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January Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We are well and truly into the new term now and children are working hard on this term's curriculum.

School Uniform

It has been pleasing to note that since a drive to improve consistency in uniform standards at the school there has been a marked improvement.

Just to remind parents that in September the school agreed to turn a blind eye to the trainer style shoes that some boys were wearing but that it was expected that school shoes would replace these once children had grown out of them or it was time to buy new footwear. Children may bring trainers into school to change into at break times and in fact they are encouraged to do so - this helps us to keep classrooms clean and protects shoes from scuffs etc.

Please also note that the school's uniform policy states that children should wear school shoes and that this does not include boots for either boys or girls. Children may walk to school in these but must change into shoes once inside the classroom. Again, boots may be worn outside at break times.

At last term's Parent Partnership meeting, parents discussed the difficulties around trying to find navy blue tracksuits for their children. In response to this, the school has decided to implement a few small changes to the PE kit from September 2017 which will be compulsory from September (* indicate changes):

Indoor PE kit should consist of:-

*Scotts white round neck t-shirt

Plain black shorts

Black plimsolls for infants, black plimsolls or white/black indoor trainers for juniors

Outdoor kit:-

Scotts green tracksuit

OR

*Scotts black fleece tracksuit -NEW available to buy now from Havering Schoolwear - see school website for details (changed from plain navy blue tracksuit)

Trainers (white/black in colour)

*Juniors only - shin pads and black football socks, compulsory from September

Chair of Governors

Unfortunately due to work commitments, Mr Glenn Stephenson, Chair of Governors, had to resign from the governing body at the end of last term. Dr McLaren, Vice Chairman, has taken on this role temporarily until a new Chair is appointed at the Full Governing Body Meeting to be held in March. Mr Stephenson has been chair at this school for just over two years but has been committed to the school as a member of the governing body and FOSA for nine years contributing significantly to the school during this time. In his role as Chair, Mr Stephenson has not only provided much support to the staff here at Scotts, but has established a new governing body and seen the school through its expansion. I am sure you are with me in thanking Mr Stephenson for all his hard work during this time and we wish him well for the future.

Parent Partnership Group meeting

Please be advised that the next parent Partnership meeting will be held on Friday 24th February at 9am. Items on the agenda will include: the school's marking policy and pupil assessment. It would be helpful if as many parents could attend as possible as the school really does appreciate the input of parents. It is also an effective way for parents to learn about the school and be involved in future planning. Please email or telephone the school office if you are able to attend.

SATs meeting

Please be advised that the date for the Year 6 SATs meeting for parents will be held on Thursday 9th February at 6.30pm. There will be two revision books on sale during the evening: Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Mathematics at a cost of £2.50 each.

Sports at Scotts

Please see the school website for details of recent sporting achievements <http://www.scotts.havering.sch.uk/statutory-information/sports>. Please also look at this week's Romford Recorder as there should be an article about a team of pupils who recently took part in a Boccia Competition.

Open door Thursdays

Please remember that the first Thursday of each month is open door at the school. This means that parents are welcome to drop in to see the teacher to talk about any issues that are of a concern. Of course, parents may make contact with teachers via the school office at other times and parents' evenings are also held once per term for discussions around progress. The open door sessions are to discuss any other issues that parents need to bring to the teacher's attention.

Additional Dates for Your Diary:

Thursday 26 th January	Reception Willow Dad's & Grandad's Space morning @ 9am Y5 & Y6 Rotary Quiz at Broadford Primary School School Nurse Drop-in Session from 3pm
Thursday 2 nd February	FoSA Cake Sale 3.15pm - school hall
Friday 3 rd February	Year 2T Class Assembly @ 9:15am.
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day Parent Online Safety Meeting 3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 8 th February	Girls 6 a side Football Competition - details to follow
Thursday 9 th February	Y1 Coronation Assembly @ 2pm Y6 SAT's Meeting @ 6:30pm
Friday 10 th February	Y4 visit to Colchester Castle FoSA Coffee Morning - details to follow
Monday 13 th February-	
Friday 17 th February	Half Term - School Closed
Monday 20 th February	Children return to school
Thursday 23 rd February	Able Writers' Day (Y5 & Y6)-visiting author and pupils from local primary schools
Friday 24 th February	Parent Partnership Meeting @ 9am.
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day- more details to follow
Friday 3 rd March	Y1H Class Assembly @ 9:15am - details to follow

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Taylor
(Head Teacher)

