

February Newsletter 2016

Dear Parents

We are rapidly heading towards half-term and, as usual, plenty of things have been going on!

APPOINTMENT OF TEACHING ASSISTANT

As most of you are probably aware, we would like to welcome Kirsty Wright as our new Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor.

Kirsty will be assisting KS2 children on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING

Thank you for supporting these important meetings and for taking the extra time we needed to go through the new assessments. It was extremely helpful to us and we hope it helped you understand a little more about what is expected of your children.

BIG BREAKFAST – 20th MARCH 2016

The Support Group agreed the events coming up over the rest of the academic year.

Year 2 parents have met and are well organised for the day. As ever, we will need help on the day. We will also be having a cake sale – please bring home-made cakes. It seems that tea breads, banana loaves and full cakes were the most popular rather than cup cakes. Please advertise the event and encourage family members to come along.

BIG PEDAL – 18th TO 29th APRIL 2016

Last year 1.4 million journeys were made on 2 wheels during this Active Travel Week (scooters or bicycle). We would like to be part of it this year. During the week we will record the number of journeys each day. Children will receive stickers for joining in. Year 6 children have completed training and can cycle to school independently. All other children will need to be with an adult and all must wear helmets. Bikes and scooters can be left at school behind the shed during the day, but will need to be ridden/taken home in the evening as we cannot guarantee security.

KEY STEPS GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

The Key Steps Gymnastics Competition (1st Round) will be taking place on Thursday 3rd March. Children have the routines on a sheet in their book bags. They are enjoying practising in school and the sheets are there if they want to practice.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Please find attached to this newsletter, your World Book Day tokens. These are worth £1 and need to be used by 27th March 2016. They produce several special publications each year that only cost £1, so please do take advantage of the offer.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

We are collecting these again this year. The box will be in the entrance hall. It helps us to get sports equipment.

E-SAFETY TRAINING FOR PARENTS

Just to remind you – the training session for all parents is on Thursday 11th February at 2.45pm.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Please find attached a letter from the Local Authority regarding taking holidays in term time! After a recent consultation a decision has been made to change the Easter holidays. This will now be a fixed fortnight in the Spring. Easter will fall either in the holiday or will be a separate long weekend. This will begin in 2017 for 3 years as a trial.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

We are hoping to have a Community Lunch on Thursday 17th March at 12 Noon. We have places for 12 people (any age welcome). If you would like to come or can think of someone who would like to come, please telephone the school.

WALK TO SCHOOL AND BREAKFAST

Well done to those of you who braved the weather and walked and thanks to those who supported by joining us for breakfast. Over £35 was raised.

A successful meeting was had – please find attached the minutes.

Our next walk to school and breakfast (No meeting) will be on Thursday 3rd March.

DATES

Thursday 11 th Feb	E-Safety training 2.45pm
15-19 th Feb	Half Term
Thursday 3 rd March	Walk to School and Breakfast
Thursday 3 rd March	Keysteps Gymnastics Competition
Thursday 17 th March	Community Lunch – 12 noon
Sunday 20 th March	Big Breakfast 9am-2pm @ School
18 – 29 th April	Big Pedal