

Irlam Endowed PTA News—Next meeting—9.3.17 at 3.15pm (Staffroom.)

This month, the PTA will be continuing their hard work for school including: Plant order forms out on 6/3/17, with their competitive prices and delivery service on 3rd May. Orders must be back by 31.3.17.

Bags2school will be sent home soon, return filled on 28th April please.

Most importantly, on the 24th March, the PTA will be making gifts with the children for Mother's Day. The children can make a personal present and wrap it glamorously.



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Important Dates for Your Diary

MARCH 2017

1st — Wrestling Y4 and Y2
1st-3rd— Bikeability
2nd— Y1-Y6 Parent's evening
3rd— Y6 group BMXing
3rd— Last Day Y4 London payment
6th—Plant order form out
6th & 13th - Reception Open Days
6th— World Book Day (Dress up)
7th— Y5 Boys to Wellacre
9th— LR/group to Chill Factore
9th—Y2 trip to Lowry
10th—Y6 group BMXing
10th—School council to Civic Centre
13th— Ceremonial Mayor to visit school
14th—Y3 Art Day
14th & 23rd - Nursery Open Days
15th & 16th—Y4 in London
15th— Y5 Sharing Assembly (2.30pm)
17th— Y6 group BMXing
21st—Y1 Art morning
22nd— Y4 and Y2 Wrestling
22nd—Y4 Sharing assembly (2.30pm)
23rd— EYFS/KS1 Mother's Day Lunch
24th— Y6 group BMXing

24th—PTA Mother's Day presents
24th— Red Nose Day (dress in red)
24th—Last day for milk and snack monies
27th— Dancers Performance at Lowry
28th—Y4 Art Day
30th— Reception Height/Weights check
30th— Report cards out
30th— KS2 disco (6-7.30pm)
31st— Y6 group BMXing
31st—KS1 winning table to Play Factore
31st—Last day for plant orders
31st -SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER

APRIL 2017

18th - SCHOOL RE-OPENS (Tuesday)
19th- KS2 winning table to Blackpool
20th— EYFS/KS1 Easter disco (5-6.30pm)
21st—Y6 group BMXing
25th— Y5 Art morning
25th— Professor Brainstorm Science day
28th—Y6 group BMXing
Please note Monday 1st May is also a Bank Holiday, and school will be closed.

Please ensure we have your current mobile number on record in school, as we send regular reminders out via texts. Please also let us know asap if your child is off school because they are unwell.



Irlam Endowed NEWSLETTER



March - April 2017

Issue 10: Photos of Y5 at Robinwood and Reception at Martin Mere

School Improvement—Spring Term

The school is half-way through its Spring term development plan and we are pleased with the progress towards our main targets. Please find below an update of each priority area on our 2016-17 School Development Plan.

Our focus in the EYFS is to ensure our children learn number through the Numicon system. We have held meetings for parents/carers to share the new system and ideas of how to help at home. Numicon provides a great learning foundation for the mechanics of number, and has proved really successful in raising maths standards. We are also monitoring the success of boys in all areas of learning in the EYFS.

Mrs Sutcliffe continues to lead the school's developments in English. This includes a new reading book route, where your child will bring home a sequenced book, plus some comprehension activities. There is also a new spelling scheme which links the phonics learning in the EYFS and Key Stage 1, to the extended spelling strategies in Key Stage Two.

Mathematics standards are improving through a new scheme and marking system linked to the new Year Group Expectations. Once Numicon embeds a sound foundation of number, the new school scheme promotes practical learning of maths, and places a huge importance on mental mathematics.

Finally, one major aim of this school year is to be awarded the 'Emotionally Friendly School' status. This involves a review process where we look at how well we support and promote our pupils emotional well-being. Gaining this accreditation shows that we are a school which values the importance of pupils feeling safe, confident and happy in their environment. They feel special and the school meets their pastoral needs, as well as their academic ones.

Please don't forget that we are still promoting our Times Tables Racetrack Challenge. The children can gain reward badges for each timestable they master. Please encourage your child to practise at home, to ensure they get all the badges available each year.

Also, we continue to work through our Penpals scheme, to meet the National Curriculum expectations of handwriting. Please see the reminder below which shows how letters are correctly formed. Please check your child uses this style when practising at home.

Penpals: Example Letter formation with joins

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxy
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Parent Evenings, Conferences and Report Cards

Please don't forget to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher. Please return the slip from the letter, or ask a member of EYFS staff for the sign up sheet.

Parents/Carers of pupils in Yrs 1-6 can still book an appointment for the remaining date of 2nd March. Appointments are available from 3.15pm, with the last one being 5.15pm. Ask at the office.

