NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Headteacher

We are well into our Spring Term now and working hard. Despite the wintery weather last week, all staff managed to get to school and we remained open. We are very grateful to Mr Barnsley who cleared snow and gritted each day, working very hard to keep all paths and access areas clear and safe. The children had lots of fun on the field with sledges and snowballs. You can see photos on both the school website and on Facebook.

Only one more week in school before we start our February half term holiday - where has the time gone? As well as resting and relaxing during the break, please encourage your child to read for pleasure, and keep them off the games consoles! School will finish next Friday 15th February and re-open on Monday 25th February.

After school club will close at **5pm** prompt on the 15th February.

Have a restful and enjoyable week off.

PTA

Our spring meeting was held on 30th January. Thanks to those who attended. Monies raised in 2017-18 and so far this school year have enabled us to replace the school computer system server. This work will be carried out during the February half term. Future projects include replacing the laptops and developing EYFS, including our outdoor provision.

Forthcoming planned events:

Whole school cake sale wc: 25th February

If all children could do some baking (or nip to the supermarket!) and bring cakes in on Monday 25th February, we will sell them at morning playtimes for the rest of the week. This seemed like the right time to do it as Lent begins the following week. Children can bring in 50p to buy a cake each day should they wish to that week.

Easter Egg Bingo Friday 29th March 7pm

An evening of family entertainment is planned and we are hoping to have a cracking night's fun! Families are invited to play together and all the prizes will be Easter eggs! The event will be held in the school hall and children will play alongside parents. It will be £1 a bingo card and you can play as many cards at once as you like. You are invited to bring your own refreshments for the evening. There is no charge for entry, so just bring along lots of £1 coins to buy your bingo cards. All monies raised will go into the PTA funds.

We are proposing a non-uniform day to be held on Friday 15th March and instead of a money donation, we ask that every child donates an Easter egg. They should come to school that day in their own clothes and give their egg donation to their class teacher please.

100 Club

January's draw winners are: 1st Pauline Taylor, 2nd C McDermott - You've got to be in it to win it! So if you are interested in raising funds for school and maybe winning occasionally yourself, then speak to Mrs Duncan.

Whole School writing Challenge

Since last September, we have had whole school monthly writing challenges when all year groups are inspired to write about a picture. On Friday 28th January, children in years 1-6 were challenged to write about a picture entitled 'Crocodile'. Our competition winners were:
Yr1 Poppy
Yr2 Daneen
Yr3 Eesa
Yr4 Cora
Yr5 Stella
Yr6 Khadim

Well done to our budding authors, who all won a writing pad and pen to use for future compositions.

Polite reminders

There has been lots of absence due to illness this half term unfortunately. Please could parents contact school by 9.30am on your child's first day of absence and again on each subsequent day until their return to school.

Parents collecting siblings from both infant and junior departments at the end of the school day – could we kindly request that you collect your infant children first at 3.30pm. Staff are being kept waiting until as late as 3.45pm because parents are waiting on the junior yard for their older child first. Infant staff are often rushing off to a sports fixture or after school sports club and these delays in collecting your child are making them late. School finishes at 3.30pm and we would appreciate prompt collection please.