



17th November 2016

Newsletter 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for ensuring that the children all have their coats in school; this has helped at playtimes.

A further request please. Currently, we allow the children to use our play equipment at the end of the school day under parent supervision only. Please ensure that you supervise your children directly; otherwise like most other schools, we will need to withdraw this privilege. Thank you in anticipation.



Y5 are evacuated

Y5 left us to be evacuated to Woodcock's Well last week. They made very realistic evacuees with superb costumes. They had a great day with lots of learning about this key time in our history. The day ended with a rousing wartime sing-song in an air-raid shelter.

KS1 Bonfire

Mr Pickin kindly constructed a bonfire for the KS1 children. They had a wonderful time watching and talking about the fire and used what they saw, heard and smelt as a stimulus for further learning back in the classrooms. The children also enjoyed a chocolate dipped piece of fruit that they had prepared the day before.



Y4 West Park Museum

Y4 travelled over to Macclesfield to West Park museum where they enjoyed an Ancient Egyptian workshop; they handled real artefacts and made papyrus. The staff from the museum running the workshop thought that our children were incredibly well informed and had great knowledge of the period, as well as asking super questions and showing exemplary behaviour. Well done Y4!

Bentley in Y4

As part of our link with Bentley, a group of Bentley staff visited Y4 to deliver a 'Driving Futures' workshop. Apart from all wanting to own a Bentley now, Y4 gained an understanding of the workplace and the skills and aptitudes needed for potential different career paths in their futures.



Staff Development

Miss Taylor and Mrs. Bailey attended a year group specific Literacy course recently. Mrs. Tomkinson and I attended a home office workshop for raising awareness of Prevent – this is safeguarding against radicalisation and extremism. All teachers took part in an INSET training session about developing global education in the curriculum and our teaching assistants took part in an Outstanding Teaching Assistant course.

Parent survey – from Cheshire East

A family ticket for four to see a magical performance of Aladdin is on offer to parents who can give their views on improving access to childcare, such as day nurseries, pre-schools, childminders and out of school clubs. Those who take part will be entered into a free prize draw to win a family ticket for four to see the Christmas panto 'Aladdin' at Crewe's magnificent Lyceum Theatre starring

the legendary comedy duo Cannon and Ball and CBeebies star Sid Sloane.

Survey ends 30 November 2016 and can be accessed on the following:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/csa-parent-2016>

Parking

A plea please: park carefully near schools. Remember to be mindful about whether your vehicle is blocking the sight of drivers and our children; putting our pupils at risk if they need to cross the road. We have asked our PCSO's to patrol when they can. Thank you.



Pupil voice – accelerated reader

Parents/Carers will be aware that we have invested in new books throughout the junior classes and introduced Accelerated Reader, which supports the pupil's comprehension of reading. We are already seeing the impact of this. Mrs Tomkinson conducted a series of pupil interviews last week and the children gave their thoughts about this latest initiative. I thought you may like to hear some of the things they said:

Ben – It has made me realise what books are my level and so I am reading more challenging text which has made me a better reader in general.

Layla – I already read lots at home. Now I enjoy reading more at school because the books are better. Guided reading sessions are quieter as people are more engaged in reading.

Molly – It has made me persevere with books to the end and not just give up.

Sophia – It has made me read more which makes me learn more about the world.

Joseph – It helps me to learn more about authors so that I can read more of their books if I like them.

And Finally

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Faithfully,

Lise Houldsworth
Headteacher

Diary Dates

A list of dates currently in the school diary.

17-11-16 Individual photographs
17-11-16 My World project graduation @ BAE systems
18-11-16 Children in Need – Spotacular Day
23-11-16 Governors – Learning & Teaching
28-11-16 Last week of clubs
30-11-16 Smokebusters – Fire service IN Y5
02-12-16 FOE Christmas fair 5-7pm
07-12-16 Governors - Full
09-12-16 Carol service @ St Mary's – Juniors (details to follow)
13-12-16 Christmas celebration – Infants (details to follow)
19-12-16 Infants Christmas party
20-12-16 Y3/4 Christmas party
23-12-16 Y5/6 Christmas party
23-12-16 School closes

09-01-17 School opens
16-01-17 NSPCC assembly
18-01-17 Governors - Community
18-01-17 E-safety workshop for parents –details to follow
20-01-17 Bentley Be Extraordinary IN Y5
23-01-17 NSPCC workshops with Y5/Y6
15-02-17 Governors – Strategic leadership
16-02-17 Y3 Class assembly 9.15am
17-02-17 School closes

27-02-17 School opens
02-03-17 Book Fair delivered
09-03-17 Y2 class assembly 9.15am
14-03-17 Y4 Standon Bowers
16-03-17 Class photographs
22-03-17 Governors – Learning & Teaching 5pm
23-03-17 Parent/teacher consultations 4-7pm
24-03-17 Y5 class assembly 9.15am
28-03-17 Parent/teacher consultations 3.30-5pm
29-03-17 Full Governors 5pm
31-03-17 Easter service – Juniors 9.15am
31-03-17 School closes