

**Next PTA meeting— 26.1.17 at 3.15pm** (School staff room).

If you would like to join, please come along. All welcome.

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### Important Dates for Your Diary

#### January

- 13th— Reception Eye Tests
- 16th—Robinwood meeting for Y5 parents (4.30pm)
- 17th—Y6 Art Day
- 23rd—Numicon meetings for EYFS Parents (9am or 2pm)
- 24th— Y5 Art Day
- 24th—Chinese New Year lunch
- 25th— Y1 Sharing Assembly (2.30pm)
- 27th—Y5 to Panto at ICC

#### February

- 1st — Choir to Young Voices concert at MEN
- 2nd— EYFS/KS1 disco (5-6.30pm)
- 3rd—Deadline for Robinwood payments
- 7th— LR Art morning
- 7th— Y4 trip to Pizza Express
- 7th—Y2 Parent/Carer's SATs meeting (3.15pm)
- 8th—10th - Y5 at Robinwood
- 8th—Reception Sharing Assembly (2.30pm)
- 14th— Y2 Art Morning
- 15th— Nursery Sharing Assembly (2.30pm)
- 15th— London meeting for Y4 Parents (4pm)
- 16th—Parent's Evening 1
- 17th— Bikeability Bike Safety Check

#### **17th Break up for HALF TERM**

- 28th — SCHOOL RE-OPENS (Tuesday)
- 28th Feb till 3rd March—Bikeability sessions
- 28th—Pancake Sale for Shrove Tuesday

#### **RESIDENTIAL TRIP UPDATE**

**Year 6 pupils are heading to France on 3rd July 2017.**

**Please be assured that any travel restriction warnings or advice will be followed by the school. No risks to pupil safety will be taken.**

Parents of pupils in all classes can make payments towards the residentials at any point. Even if your child is in Year 1, you can log onto parentpay and start to pay. Lots of our parents use this spread the cost option.

### Year 4 London Residential

**EARLY INFORMATION:** The Y4 trip on the 15th and 16th March 2017 is fast approaching. Can you ensure you have paid the outstanding amount due by [Friday 3rd March please](#).

The trip has been heavily subsidised from our fund raising, as well as pupil premium monies. All the pupils have benefited in some way from these contributions, but we still need to collect the reduced outstanding amounts in order to meet the costs of the various trips. There is a meeting for Y4 pupils and their parents to find out all the necessary information on [Wednesday 15th February 2017 at 4pm](#).

It is very important that you attend the meeting, as lots of information about times, clothing and activities will be shared.

Following the meetings, please also ensure all the necessary important forms are completed, including the ones for any medication needed whilst away from home.



Jan - Feb 2017

# Irlam Endowed Newsletter



Photos from the Nursery visit to the Post Office and Y5's Manchester Tour.

### School Improvement

#### **Happy New Year, and welcome to our first Newsletter of 2017.**

You received a parental partnership newsletter just before the Christmas break, which outlined our areas for curriculum development.

We continue with our focus on improving spelling across all age ranges this term. This includes all classes looking at spelling methods which can help them. Each class is revisiting our handwriting policy to ensure they are forming letters in the correct way.

Extending the pupil's vocabulary is another key area we wish to improve.

We are also continuing to encourage our pupils to learn their tables by heart. As their

### Fulfilling our potential

recent report explained, all pupils should know the multiplication and division facts of all the times tables up to the 12x, by the end of Y4. Many of our pupils still do not reach that standard, so please support school in practising these at home. Your child will travel the race track and get fabulous awards and trophies throughout their 'journey'.

The EYFS team are working with an external advisor on a maths learning resource called NUMICON. This is a great way of learning early number recall and is being embedded in our Early Years provision. Look out for lots more information on this, including a fun meeting in school to share this great approach.

Please remember to check your child's class webpage to see more examples of their hard work.

### School Councils

Last term our new councilors were elected and have already been very busy working on behalf on the pupils on many school issues. Please read on for their key points of action for 2017.

**School Council:** They are thinking of different ways to raise funds, so that at the end of the year they can purchase a story teller chair for the school. So far this year we have raised £70 on our Christmas Fair superhero stall, this will be added to the £420 we raised last year. We are meeting again in the new year to think of how else we can raise money.

**Eco Council:** Last term, the Eco Council had a great Gardening Day, despite the weather! We hope to continue these during the school year and hopefully we can encourage more volunteers with the nicer weather! We also celebrated our new chairs that we won due to recycling more in the local area. The Eco Council are going to work on reducing waste in school, as well as reducing our energy bills.

#### **Sports Council:**

We have been very busy this year. We have already had two meetings. One welcome meeting in which we discussed and voted for a chair person, secretary and a treasurer. We have also raised and spent money to provide more sporting books for our library.

In the initial meeting, the sport council's main aims were to discuss how we could use the field more at playtimes and for more equipment and playground markings. There was also a desire to have a stage built so that children could have a role play area and a dance area. We hope to bring these suggestions to senior management at the next meeting in the new year.

