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# News Letter

## January 2017

### After School Clubs

#### Monday

Y6 SATS Club  
Book Club

#### Tuesday

Kung Fu

#### Wednesday

Cooking  
Football  
Sewing  
Lego  
Running

#### Thursday

French

#### Friday

Film club every other  
Friday  
starting 13<sup>th</sup> Jan

### Welcome Back to a New Year

I hope you had a fabulous Christmas and this coming year will be a good one for you and your family.

I thoroughly enjoyed last term. The staff and children worked hard and this is evident when you look through their books at the quality of work that is being produced. There is still room for improvement, so we will continue to push the children to do their best.

There have been a number of educational visits and opportunities for parents to come into school which have been well attended and of high quality. I thought the Christmas concerts were a real success.

Thank you to staff for their hard work running after school clubs, I know the children really enjoy them.

Thank you also to the parents who help out in school running craft clubs and hearing readers. This support is very much appreciated

Mr Paul Scragg

Head Teacher

## **After School Clubs**

Attached to this newsletter is a timetable of after school clubs we will be running up until Easter.

Please remind your children that if they decide not to attend they must make sure they tell the person running the club and they tell you so that you know they will be coming home at normal time.

It is important that an adult collects the children as I am uncomfortable with them walking home alone in the dark.

We will send out new consent slips to ask if children want to continue with their current club and to give the children chance to sign up for a different club.

## **Resurface drive**

We have had our funding bid to have the drive resurfaced agreed and so this work is scheduled to take place over the Easter holidays.

## **Fund Raising**

We held a number of events last year to raise money for the school. The money we raise will go towards redeveloping the playground and outdoor areas.

So far we have raised approximately £3,500.

A massive thankyou to the Johnson's family. They decorated their house with Christmas lights and asked for donations to the school. As a result they raised £79.60!!

## **Raising Standards**

We are constantly striving to raise standards. Last year we had approximately 50-60% of the children reaching the expected standard for their age, however the government target is for 85% of the children to reach this level so we still have a lot of work to do.

Reading at home and completing homework helps enormously but we still have a core of children in every class who do not do this. To ensure they do not fall behind with their learning this term the children will need to stay in for one dinnertime if they do not do their homework and a second dinnertime if they do not read at least three times at home each week.

Reading is key to raising standards and so we will be promoting reading in school and putting together events to encourage the children to read more often and to enjoy reading.

## **Behaviour**

Behaviour is also improving but again there are still some children who are not giving their full attention in lessons or are too boisterous on the playground.

We are trying to encourage the children to tell an adult. If we don't know it is happening we cannot put a stop to it. Please could you give the children the same message. The children need to stand up for themselves by saying "no" to children who upset them and telling adults about it rather than keeping it to themselves and trying to sort problems out themselves.

## **Holidays During Term Time**

Just a quick reminder that the guidance has not changed on holidays during term time. We are still unable to authorize holidays unless there are exceptional reasons for them and you can provide evidence of these reasons. If the child's attendance drops below 94% then the Local Authority will issue a fine of £100 per child, per parent per week of absence.

## **Start and end of the day**

Can I remind you that the children need to be in school for 8.55 and need to be collected promptly at 3.15.

Finally Mrs Pratt would like to encourage the Year 1 children to become more independent in the mornings. Could you line the children up on the playground and say goodbye to them there rather than follow them round to the classroom. Some children already do this but we would like all the children to follow this routine now please.

- **January**
  - Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Children back in school
  - Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Young Voices at Sheffield Arena
  - Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Reception Balance bikes
  - Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Children's art exhibition in school from 2pm
  - Weds 18<sup>th</sup> KS2 group to Bocchia event at Queens Park  
Year 6 Residential trip meeting for parents
  - Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Reception Balance bikes
  - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Mini Leader training
  - Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Year 6 residential
  - Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Year 5 athletics at Netherthorpe
- **February**
  - Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Tractor in school for Reception children
  - Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Parents evening until 5pm
  - Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Parents evening until 7pm
  - Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Half term holiday
- **March**
  - Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> World Book Day
  - Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> School closed for children – staff training
  - Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Red nose / comic relief day
  - Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Anti-smoking / vaping workshop for year 6
- **April**
  - Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Easter Holiday
- **May**
  - Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May Day – school closed
  - Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATS
  - Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term holiday
- **July**
  - Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> School closed for children – staff training
  - Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Sports week
  - Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Break up for summer holidays
- **September**
  - Tues 5<sup>th</sup> School starts for children
- October half term 2017 Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Holiday 2017 Weds 20<sup>th</sup> – Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Jan (these dates subject to change)
- Spring Half term 2018 Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Easter Holiday 2018 Mon 26<sup>th</sup> March – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Apr
- Summer Half term 2018 Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Finish for summer 2018 Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July