



NORBRIGGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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March 2018 Newsletter

It has been a fantastically busy Spring Term.

- Reception have had their balance bike training. Year 3 and Year 5 are having bike ability this week as long as the snow holds off.
- We took 25 children to Sheffield Arena to sing in Young Voices.
- 2 Teams went to Queens Park to compete in a Boccia tournament.
- Year 6 had an excellent residential trip to Dobroyd Castle where they took part in climbing, caving, archery, zip wire and many more problem solving and team building activities.
- The children came in excellent costumes for World Book Day, even if it was delayed by the snow!
- Our dance club performed at the Winding Wheel festival of dance.
- Year 4 have been to York to find out more about the Romans.

On all of these visits your children have been a credit to you with excellent behaviour and wonderful manners.

The snow has done it's best to disrupt us, and trying to cram 6 weeks worth of work into this 4 week term is proving difficult, but the staff and children are working incredibly hard. I thank you for all your support, understanding and patience through this busy time.

I think we are all looking forward to a well deserved holiday before we embark on just as busy a Summer Term.

- **Governor Vacancies**

If you have some free time on a Wednesday evening once every half term and would like to take an active role in decisions made about the running of the school we have 2 vacant positions on the Governing Body. If you would be interested in joining us please see Mrs Walsh in the office. You would be very welcome to come along and observe a meeting to see how it works before you sign up. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 18th April.

Thank you for your continued support.

P. Scragg
Head Teacher



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- **Staffing**

We have had a number of staff absent through illness this term. We have plans in place to cover this but it always causes some inconsistency to the provision we can offer the children and I apologise if your child has been affected by this.

There have also been staffing issues in Year 3. I had hoped that we had dealt with this but unfortunately I had to let Miss King go. Again I am trying different teachers to find a person who shares the same high standards of work and behaviour as the rest of the staff at Norbriggs who can teach Year 3 for the summer term.

The situation will be resolved in September when Mrs Ward returns from maternity leave. Again, I can only apologise to the parents and children in Year 3 for the inconsistency they have experienced this year and thank you for your patience and support whilst we attempt to solve this issue.

- **School Funding**

We have set the budget for the next financial year and I am pleased to say that, although it is very tight, we will not need to make any staffing cuts this year. We have 2 small classes, Reception and Year 4, going through the school and, although this is good for adult to pupil ratio, it does reduce the amount of money the school gets quite substantially.

- **Fund Raising**

Mrs Richardson, Mrs Otter and the fund raising team are doing a fantastic job at bringing money into the school. Last term we received £1,000 from Tesco and £10,000 from the National Lottery. We also have money from last year's fund raising activities and the Local Authority have match funded some of our proposed projects. We are at the end stage of agreeing quotes so you should see where that money is being spent very soon. The planned areas for improvement are the Nursery playground, Reception outdoor area and the mud patch by the main gate on the playground.

We have already raised more money this year which will go towards the next round of improvements.

All money raised through fund raising is spent directly on items that benefit the children so we thank you all for your support and generosity.

- **School Sign**

Thankyou to everybody who sent ideas in for the new school sign and logo. The designers are working with your ideas and once we are happy with it we will get it installed.

- **Uniform and Behaviour**

I have been reminding children that if they wear trainers to school they must be black. They have been listening and I hope you agree that our children do look much smarter.

I have also been clamping down on silly behaviour and the message seems to be getting through that we have all had enough of name calling and aggressive behaviour. On the whole behaviour is good and I am determined to keep it that way.

- **Holidays**

Just a reminder that as we approach the summer term and the warmer weather I am still unable to authorise absence from school for a holiday. If your child's attendance after their holiday falls below 94% we have no choice but to refer the absence to the Local Authority who may impose a fine.

- **Important Dates**

Overleaf are the key dates for the Summer Term. We will be adding sporting fixtures and trip dates and will let you have them as soon as they get arranged.



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Term Time and Holiday Dates 2018/19

- Easter Holiday 2018 Finish Fri 23rd March – Back to school Mon 9th Apr
- Summer Half term 2018 Finish Fri 25th May – Back to school Mon 4th June
- Finish for Summer 2018 Fri 20th July
- Tues 4th September 2018 School starts for children
- Autumn Half term 2018 Finish Fri 26th Oct – Back to school Mon 5th Nov
- Christmas Holiday 2018 Finish Fri 21st Dec – Back to school Mon 7th Jan
- Spring Half term 2019 Finish Fri 15th Feb – Back to school Mon 25th Feb
- Easter Holiday 2019 Finish Fri 12th Apr – Back to school Mon 29th April
- Summer Half term 2019 Finish Fri 24th May – Back to school Mon 3rd June
- Finish for Summer 2019 Fri 19th July

Key dates – Summer 2018

April

- 19th Springwell teachers to run athletics competition with Year 5
- 20th Year 5 pupils to interview residents at The Willows as part of their History project
- 27th Tea and coffee morning
- 27th Year 3 and year 4 trip to Holmebrook Valley Park

May

- 1st Year 2 SATs test begin and continue for the entire month of May
- 7th May Day bank holiday
- 14th – 17th **KS2 SATs week. Please ensure all Year 6s are well rested and ready.**
- 22nd Swimming Gala at Queens Park

June

- 7th Year 5 Athletics final in the evening at Springwell
- 11th – 15th **Year 1 Phonic Screen week. Please ensure Year 1 children are in school**
- 20th Year 4 to derby Velodrome to perform with the Halle Orchestra

July

- 3rd and 4th Year 6 transition days – visit their secondary school
- 4th Year 1 and Year 2 trip to The Deep
- 6th Reports out to parents
- 9th Sports week
- 17th Year 6 leavers performance
- 19th Year 6 leavers meal



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