[Please check out the various council pages on our school website.](#)

## Application Deadline!!!

Please note that the deadline for applications for a place in our Nursery and Reception class in September 2017, is 15th January 2017.

After this, it will be classed as a late application and selective criteria will not apply.

The easiest way to apply is via the Salford website: <https://www.salford.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-place.htm>

Please, also ask at the school office if you have any further questions about admissions. Please note we will be offering 30 full time places again for Nursery in September 2017.

**Thanks** to all for kind donations at the Christmas shows. Bucket/DVD sales collections added up to over £600! We are using the money as part of our trip subsidy fund.

## Staffing News:

We had a little celebration in school at the end of last term, as one of our fantastic Nursery Nurses reached an amazing milestone. Mrs Aitken, who supports the Language Resource class reached her Silver Jubilee! She has worked for Salford for 25 years, the majority of that time being at Irlam Endowed. We presented Mrs Aitken with a special commemorative certificate from the local authority and she received a lovely gift card from them too. Flowers also said a big Thank You from school. We really do appreciate her dedication and hard work to the school over all those years and her accolade is well deserved.



### PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our school Governing Body. This is a very important role, which ensures the pupil's parents and carers have their say in key decisions in school. We want to have the maximum number of parent governors allowed, as we value their contributions. Miss Da Costa will be sending out a letter this week which explains the election process, can I please encourage you to read and apply. It is only 6 meetings a year, all in the evening and it is a rewarding role.

### YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU ! (PLEASE)

We are also requesting more volunteers to help out with our Parents and Teacher's Association. This is a fantastic group of parents and carers who work alongside staff on events and activities to build community spirit and raise funds for the school. The money they raise helps to purchase resources, fund the minibus and subsidise trips across the school.

At the moment, we would really appreciate some new members, as we welcome new ideas and need more help for all the events and activities planned for 2017. There is a meeting after school once a half term (your children are looked after), where we plan events and discuss new fund raising ideas. Even if you cannot make the meeting, please let us have your name and number, if you are happy for us to call to see if you can help out. Please email the school at [irlamendowed.primaryschool@salford.gov.uk](mailto:irlamendowed.primaryschool@salford.gov.uk) with your name and number.



### NUMICON MEETING

As mentioned on the parental partnership newsletter, and as part of our continuing development in mathematics, we are developing a resource called Numicon in the EYFS classes.

We are inviting you to come along to an important introductory session on Numicon on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. There are two opportunities to attend, at either 9am and 2pm. Free resources will be handed out.

Please try to attend this key learning meeting and we look forward to seeing you there.

### Year 2 SATS Parent's Meeting

The Y2 parents/carers are invited in on Tuesday 7th February, to find out more about the important sats assessments at the end of Y2.

### EYFS/KS1 DISCO

There is an EYFS/KS1 disco on Thursday 2nd February.  
(5pm till 6.30pm)

Cost of entry is £2, with refreshments included.

Please note new start/end time.

## Attendance/Holiday News

The large majority of our pupils at Irlam Endowed have fantastic attendance, and we feel it is very important to reward this. Every child who has 100% attendance each half term, gets a special certificate and a collectable badge. Those pupils who manage to be in for the whole term get entered into our termly prize draw, which took place this week. Winners of gift cards are on the school website.

Pupils whose attendance falls below 95% will be monitored and may need to be referred to the Education Welfare Officer for improvement. The EWO will also be checking for any children who are repeatedly late, as this also impacts on the pupil's learning. As we are now a term in, any pupils who have an attendance level which falls below the government floor expectations of 90%, will have any further absences followed up. Also, we have to follow guidelines and issue letters to parents to ask them to come into school and discuss any low attendance concerns. This is initially a support and discussion approach, to find out the reasons for absence and see if any help is required from school. If there is no improvement, then advice is to refer to Education Welfare Officers. This will be the same for any pupils who are consistently late for school too. The EWO will then decide whether to issue fines.

Thank you for supporting us in our efforts to keep our attendance levels high and helping us hit the targets we are set by the Government. Good attendance is a key to successful learning.

Please remember that the school cannot authorise any term time holidays. Periods of absence during school time which exceed 5 days in total, will be liable for a fine. This is the law and school has no choice but to enforce it. The school can also request medical certification evidence for absences during term time, especially from the pupils with low attendance.



**BIKEABILITY** Sessions will again run in school for four days from the 28th February 2017, for children age 9 and above. The course is ideal for encouraging children to cycle safely on the road. Children need to be able to ride a bike prior to the course starting so that they feel confident enough to make more journeys by bicycle and cycle more

for fun. Each child who takes part must have a roadworthy bicycle and helmet, the wearing of an approved cycle helmet is compulsory whilst undertaking the course. Urban Vision will be in school on the 17<sup>th</sup> February to check the bikes of those children taking part. More information will be sent out in the new year.