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Spring 2 Newsletter

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Dates for your diary

- * 2nd March 2018 World Book Day
- * 5th March 2018 EYFS Trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- * 7th March 2018 Sunnyfields Cross Country Tournament
- * 9th March 2018 Class Photographs
- * 13th March 2018 Y6 Trip to Crucial Crew
- * 23rd March 2018 School closes for Easter

We are now already half way through the academic year with the spring term being one of the shortest.

As always this term is a busy one with children working hard to ensure that they make rapid academic progress, staff continuing to ensure that children are challenged, a huge number of sporting fixtures, educational visits and World Book Day.

Following the Parent's Evening in early February you should be in position where you know exactly how your child is progressing in their class. Feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive with individual emails, notes in planners

and messages via Twitter. It is lovely to hear about the things that you are happy with as these are shared with the teaching staff.

Remember that I offer an open door policy where parents can email me directly or speak to me in person about any concerns that they have. You can normally find me on the KS2 playground before school.

Alternatively if you require a confidential conversation please book an appointment via the school office.

I have spent the first few days in school working with children in class and supervising the children

at lunchtime. The pupils' attitudes to school and behaviour constantly impress me and make me so proud.

During our staff INSET day I shared how proud I was with Mr. Brookes (Don Valley Principal). As a result of a visit to the school by Mr. Brookes in the autumn term and the conversation on Monday he will be joining our final assembly of this half term to present the Shield for Effort trophy.

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World Book Day

The school will be celebrating World Book Day with the children on Friday 2nd March 2018.

Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Your children will then spend the day working in their classes celebrating World Book Day.

Our usual Special Mention Assembly will be replaced with the World Book Day assembly where children will get an opportunity to show their costume. Prizes will be awarded by Mrs. Milner. The staff will also be in fancy dress. They will be competing for the prize of the best

dressed member of staff which is always hotly contested.

Parents are welcome to join us for assembly on Friday 2nd March at 9:00am.

Children will be given a book voucher as part of World Book Day that they will be able to spend locally.

School Clubs

Our after school clubs start from Monday 26th February 2018.



These will be the same clubs that were on offer before the holidays. The only change will be the basketball club that moves to a Thursday morning at 8am.

If your child attended a club before the holiday then they can continue after the holiday as it was such a short first half term. Clubs will run until Friday 16th March 2018.

Sporting Success

Our Y3 and Y4 Basketball players were in action before the half term. They played superb basketball which saw them win everyone of their group matches.

The boys and girls reached the final where they beat Warmsworth Primary School. The team now progress to the South Yorkshire Finals.

Our Cheerleading team represented the school in their first competition of the year. The team have been working extremely hard alongside Miss Smith and Miss Powell. The children competed against teams that were much older than themselves so did really

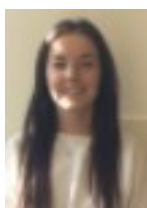
well.

The Y5 and Y6 Cross Country team represented Sunnyfields in the South Yorkshire Finals where they competed against schools from Doncaster, Sheffield, Rotherham and Barnsley. The team finished as the highest performing Doncaster school!

The Y5 and Y6 Football Team are in action on 9th March 2018 when they travel to Wigan Athletic to represent Doncaster in the English Football League Road to Wembley Tournament. This will see the boys competing against the top sides from the North of England.

Congratulations to Miss Cheesmond

Miss Cheesmond is expecting her first child towards the end of the summer term.



Miss Cheesmond will be working quite close to her due date and will begin her maternity leave in July. She will be on maternity leave until Easter 2019 but will be a regular visitor to the school as Baby Cheesmond will be our new 'Tiny Teacher' working in Y3 as part of our Roots of Empathy programme.

The school will be advertising for a new member of staff in the summer term.

New Members of the Team

Miss Burn has been appointed to the staff team, as a Teaching Assistant, after a period in school working as a volunteer. She will be working with children in Zebra Class and Puma Class. She will also continue to support children at lunchtime in her role as lunchtime supervisor.

Giraffe Class will be welcoming Miss Hutchinson and Miss Smith (not our current Miss Smith) to join them from the 12th March 2018. Miss Hutchinson and Miss Smith are both in their second year of teacher training. They will be working alongside Miss Cheesmond to develop their skills as future teachers.

Important Dates

INSET days (In Service Training Days) are days set aside by the Department for Education that are additional to the 190 days of pupil education. The five additional days are for ongoing training of teaching staff. We have taken one INSET day already this year on 4th September 2017.

The remaining INSET days where will be closed to children are on:

- 25th May 2018
- 4th June 2018
- 23rd July 2018

The Y6 SAT week is on **14th May-17th May 2018** and Y1 Phonics week commences on **11th June 2018**. Absence should be avoided during this time.
