

24th Jan 2019

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holiday, it seems like a very long time ago now. It's certainly nice to see the days drawing out a bit isn't it, however cold it is. School has got off to a good start this term and thank you for your £1 contributions to our non- school uniform day last week.

As we are having a particularly cold spell at the moment can I ask that children's hats and scarves are named please as well as their jumpers. There is a box outside every class which we encourage children to use for these items but we are still being handed items that no one claims. To make it easier for us to give them to the right owners it would help if they were named. Thank you for your help with this.

Multi Media Week

Thank you everyone who was able to attend this morning and sorry we had to turn a few of you away who turned up on the day. This was simply because the activities were planned for a certain number of children and last year some of you felt they were a little crowded. We can plan for more activities in the future if we know well beforehand how many parents will be attending. Thank you for all your comments too. If we get a very big turn-out we can certainly think about having the workshop for a specific age.

Art Fortnight

This is coming up on Monday 4th February. We have already had Steve Porter back in school this term painting new pictures in the hall with the children to go with our projects. We have Bollywood Dancing to look forward to and Art Gallery trips for Years 1 and 2 where the children will be working with another professional artist at Southampton Art Gallery.

Book Week

This year once again we have storyteller and musician from the Caribbean, Winston, visiting us. On Thursday 7th March it is World Book Day and we hope the children will come dressed as a book character.

Parent/teacher/pupil meetings

These meetings will be held after school during the week beginning **Monday 25th March**. Please sign up for an appointment with your child's teacher or ring the office to arrange date and time nearer to that week.

Book Fayre

Books will be on sale in the hall from **Wednesday 20th March** pm until **Tuesday 26th March** pm. We hope you will come and purchase a book with your child between 8.30-9am or 3.30-4pm. The school will receive a percentage of the money taken in free books.

Green Screen Filming

Year Two will have the opportunity to take part in a green screen film this term which will also be very exciting for them. Year One and R will be making their films in the summer term. The theme for the film will be, “Carnival of the Animals”, which will be linked to the children’s project. As part of the home learning next term there will be the opportunity to make a costume for this. As usual if you are able to provide any props this makes the filming even more realistic.

Fund raising

You helped us to raise about £4,000 last term and we are extremely grateful. All our efforts this year are going towards purchasing a canopy for Year One’s outside area which will make a huge difference to the children and the development of this space. Our next fund raising activity is on **Saturday 9th February in the morning for family photos** in the hall. We still have a few spaces left if you would like to have a photograph taken.

The other fund raisers this term will be on Monday 25th March when we would like the children to bring a small gift into school for Mothering Sunday and then on Friday 29th March we hope they will purchase a gift which we will wrap for them. The children can bring money in to school in a sealed envelope on the day and will be able to choose independently. Gifts will be between £1 and £3 in value. This worked really well last year so we hope the children will purchase a gift for mum, grandma or whoever looks after them once again.

We also have another Magic Show and Disco and a cake sale before we break up for Easter.

Parent Helpers

Lastly, please let us know if you would like to help in your child’s class or indeed another class in the school. We are always happy for parents to help with odd jobs around the school and appreciate this very much. If you can volunteer some time it will be necessary for us to undertake a DBS check for you and also make some other enquiries as part of our safeguarding requirement in school.

As you can see, there is a lot to look forward to again this term. Here is a reminder of the dates;

Monday 28th Jan
Monday 4th Feb
Tuesday 5th Feb
Monday 11th Feb

Gym festival for Year One
Year One visit to Southampton Art Gallery
Bollywood Dancers
Year Two visit to Southampton Art Gallery

Monday 4th March
Thursday 7th March
Wednesday 20th March
Week Begin. Monday 25th March
Monday 25th March
27th and 28th March
Friday 29th March
Thursday 4th April
Friday 5th April

Book Week and Winston visiting
World Book Day- Dress up as book character
Books on sale for one week
Parent/ Pupil/ Teacher Meetings
Non School Uniform/ Bring a gift
Green screen filming in Year Two
Buy a gift for Mothering Sunday
Magic Show and Disco
Cake Sale

Yours sincerely

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