

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
16th January 2017



Dear Parents.

Apologies for the newsletter only getting to you today, the snow caused disruption on Friday and I hope you understand my decision to close the school for health and safety reasons considering the pupils and my staff.

This week sees the celebration of our whole school book topic. Over the last couple of weeks I have been delighted to see the enthusiasm in all the classes for the topic. The children can be heard singing a very special song that you will get to hear on Friday.

You are invited to join us on 20th January for an assembly, and Keys Stage 2 will also be going to the New Vic on Thursday to see the Snow Queen performance.

On Friday in celebration of the Snow Queen, we are having a "Sharing Day" in school, the children will be doing lots of fun things involving all kinds of "Sharing", we would love the children to come to school in "Snow Queen" themed clothes, anything white, blue, silver or wintery will be perfect.

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance is 95.5%. This week we achieved 93.7%

Swimming Lessons Year 4:

Swimming lessons start again on Wednesday 18th January for all our year 4 children. Your child will need appropriate swimwear. Swimming trunks for boys (board shorts are unacceptable).

Swimsuits for girls (bikinis are unacceptable).

Diary Dates:

19th January – Key Stage 2 children visiting the New Vic Theatre.

20th January – Whole school topic assembly – parents are invited to join us @ 2pm and Sharing Day

Absence:

If your child is unwell and will not be attending school, please let us know. You can text the school on 07786208450 at any time or leave a message on our answering machine Tel: 568680. If you do not contact us you may receive a visit from the ATTEND team

PE:

Weather permitting the children will have 1 lesson a week outside, please ensure your child has some warmer kit to wear, plain black tracksuit bottoms and a plain blacked zipped fleece, form part of our school PE kit.

Head lice:

I need to ask you all to please check your child's hair daily and treat if necessary. If your child has long hair please could you ensure your child's hair tied back. I appreciate that parents are repeatedly finding their child has head lice and we really do need all your help in this matter.



Bikes & Scooter:

Please could I remind all our children and parents to be careful when using bikes and scooters, we have some incidents of racing and rough play, we have to be mindful of the safety of our children, parents and staff, if this continues will have no other option than to ban both scooters and bikes from the school ground, we appreciate your support on this matter.

Safeguarding:

The welfare of our children is always our priority. If you ever feel you need to talk to anyone in school regarding safeguarding Mrs Weaver, Miss Middleton and Miss Sawyer are the Leads.

School Clubs:

The majority of clubs have started this week. Thank you again to staff for volunteering to run these.

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| Monday | Year 5/6 Goblin Car Racing. This has been running since September. 3:15 – 4:15 Mr Collier / Mr Lawton |
| Monday | Year 3 and Year 4 Dance Club – this will be culminating in a show at the Victoria Theatre - a commitment to attending this performance in June in the evening is needed. 3:15 – 4:15 Dance Coach / Mrs Swancott |
| Monday | KS1 skipping club (new). Lunchtime Mrs Swancott |
| Tuesday | Drama KS1. 12:30 Mrs Grounsell |
| Wednesday | KS2 skipping club (new). Lunchtime Mrs Swancott |
| Thursday | Songbirds BoyzNoyz. 10:30 Mrs Rogers Mrs Birchall |
| Thursday | KS2 Art Club (new). Lunchtime Mrs Rogers |
| Thursday | KS2 football club (new). 3:15 – 4:15 Mrs Strickland |
| Thursday | KS1 Multi Sports Club (new). 3:15 – 4:15 Mr Ellam |
| Thursday | Year 3 recorder club (new) There will be a need to purchase a recorder from the school. 3:15 – 3.45 Mrs Birchall |
| Thursday | KS1 and KS2 Reading Club (new). 3:15 – 4:00 Miss Firkins |
| Thursday | Reception Stay and Play (parents invited to stay with the children) (new) 3:15 – 4:00 Reception staff. |
| Friday | School Council elected children meeting Alternate lunchtimes. Miss Firkins |

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