

## Headteacher's Newsletter

February 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the days start to get longer and the weather begins to improve, the first signs of spring are appearing around us as we embark on the second half of the school year. As always, there has been much to celebrate and enjoy during our time at school since the new year. We were treated to a wonderful pantomime performance of Peter Pan which has inspired work done at home and the children have been working hard in lessons to keep improving and to keep learning. Thank you to all who attended the quiz night, and to all who helped organise such a wonderful event to raise money for the school. The children continue to impress us with their attitude and learning both in and out of school as witnessed every Friday in our achievement assemblies. If your child does achieve anything out of school, such as a competition win or a certificate of achievement then we would love to hear about it.

There is also much to look forward to – Year 5 will be giving their own performance before the end of the term; we are celebrating World Book Day, marking Red Nose Day and we also have more exciting BRSA events such as Hot Dog Friday, Film Club and a Mothers' Day Sale before the end of term.

### World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and we will be marking this with a variety of events in school. Each class will be going off timetable for the day to allow for some exciting and interesting activities. In the afternoon, Key Stage 2 are being treated to a visit from the author Billy Bob Buttons who will be doing workshops in planning and character development with them. We will also be running some activities and quizzes such as matching the favourite book to the teacher and sharing stories with the children. We would also love it if the children came to school dressed as their favourite book character. The costumes may be as elaborate and creative as you like – but the children will still need to be able to undertake a day's work in them!

### Parents' Evening

These evenings are an important and valuable opportunity for teachers and parents with the chance to share progress targets with you to help your children's learning. The dates for the next parents' evenings are:

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Class R, 1, 2 and 4

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Class 3

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Class 4

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Class R, 1, 2 and 3

For these parents' evenings we will be using the eschools system for booking time slots. More information will be sent out soon, but the basic premise is that there will be a time where the appointments go live, and you will use the eschools login you received this week to go and book the time you would like.

## Assessment Information Evening

An evening to give information about the statutory assessments in the Early Years Foundation Stage, Year 1, 2 and 6 will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 7pm. This evening will inform you on how the statutory teacher assessments are done as well as how the Phonics test is administered in Year 1 and the formal testing is done in Year 2 and 6 during May. This is a valuable evening for any parent with a child in these year groups.

## Ridge Off Roader

This year the Ridge Off Roader is being held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March, taking the form of a half marathon, a 10km and a 1km and 2km children's race. There are separate KS1 and KS2 races so the more runners the merrier! More information can be found at <http://www.ridgeoffroader.co.uk/>. This is a tremendous fundraising event for the school and contributes hugely to helping provide extra resources and activities for the children during their time at the school. They are still in need of as much help as possible in setting up and marshalling the race, so if you can spare any time to help then please do get involved!

## Midday Supervisor

We do still have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. If you would be interested in this role on a full or part time basis, please contact the School Office.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mr. A. Haywood  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

07.03.17	Assessment Information Evening
14.03.17	Parents' Evening CI R, 1, 2, 4
16.03.17	Parents' Evening CI 3
17.03.17	Hot Dog Friday
17.03.17	KS1 Film Club
21.03.17	Parents' Evening CI 4
23.03.17	Parents' Evening CI R, 1, 2, 3
24.03.17	Red Nose Day
24.03.17	Mother's Day Sale
29.03.17	Year 5 Production 2pm
30.03.17	Year 5 production 7pm
31.03.17	Break up for Easter at 1:30pm