Reception parents can spend time in their child's class during the day on either the

6th or 13th March.

Nursery parents are welcome in school on either the 14th or 23rd March. (Look out for your sign up sheet.)

Y1-6 Report cards will be sent home on 30th March.

EYFS end of term progress summary reports will also be sent home before Easter.

GENERAL ATTENDANCE REQUESTS

Please remember that if your child is off school because they are ill, please let school know as soon as possible. Please try to let us know before 9am, so we can ensure it is recorded appropriately and parentpay is credited.

Please remember the importance of good attendance and punctuality. If your child has received an attendance letter, please ensure they attend school regularly to improve their

percentage. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance please contact us, as we may be able to help.

Finally, please try to make appointments for the doctors or dentists outside of school hours, as these can really impact on your child's attendance levels. Missing aspects of learning for absence or appointment reasons really impact on the learning journey of your child.

As always, we thank you for your support.

MILK AND SNACK MONIES

The office staff have sent out the letter about payment for snacks and milk ready for the Summer term.

If you would like your child to receive either or both, please pay via ParentPay before the deadline of Friday 24th March.

We **cannot** accept any monies after this deadline as payments need to be forwarded to the authority.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Following last year's success, we are inviting Mums, Grans or other special ladies to join their child for a treat.

Due to space, only 1 special lady per child please, the booking form has already been sent home.

On Wed 23rd March, guests of Nursery and Reception eat at 11.30am. Guests of Y1, Y2 & Language Resource pupils need to arrive at 12.10pm please.

We look forward to seeing you at this event.



Easter Parade/ Infant Disco:

20th April 5-6.30pm

This is for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2, and has an Easter theme.

There will be prizes for Easter bonnets and lots of fun Easter games. Cost is £2 and this includes refreshments.



WORLD BOOK DAY

On 6th March, we are celebrating our love of books by dressing in our favourite characters and having lots of book fun in school. We hope everyone joins in and we are requesting 50p on the day to put towards our Storyteller's Chair.



RED NOSE DAY

On 24th March, we are showing our support for the Comic Relief by encouraging the pupils to come into school dressed in red. We request that they bring in £1 on the day for the charity.



September 2017 Intake

The local authority will send out letters soon to let parents know which school placement their child has been allocated for September 2017. Year 7 placements will be sent on 1st March, and places for Nursery and Reception classes offered on 18th April 2017.

Term Dates:

It has been brought to our attention that the internet has unofficial school term date websites which claim to show term dates. Please be aware that these are NOT accurate. Please look at term dates on our official website or ask for a flyer at the office.

Residential Trips: Y5 Robinwood 2017 was a huge success, with the pupils having lots of fun.

London for Y4 is next, so please ensure all monies are paid by 3rd March.

Please remember that all the important Y4 forms for London must be completed and returned to school by this date too.

We need the final numbers for Y6 France by 10th March please. If you pay your deposit by this date, we will assume your child is going and therefore you are eligible to pay the full amount. Please ensure a decision is made by then.

STAFFING NEWS

We had a very special assembly in school last half term to say 'Goodbye and Thank-you' to one of our amazing Teaching Assistants—Miss Mason.

Miss Mason has decided to leave Irlam Endowed due to health issues, and spend some time looking after her young son. The children thanked Miss Mason for all her hard work and dedication to the school over the seven years she has worked at Irlam Endowed. She received lots of special cards and gifts which reflected how much she will be missed by everyone. The governors, staff and all the children wish her lots of health and happiness for the future.

Last half term we also appointed a new pastoral worker, who will continue with the role Mrs Wood had in school. Ms Walsh, one of our existing Teaching Assistants, will take over this role from Easter. This means that Ms Walsh will ensure the pastoral needs of the pupils and our families are met. This includes monitoring attendance, leading behaviour initiatives, safeguarding and family liaison.



SCHOOL COUNCILS

These are very exciting times for all our School Councils with lots of unique opportunities over the next term. We really value our pupil's voice at Irlam Endowed and feel listening to their views and ideas strengthen the school. Please look at the website council pages for their latest news.

On 13th March, Salford's ceremonial Mayor, Karen Garrido has chosen to visit our school. She is taking the time to visit Salford schools to meet their pupils and find out what it is like to be at school in Salford. This is a fantastic opportunity for our school council to play host and find out more about the prestigious role in their local council. As well as that, the school council have been invited to Salford Civic Centre on 10th March, to visit the magistrate rooms and council chambers, again aimed at showing school councils how important their role is in the community.

Finally, our school council have got a wonderful opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament in London on the 8th June, to see how the top level of government works. More details to follow.

