

# Misson News

## February 2019

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2019, the last 6 weeks seem to have flown by and we now find ourselves at the start of spring.

I have been very pleased with our children this term, as they have adapted to the changes in teachers and other staff very well. As I go round the classrooms, I can see how well the children are concentrating on their work, and enjoying their learning.

Each week in special mentions assembly, I am very impressed by the fantastic work the children have been doing, and hearing about the love of learning and self motivation many of them have. I am sure the many parents who join us for these assemblies each month, will agree.

With a great new staff team and enthusiastic children, there is a purposeful buzz of energy in the school, as we head into the brighter lighter days, which is helping the children make good progress towards their end of year goals.

### Reminders

**Uniform** – A big thank you to all the parents who have supported our uniform policy. Almost all our children have the correct uniform and footwear, and they are looking much smarter. This helps create a sense of working and belonging together. If you have been sent a reminder slip about a missing piece of uniform, or you have noticed some item needs replacing, please could you use the holiday week to ensure all your child's uniform is correct when they return to school

**Parking** – There has been a big improvement in the parking on the school drive, but one or two parents are still parking there. Please can I remind these parents that parking on the school drive is dangerous and could lead to a child being hurt, the couple of minutes saved by not walking up the drive is not worth the risk to our children.

**Parents evening** – Please remember to return your appointment slip asap when we come back to school, as teachers are already quite booked up.

**Class Dojo** – Don't miss out on being able to access this exciting new service, the sooner you return your slip, the sooner you will be able to access information about the things that have been happening in class.

**Swimming** – If your child has received a letter about swimming, please make sure you have read the parent's guide on the website, so your child is properly prepared for their swimming lesson on 26<sup>th</sup> February. The school swimming instructors are very strict at enforcing the rules, and may stop your child swimming if they do not have the correct swimwear.

## Looking Back

Over the term these are some of the things we have been doing:

The first few weeks are usually a little quieter, after all the Christmas events, and this term teachers and children have been getting to know each other and getting stuck into their classwork.

**Rugby tournament** - Thank you to all the Year 6 children represented the school at the Elizabethan Family Rugby Tournament. Despite some transport issues that were out of our control, the children played very well and were only narrowly defeated by the teams coming first and second. The children were an absolute credit to the school, and didn't let the disappointment of the buss turning up late dent their enthusiasm.

## Looking Forward

### **World Book Day**

This takes place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. As usual children can come dressed as a character from a book, but this year we are asking the children to bring in the book from which their character comes, this emphasises the link between dressing up and reading books. If you don't have the book at home, you could borrow it from your local library, or from the class libraries in school.

Also new this year is the invitation for parents to come into school first thing in the morning to read with their child in class. It would be great if parents could bring in a favourite children's book to share and if they would like to dress up as well, then that would be great!

Once parents have dropped their children off at 8.50, the hall will be open where tea and coffee will be served. Once the children have been registered and settled into school, at about 9.15, parents will be invited into their child's classroom where they can listen to their child read, or read to their child. The reading session will end at 9.45 so the children can begin their morning lessons.

### **Red Nose Day**

Misson Primary will be supporting Red Nose Day this year, children can pay a pound to come in non uniform, and if possible wear something red to show their support.

All the staff and I wish you a good half term break, and look forward to seeing you when we return.

Yours sincerely

John Birch