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OUR LEARNING JOURNEY

February Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well the first few weeks of the spring term have got off to a flying start with lots of interesting learning happening in every year group. From writing about superheroes in Year 2 to the Exhibition of Hope which takes place this week in Year 6; travelling around the World with Year 1; exploring the local area in Years 4 and 5 and celebrating Chinese New Year with Year 3. Even Reception have been on the move with their transport topic with some children having learnt to ride a bike in January. We are exceptionally proud of all our children's achievements and can't wait to see what the rest of 2018 will bring.



School closes this Friday, 9th February and reopens on Monday 19th February.

OFSTED Visit to School, Tuesday 30th January

We were delighted to welcome OFSTED to school last week to share with them our achievements since our last inspection. Thank you to all the parents and carers who contributed to the online survey and for your positive comments and support.

We look forward to publishing the official feedback once it is available.



Holiday Dates and Letters

The term dates for the 2018-2019 academic year have now been approved and are available on the school's website. We have added a new section to the website where you can see all letters sent home.

Young Voices



On Thursday 18th January, our Key Stage 2 choir went for a magical performance at Sheffield Arena. Young Voices is a huge concert with over 5000 children taking part. Our children were brilliant performers and were proud representatives of our school. I know that all the staff enjoyed taking part too and parents loved seeing their children in such a professional show. You are welcome to join us for a reprisal performance this Thursday in the hall.

Many thanks to Mrs Thakker and Mrs Matthews in preparing the children so well for this year's concert and to Miss Fletcher and Mrs Oates for joining us on the day. We can't wait for Young Voices 2019.



Artsmark Silver Award
Awarded by Arts Council England



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World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. We will be having an owl theme this time, using books which feature these special creatures, visits from some real-life owls and an Owl Parade in the afternoon. We have been working with our resident artist Sharon Snaylam to make sculptures and performer Shrikant Subramaniam to prepare movement for the parade. As usual, children can come dressed as a book character or they might like to come dressed as an owl or in owl colours.



Parent Forum

Our next parent forums are as follows:

Monday 26th February: Nurturing Schools

Thursday 10th May: Our behaviour policy

Parent forums begin at 2:30pm in the Community Room. We'd be very happy to see you there.

Attendance and Punctuality

We are committed to supporting all of our families in helping our children to have good attendance and punctuality and understand that children can be absent for many different, often unforeseen, reasons. Please can you make sure that if your child is absent, you inform the office of the reason for this so that we can record this accurately on our system. Should you have any difficulties with your child's attendance, please speak to the office in the first instance who can arrange for an informal chat with me to discuss your concerns. Children are classed as being persistently absent if they have been absent for over 10% of the year – this is equal to approximately 9 days at this point in the year. Our 'On Time, Ready to Learn' scheme continues to run this week. We will be giving raffle tickets to all children who were here on time over the last two weeks with a prize hamper for one of these children. The draw will take place in assembly on Friday.

Nell Bank Information Evening

This will take place on Tuesday 20th February at 6:30pm and will be an opportunity for children and parents in Year 5 to find out a little more about the forthcoming residential to Nell Bank in Ilkley.

Mathletics

Having reviewed the usage of the Mathletics website, we have decided to explore other opportunities to support our children's learning in maths. Therefore, we will no longer have access to the website going forward. I hope this does not cause too much inconvenience. Please talk to your class teacher if you would like any further advice on ways to support your child with their learning.

Parking

Many thanks for your continued consideration of our neighbours when bringing and collecting your children by car. Please can we remind you that it is illegal to park on the zig-zag lines across the school gates and can we kindly request that you do not block residents' driveways. We recognise that parking is difficult on our local narrow streets and do occasionally receive complaints from neighbours. We are keen to maintain good relationships with everyone in our community.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R Whitehead". The signature is written in a cursive style.

R Whitehead
Head of School