



Dear Parents / Carers,

As we head towards the February half term break, this newsletter is to provide you with a few updates about things that are happening during the rest of this week and also share some advance notice of events happening when we return for the second half of the school year.

### Maths Week Golden Day

Our whole school 'Maths focus week' has been very successful so far and the children are looking forward to their Golden Day on Thursday including an opportunity to share with you some of the creative maths activities which they have been doing since Monday.

Just a reminder that **Golden Day tomorrow is a non-uniform day** with a maths/number or class topic theme depending on the focus for your child's class. There is no fine to pay for coming in non-uniform. Parents/carers are invited to join their child(ren) in the hall for the maths fair event which will allow each 'rocket group' to showcase what they have been doing. Please come in via the main entrance.

We will need to pay careful attention to the 'time allocation' for each rocket group, so please help us by not arriving too early/late for your child's group. A reminder of the timetable for each group is included below:

- 1.30 – 1.50pm: **ORANGE** rocket group
- 1.50 – 2.10pm: **GREEN** rocket group
- 2.10 – 2.30pm: **YELLOW** rocket group
- 2.30 – 2.50pm: **BLUE** rocket group
- 2.50 – 3.10pm: **RED** rocket group

*After you have visited the Maths Fair to see what your child(ren)/ grandchild(ren) (etc) have been getting up to then they can either return to class or if it is easier then they can go home with you – leaving from their normal exit doors!*

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – normal day and finish time at 3.15pm

On Friday we will 'back to normal' for the last day of the half term. School uniform is required and the children will have the opportunity to share some of their maths work with other pupils in their class/other classes and also take part in some maths games and challenges.

### Parent Governor update

Following our Full Governing Body meeting last week, Sam Rickelton (one of our 4 parent governors) no longer feels able to continue in her role due to a change in her work commitments. We therefore need to find a replacement for her as a parent governor. When we last had an election for parent governors two parents expressed an interest and you may remember that in an election Kathleen Hope was selected to take on the role. Kelsie Raper (parent of Joelle) was brought onto the governing body as an associate member and would be willing to become the new parent governor. I need to ask whether there are any other parents interested in taking on this role. If there are, then we can arrange another election after half term, if not then Kelsie Raper will be duly appointed. Please can I have any further expressions of interest before Friday 1st March. Thank you.

### Advance warning of events after half term

The children return to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February after their half term break and we are straight into some school based and national fundraising events in the first few weeks... and have parents appointments planned for before the Easter break:

- **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – fundraising film night after school** ('The Greatest Showman'). The letter about this went out on Monday and is proving very popular with the children! If you want your child to attend then the reply slip and £2.50 needs to be returned to school by Friday if possible so that we can make sure we have enough refreshments!
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day**. We are again going to have a '**Book at bedtime**' theme for this event. **The 'fine' for our 'pyjama day'** will be just £1 and the money raised will go towards our guided reading/phonics book funds. Everyone who brings in their £1 will be given a raffle ticket which will be entered into our prize draw!
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief Day**. The focus for the day will be a red nose themed cake/biscuit sale at break time – more details after the holiday.
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents appointments will take place from 2.30 – 6.30pm for parents/carers of pupils from Nursery to Year 6 (additional appointment times for 15 hour Nursery parents/carers will take place that week too). A letter with more details will be sent out after the holiday.

Yours sincerely,

**Miss E Beeston**, Head Teacher