

Margaret Coates Centre Newsletter No: 8 Friday 12th January 2018



DIARY DATES

Thursday 18th January – Trip to “We the Curious” (formerly @Bristol) - Letter to follow at the beginning of next term.

Tuesday 23rd January – Riding for Silver/Gold group

Saturday 3rd February – 10:30 – 12noon - Saturday Club

Tuesday 6th February – Riding for Platinum/Gold group

Thursday 8th February – Platinum Victorian themed trip (details TBC)

Friday 9th February – End of term 3

Monday 19th February – **INSET day (Children return Tuesday 20th February)**

Welcome back and Happy New Year! It is lovely to see everyone back at the Centre and I have enjoyed catching up with the children about their Christmas experiences. We are settling back into term quickly and after the hiccup of Friday's cancelled performance the children enjoyed seeing the Little Mermaid finally on Thursday. Many thanks to all of you for your flexibility with rearranging plans at short notice.

Parent Governor wanted ~ The school are looking for any parents that might be interested in stepping forward to be a governor of the school. You would be able to be a voice for the MCC on the governors. There are about 6 meetings a year and are usually from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. If you think you might be interested please do let me know or contact the school and we can talk about what the role involves.

Dance Umbrella ~ We are hoping to take a group of children to the Dance Umbrella again this year. We have begun rehearsals during our PE slot and any children that are keen we would like to encourage to take part. Look out for further details later in the term.

Home visits ~ Please let us know if you require any behaviour support or would like to meet to discuss the progress of your child and strategies to support them. Class teachers are able to come and meet with you at home and see your child at home and reinforce any messages to support you at home. Please write in the home school book if you would like a visit.

Reading at home and supporting your child with English ~ Our school follow a programme called Read, Write Inc. to help with teaching reading, writing and spelling. A number of parents over the last couple of weeks have asked for a little more information. Please have a look at this website as there is a wealth of information. <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/> Many thanks for your support with their learning as together we can achieve the very best for them! For interactive online books, have a look at the Oxford Reading tree website <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> login details are Goldclass123 password:Learn@home

Thank you, Michael Bogg, Centre Manager



Be Kind. Try hard. Do your best.

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Silver Class – Silver class have started their new topic 'Super Senses' and have started exploring the sense of touch, using describing words like soft or smooth, and going on a sensory walk to experience a range of different textures!



Gold Class – Gold class are looking at the Arctic and Antarctic climates for their new topic this term. They have already learnt about Scott of the Antarctic, drawn some beautiful pictures of native animals and made some delicious polar bear biscuits.



Platinum Class – This week we have been getting to grips with our new topics. We are learning about L.S. Lowry in art; the Victorians in our topic work and forces in our science lessons. In science the children enjoyed measuring the force required to move a 500g weight on different surfaces. They used Newton meters and learnt how Isaac Newton first discovered gravity.

