

Headteacher: Mrs L Slocombe

<http://www.radstockprimary.org.uk>

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that, by now, you have had chance to have a look at our new school website and like the changes that we have made. We will be adding to the website over the next few weeks, as well as launching an app which will allow us to send notifications to you. We are currently working with Google to add the new website to Google's search engine, so please bear with us whilst this process takes place. If you have any feedback regarding the website, please come and have a chat with me on the playground or send us an e-mail via the school office. In addition, please let one of our Parent representatives from the Parent Forum know – please see below for further information.

Car Parking



I have received a number of complaints from parents and local residents about the parking at drop-off and pick-up times around the school recently. Parents have been parking across more than one space, blocking other parents and staff in, parking on the zebra crossing and on double yellow lines. Please can I remind you to park considerately, ensuring that you are not endangering others and you are respecting the rules of the road. Please also park considerately for the local residents who live close by to the school. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Week



We will be doing some work on celebrating our uniqueness and discussing our differences as part of Anti-Bullying week, starting on **Monday 13th November**. To help children understand how important it is that everyone is equal, regardless of our differences, we are asking everyone to wear odd socks for the day on the Monday. The socks don't need to be fashionable; they just need to not match with each other! For girls who may be wear tights now that it is turning colder, they will be able, if they wish, to wear odd socks over their tights. We are not asking for any money; it is simply an opportunity to celebrate our uniqueness! I hope the children will enjoy wearing odd socks and begin to acknowledge their individuality.

House Boccia and Kurling Competition



All pupils, before the half term, got to take part in our House Boccia and Kurling competition. Boccia and Kurling are great sports for everyone to try and the pupils, from Nursery all the way through to Year 6 enjoyed playing and cheering each other on. It was a close call, but well done to **Simmonds** who won the competition overall. **Farrah** came second, **Weir** came third and **Ennis** were in fourth place. House tokens will be awarded to the different House Captains in Monday's assembly. A big thank you to Mrs Sutton and all the staff who helped to organise and run the tournament!

Choc 'n' Bottle Challenge



Well done to pupils and parents of 5PT and 1PS who won the Choc 'n' Bottle challenge to bring in prizes for the Christmas Fayre tombola! The pupils have won a non-uniform day – the date will be decided by the class teachers and they will let you know in due course.

Informal drop-in



It was lovely to see many of you at the Informal drop-in before the half term having the opportunity to have a look through your child's books with them. I hope you enjoyed it. You will be able to look through your child's books at the Parents Evenings next week and we will be holding another informal drop-in after the Christmas holidays.

Parent Forum



It was great to meet some of you at the Parents Forum just before the half term. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, the purpose of the Parents Forum is to help strengthen and improve the relationship between the school and parents; providing you with an outlet to ask questions about aspects of school. The minutes of the meeting have been sent out alongside this newsletter, so please have a read and further information, including the PowerPoint shared at the meeting will soon be available on the school's website. The next Parent Forum will be held on **Wednesday 13th December at 7pm**. We will be focussing on the following areas: Progress Information shared with parents at the Parents' Evenings; School reports; Homework and the new website, so if you have any comments regarding these areas, please speak to one of the members of the parent forum: Mr Brine (Y5 parent); Ms Jadav (Y5 and F1 parent); Ms Avadhanula (Y1 parent); Mr Hill (Y4 and Y1 parent); Ms Didcock (Y6 parent) and Ms Nobels (Y3 and Y5 parent).

End of term dates



Following on from information given in the last newsletter, I want to confirm that the term will end for Christmas on **Tuesday 19th December** at normal time. I am unable to authorise any absence in the last week of term, so please do not plan any holidays in this time.

