



# Newsletter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

## Term Dates 2017/18

### 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Calvin Innes, children's author, working with children all day

### 5<sup>th</sup> March

Parents Evening until 7pm

Friends Meeting 7pm

### 7<sup>th</sup> March

Big Talk at 5pm in the hall

FGB meeting 6pm

### 8<sup>th</sup> March

Parents Evening until 5.30pm

### 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March

Mother's Day Secret Shop

### 14<sup>th</sup> March

KS2 Biathlon

### 15<sup>th</sup> March

Netball tournament

### 21<sup>st</sup> March

Final Y3 swimming lesson

### 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Y5/6 hockey

### 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Break up for Easter

### 24<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Egg Hunt

### 9<sup>th</sup> April

School re-opens for summer term

## Welcome to Spring!



I would just like to say thank you again to everyone for supporting our decision to open late on Wednesday, and then for our full closure yesterday. Social media is full of comments from people about schools being soft and how they used to walk 5 miles to school in snow up to their elbows - all very easy comments to make from a keyboard or mobile in a nice warm house!

My decision to close the school is such a hard one to make. It is made on the basis of safety – for pupils and for staff. I have to take into account that the majority of our teachers have to travel a considerable distance, and on roads that were closed for some time with a few crashes and abandoned cars. If staff cannot get there safely, or have to leave, then this is not safe for pupils to be successfully monitored and looked after either. Not all of our pupils live in the village, and many of our parents drive. Many factors and limited time to make a decision – and who knew we were still so bad at accurately predicting the weather!

So thank you once again and here's hoping we won't have to be thinking about closing any time soon.

## Next week – the plan

With many cancellations this week, it means next week is becoming a very busy one indeed. On a previous letter, I sent out the dates for rearranged parent's evenings:

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 3.30 – 7pm

→ **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

→ **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Understandably, some parents may struggle to make their original time on those days. We will keep them the same, but if you need to arrange an alternative time then you will need to speak to the class teacher please and sort that with them – there may be vacancies on the other nights that suit you, or teachers have always been prepared to do another time after school on another day for those parents who cannot come in.

Passports were also supposed to be yesterday. All Passport meetings will take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March, again with all of the same timings. Please let Miss Anderson know if there are any issues.

Finally, I hope to see many of you in school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm to hear about the Big Talk sessions that will be taking place in school. Many schools have used Big Talk and I think it will be yet another string to the bow of protecting children for life in modern Britain.

## Clubs

I have noticed that a few parents are staying in the hall for after school clubs to observe the session, mainly when an outside provider is leading the session. We do not want adults in the school when children are taking part in these clubs – we have to be vigilant on who is on our site at all times.

Either see your child at the end of the day and pick them up at 4.30pm or don't come in until 4.30pm. Please don't be offended if from now on you are asked to leave until the end of the club.

## Home Lunches

If you want to take children home for lunch, you are more than welcome to do so. However, we need all staff to know exactly who is on the school site at all times, therefore we do not want children coming back at different times of the lunch hour.

From now on, if you do take your child out for lunch, you must not return until 1pm.

Thank you for your support in anticipation.

## Knives in school

Don't worry – not those kinds of knives! Some children are bringing knives in with their packed lunches to spread toppings on their lunch. Please could we just request that you do not send knives in with children – cutlery is readily available in the school hall to be used by all, so packed lunches can use our school knives to spread. This will prevent knives being packed away in school bags and causing any unnecessary accidents.