to these during the spring and summer terms. Thank you to every parent, relative or family friend who has attended these sessions; the children love being able to share their learning with you.

### **E-Safety**

We are aware that an increasing number of children now have easy access to the internet, and many are accessing some sort of social media, through Xbox, messaging apps etc. and understand how hard it can be to monitor the use of these. We have approached the Local Authority to provide an information session for parents and I will provide further details of this when a date is arranged. We ensure that e-safety is embedded in all our computing lessons and that the children are taught about the possible risks posed by the internet and solutions to these. In school, the children are encouraged to use the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) reporting system, which they can access through a link on our school website.

### **Gardening Volunteers wanted!**

As spring is fast approaching, we are looking for a few adult volunteers to assist Mr Wilson on the mornings of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, and Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> March to help with clearing and weeding, laying bark and assisting with the willow sculptures we have in both F1 and the wildlife area. If you are willing and able, please contact the school office asap. Please note that this is not a family learning activity, on this occasion - it is to assist Mr Wilson.

### **Compulsory Assessments**

Reminder - All children (Y1 to Y6) in school will be assessed in core subjects throughout May and it is essential that they attend school during this period.

**Year 6 SATs** will take place week commencing Monday 13th May 2019. Year 6 tests are compulsory and are essential, both in terms of monitoring your child's progress and in ensuring a smooth transfer to their secondary education.

**Year One Phonics testing** will take place week commencing Monday 10th June 2019.

### **Phonics Workshop for Parents**

Mrs Westron will be holding two phonics workshops, for parents of children in Year 1, on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 9am and 2.45pm - more details to follow after the holiday.

### **Staffing**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March we will be saying farewell to Miss Scales in Year One as she starts her maternity leave and welcome Miss Spree to the teaching team. We are all excited to hear about Miss Scales' baby news!

We are looking to extend our 'supply cover' for our midday supervisor team, who can cover in cases of illness etc. If you are interested, or know someone who would be, please speak to the school office for further information.

### **School Councils Updates**

**The Sports Council** have been working with class councils to ascertain which lunchtime activities and after school clubs they would like to be offered for the rest of the school year.

**The School Council** have led many events so far this year, to raise money for a number of charities. They are also excited to have been invited to take part in a new project called 'Your Voice' and they will be working with other school councils in Doncaster to have their voice heard.

**The Eco Council** have been investigating which ecological issues are close to the hearts of our pupils, and they have identified litter and reducing plastic waste. As a result, we are looking into taking part in the *Great Big School Clean* taking place in March and April as well as investigating how we can reduce plastic waste at home and at school.

**The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors** have been designing a presentation for KS2 pupils to explore what bullying is, and what can be done to prevent bullying, and they are going to be delivering this to KS2 classes next half term.

### **World Book Day**

To celebrate World Book Day we will be taking part in a 'Warmsworth Readathon', which will be launched in school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February and culminate on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March in our celebration event. On the 8<sup>th</sup> March, we will be undertaking a series of events to promote reading, and to prepare for this, we would like your child to select a book which they would like to share in school.

### **Contact Details**

To support us in being able to contact you in an emergency and remain GDPR compliant, please inform the school office of any change in address and/or contact numbers asap.

**Have a very enjoyable break with the children  
School re-opens on Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 8:50am**