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Happy New Year 2017

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Dates for your diary

- * February Half term Holiday 20th-24th February 2017.
- * Monday 27th February INSET Day.
- * Wednesday 1st March 2017 Parent's Evening.
- * Friday 3rd March 2017 Open Day.
- * Friday 24th March 2017 Comic Relief .
- * Y6 SATs week is on **8th May-11th May 2017**
- * Friday 26th May 2017—Inset
- * Monday 5th June 2017—Inset

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and are enjoying the new year! The children arrived back at school on Tuesday after the Bank Holiday weekend very excited and eager to start the new calendar year.

The last half term was extremely busy but went so well. It really is a lovely time to spend in school. I hope you enjoyed the Nativity plays in Early Years and Key Stage 1. The Key Stage 2 music performance was fantastic with opportunities for children to show off their individual skills as well as the staff showing off their singing and dance moves! The pantomime was a

fantastic experience for all of the children and was well organised by Miss Walden. We will be introducing some improvements this half term for collecting children after school and for collecting children after trips as it was a little hectic when we returned to school after the visit.

The visit to the Church on the final Friday was again well received. Father Pay praised our children and their impeccable behaviour.

We are now focused on a busy half term. A half term where we have children learning about road safety, visits to Austerfield and a visit

from an athlete that represented Great Britain in the most recent Invictus Games.

The staff will also be working hard in class to ensure that children continue to make good progress in preparation to feedback at the next Parent's Evening in March.

Thank you for the many compliments that we have received this academic year. It means a lot. For those of you that have raised concerns; I hope you are feeling confident that the school is working hard to support your children.

Mr. David Richardson
Head Teacher

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Amazing Young Leaders

The Junior Leadership Team is a group of KS2 pupils that represent the views of pupils in school. They meet each week after school with Miss Lumley and Miss Brownson. At their meetings they discuss issues in school, they have

completed pupil surveys and have planned fundraising events. Recently they attended a meeting with Friends of Sunnyfields to ask for funds to purchase extra equipment for break times. They also organised a shoe

box food collection which saw lots of food donated to a local food bank.



Friends of Sunnyfields

Friends of Sunnyfields would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported or donated anything for the Christmas Fayre. It was a resounding success and we raised a fabulous £1022. We also raised over £200 from the raffle.

This helped to contribute towards the coaches for the pantomime trip and the very special visit from the reindeer. I am sure you will agree that both of these were thoroughly enjoyed by the children.



We would also like to let you know that we now have a Facebook page which can be found by searching for Friends of Sunnyfields and you will recognise the profile picture from the schools website. We intend to keep you informed of any Friends of Sunnyfields events taking place but

you can also let us know any fundraising ideas you may have through the page as well. The next meeting will be arranged shortly and the date and time will be posted on Twitter, Facebook and will go out via text message.

It would be fantastic to see some new faces and if you would like to help with any future events but cannot attend the meetings, please let the office know or get in touch with us through Facebook. Once again a huge thank you for all your support during the Autumn Term.

A busy half term for the governors



Martin Hobbs
Chair of Governors

As the Chair person of the Governing Body, I spend a lot of time in school working alongside Mr. Richardson and the leadership team. I have been part of the governing body for many years now and have seen first hand the improvements made.

I am the governor that is responsible for the safeguarding of children. I am also responsible for health and safety in school. This is an area that I am experienced in as it links to what I used to do before retiring.

Last term, I visited the school to complete several health and safety walks to check the fabric of the building. I have also spent time in school checking the Single Central

Record. The SCR is a record of all the staff and volunteers (including governors) that work at Sunnyfields. It evidences that the school has made the statutory checks to ensure that staff have criminal record checks and are suitably qualified to work with children.



Julie Hides
SEND Governor
Leopard Class Governor

On 30th November, Miss Walden and I took part in a Special Educational Needs (SEN) learning walk. We observed SEN children in Key Stage 2 and how they are supported in class. We observed some particularly good practice from a Teaching Assistant leading a small group maths activity. Feedback and

recommendations were given to staff during the weekly staff meeting.

Full Governing Body

Our governors have met twice during the second Autumn Half Term. On the first occasion the governors met for the full board meeting. At this meeting school improvement is reviewed with particular attention made to the quality of teaching, pupil progress, behaviour, safety and leadership of the school. The second meeting involved committee members from the Standards and Effectiveness Committee. This group of governors is focused on holding the school to account in terms of pupil progress and pupil attainment and is chaired by Gaynor Bellamy (parent governor). Time was spent at this meeting reviewing the outcomes for the last academic year that were published in November, reviewing current pupil performance, reviewing the school's targets.& pupil premium funding.

Collecting children from school

Collection of children at 3:30pm

We have spent a lot of time looking at collection times in school and listening to feedback from parents, in order to ensure that all steps are taken to keep children safe.

At present children who are taught in the two storey block and in the Upper Key Stage 2 block are met at the school gates by parents and carers. This is causing several problems. The first is that the pavement space is taken up by parents waiting to collect children which results in children walking on the road and parents walking with pushchairs using the road. The second is that it is not always easy to see which relative is collecting a child from where the staff hand over children.

Children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 should always be collected by parents or carers. Although there is no minimum age for Key Stage 2 children walking home by themselves, we feel that children are not sufficiently mature enough to walk home by themselves until Year 5.

To ensure that all of our pupils are safe we will be introducing the same collection system in upper school as is the case in lower school, where children are collected from the playground areas.

The school gates that lead onto the upper playground will be unlocked at 3:20pm. Parents and carers are invited to then wait on the main playground to meet children as is the case during morning drop off.

The class teachers will bring all children in Kangaroo, Puma, Leopard, Jaguar, Panther, Tiger and Lion classes on to the playground where the children will be dismissed to parents or carers.

This will ensure that children leave safely without the risk of stepping out into the road and into oncoming traffic. It should also make it a little easier for parents who collect children from Meerkat, Zebra, Crocodile and Giraffe Class and then siblings from other classes, as the staff will be able to see you from the top playground.

We will be starting this new system from Monday 9th January 2017.

School visits that return to school after hours

On occasions where children return to school after school hours, children will be taken to their own classrooms and parents invited to collect children from the classroom doors.



School Clubs

Clubs will start again from Monday 9th January 2017. **All** children must be collected from the main entrance (under the canopy) at the end of the club. Children **WILL NOT** be allowed to walk home by themselves in the dark. Once we return to lighter nights the staff will give parents the option for older children to be collected from school or to walk home by themselves.

The Sporting Success Continues...

We are so proud of the extra-curricular clubs that are on offer at Sunnyfields. Mr. MacConnachie has worked hard to ensure that children at Sunnyfields get the opportunity to compete in events beyond the school. In the Autumn Term the Y5/6 football team played at home and away against Saltersgate Junior School. The home fixture saw some successful results while the away fixture highlighted a little more work

to be done in the team. However, all children represented the school well.

The Cross Country Team has also been in action as they represented the school in a fixture at the Keepmoat Stadium. The school fielded teams in the boys Y3/4 and 5/6 category and girls teams in the Y3/4 and Y5/6 category. Again all of children worked really hard with the Y5/6 girls team securing a superb

overall points score that will see them compete in the South Yorkshire Schools Cross Country Finals.



We really appreciate the support of the staff and parents in making these events a success.