Representing Radstock



A number of pupils from Key Stage 2 have again represented Radstock in a few sporting events, using the Secrets of Success: Work hard and Don't give up, as well as being great representatives of our school. Well done to Harry B, Harry W, Vera, Isla, Abbie-Louise, Shanzeh, Aylin, Ava, Abigail, Joshua, Evan, Jago, Harris, Rafael and Micah who took part in the Year 3 and 4 Football Festival at Crosfields School. They played a number of matches and enjoyed the experience of winning, losing and drawing games. Well done to Niza, Jake, Mia, Joshua, Heidi, Ruby, James, Kyra, Harry, Katie, Alexander, Daniel, Sajan, Raffaella, Jaimee, Samuel and Aleena who gained experience of playing a number of matches at a School Games Netball Festival. The A team came 4th in the group, but well done to all who took part. They should all be proud of their efforts and achievements.

Attendance



Geraldine, our school Giraffe, is awarded to the class with the highest attendance each week. We aim for **100%** attendance; there is a clear link between strong attendance, high achievement and helping a child's well-being. Here at Radstock, we want all of our pupils to achieve their full potential, which means they need to be in school! Well done to the following classes, who achieved 100% attendance:

Date	Class	Attendance
13.10.17	5PT 6GL	100%
20.10.17	2AM	100%

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Lou Slocombe
Headteacher

Diary Dates 2017 – 2018

Week	Day	Date	Event	Time	Location
AUTUMN TERM					
9	Monday	06.11.17	Y5 to Winchester		
	Tuesday	07.11.17	PARENTS EVENING		
	Thursday	09.11.17	PARENTS EVENING		
	Friday	10.11.17	FOR Disco – KS2		Hall
10	Monday	13.11.17	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK – Wear odd socks on the Monday!		
	Tuesday	14.11.17	Flu Vaccinations: F2 – Y4		
	Friday	17.11.17	Children in Need – Children to wear something spotty and pay £1		
	Wednesday	22.11.17	Open morning for prospective parents		
	Friday	24.11.17	FOR Christmas Pamper Evening		
	Wednesday	06.12.17	Open morning to prospective parents Parents Forum	Am 7pm	
	Friday	08.12.17	FOR Christmas Fayre		
14	Monday	11.12.17	FS Performance to parents	Am	
	Tuesday	12.12.17	FS Performance to parents Image Theatre Y1 – Y6	Am Pm	
	Thursday	14.12.17	KS1 Performances to parents	2pm 6.30pm	
	Friday	15.12.17	Junior Carol Service	pm	
15	Monday	18.12.17	Thank you coffee and mince pies for parents Carols by Candlelight	10.15am TBC	Hall
	Tuesday	19.12.17	LAST DAY Christmas Jumper day Christmas Dinner Fred in the shed – Foundation	Am	
SPRING TERM					
1	Wednesday	03.01.18	INSET DAY		
	Thursday	04.01.18	Arts Award meeting for Y6 parents	3.45pm	6GL
2	Wednesday	10.01.18	Open morning for prospective parents		
3	Tuesday	16.01.18	Last swimming for 4DB		
4	Tuesday	23.01.18	First swimming – 4JS		
5	Friday	02.02.18	FOR Disco – KS1/UKS2		
	Tuesday	06.02.18	Safer Internet Day		
6	Friday	09.02.18	House Multi-Skills		

HT	Mon – Fri	12.02.18 – 16.02.18	HALF TERM!		
7	Monday	19.02.18	PARENTS EVENING		
	Wednesday	21.02.18	PARENTS EVENING		
8	Wednesday	28.02.18	Rhos Information Evening for Y5 parents	7pm	
	Thursday	01.03.18	World Book Day		
9	Wednesday	07.03.18	KS1 SATS Information Evening KS2 SATS Information Evening	6.30pm 7.30pm	
10	Wednesday	14.03.18	Y3/4 Production	6.30pm	Hall
	Thursday	15.03.18	Y3/4 Production	6.30pm	Hall
	Friday	16.03.18	House KS2 Netball		Hall
11	Wednesday	21.03.18	Y4 to Kingswood		
	Thursday	22.03.18	Y4 in Kingswood		
	Friday	23.03.18	Comic Relief – children wear something red Y4 return from Kingswood		
12	Thursday	29.03.18	Last day of term		