

Information and Reminders

Scooters and Bikes

- We have lots of children coming on bikes and scooters which is great. I have been nagging certain children to walk their scooters on school property for everybody's safety and would like to thank you for your support in reminding the children to walk.

Behaviour

- The term has started well and has been relatively calm. I am pleased to be able to report good behaviour in lessons and no major issues on the playground. There are still some that need reminders on how to resolve their disputes with others and this will always be the case.

Online Safety

- One of our biggest issues is inappropriate conversations that take place outside school whilst children are playing online games, they then come into school and continue these arguments. We will always deal with these, even if they have taken place outside of school.
- It is important that you monitor your child's online activity regularly and constantly talk to them about keeping themselves safe online.
- On Monday 12th November we have organised for an expert in keeping children safe online to come and work with children during the day and then give some advice to parents straight after school.
- I would advise all parents to attend this. It will not be a lecture on what children should or should not be doing but really helpful tips on how to keep them safe in the virtual world. I have a 12 year old and 14 year old daughter and I am very much looking forward to it.

Punctuality in the Morning

- We started the term well but some children have slipped back into arriving after school has started.
- Therefore I will be insisting on children making up the time they are late at lunchtime so that they don't miss out on their learning.

Pick Up After School

- Can I remind you that the school day finishes at 3.15pm. There are still too many parents wishing to take their children out before the end of the day.
- Obviously if there is a good reason such as a doctors appointment or exceptional circumstances then this is fine but I will be asking to see an appointment card or evidence before letting the children go.

Holidays

- A reminder that I cannot authorise a holiday for any reason.
- We have a duty to report term time holidays and this may result in a fine.
- I am sorry about this and I feel your pain. We are all charged extortionate amounts by the holiday companies and it really is not fair.
- I am currently drafting a proposal that might help with this situation. Governors have approved the plan and I am checking with our local schools and the Local Authority that I can go ahead with it and then I will ask for your opinions.

Thank you

Term Time and Holiday Dates 2018/19

- Mon 5th November **INSET day.** Staff off site for training. School closed
 - Christmas Holiday 2018 Finish Fri 21st Dec – Back to school Mon 7th Jan
 - Spring Half term 2019 Finish Fri 15th Feb – Back to school Mon 25th Feb
 - Easter Holiday 2019 Finish Fri 12th Apr – Back to school Mon 29th April
 - Summer Half term 2019 Finish Fri 24th May – Back to school Mon 3rd June
 - Finish for Summer 2019 Fri 19th July
 - Mon 22nd July **INSET day.** School closed.
- There is one more INSET left to arrange

Key dates – Autumn 2018

November

- 6th Individual and family photos
- 8th 2.45pm – KS2 reading workshops in classrooms
- 9th Y3/4 to Conisborough Castle
- 12th Flu Vaccinations
- 12th Tracy Good to deliver online safety advice to children and parents
- 16th Children in Need Topsy Turvy Day and Talent Show
- 23rd Coffee morning to watch Children in Need Talent Show finalists
- 23rd Football team to Staveley for a local school's tournament
- 26th Half price book fair in the school hall
- 26th, 27th, 29th Christmas Craft Club after school
- 28th 4.30pm – Choir to sing at Staveley Cricket Club Christmas Fair
- 30th Decorate Hall for Christmas

December

- 5th Christmas Dinner
- 6th Christmas Film Night
- 11th 2pm - Reception and KS1 Christmas performance
- 12th 10am - Reception and KS1 Christmas performance
- 13th Whole school trip to Mansfield Pantomime
- 18th KS1 Christmas Party, KS2 Christmas Disco – all in school time.
- 19th 2pm & 6pm - KS2 Christmas performances
- 20th 2pm - KS2 Christmas performances for Woodthorpe, Willows & community
- 21st 2pm - Christmas carols around the tree

January

- 7th Back to school
- 11th Young Voices at Sheffield arena
- 21st – 23rd Year 6 residential trip