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SPRING 2025 HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Introduction

Happy New Year to all our school family! I hope you enjoyed a lovely Christmas break with your children. In this first newsletter of 2025. I will inform you of some initial dates and activities for the spring term. These will be added to as the term progresses.

Fundraising

Money spent at the November book fair earned us £171.98 to spend on books for our library from Scholastic. Thank you for supporting this.

The school Christmas disco and raffle made a fantastic profit of **£584.45** for school funds. This year we will continue to use this to subsidise school visits and enrichment experiences that will take place in the spring and summer terms. This keeps the cost down for families during these challenging times.

Staffing

We had two lots of happy news in December as both Mrs Dewhurst-Wynn and Miss Davies gave birth to beautiful baby boys, Zach and Henry. We can't wait to meet them both!

Mrs Brooks (formerly Miss Jackson) will return from her maternity leave after the February half term. She will teach the Reception class for the remainder of the school year.

Attendance

Our attendance figures continued to be low in the autumn term. At 94%, this is still below our target of 96%. Moving forward we will continue to take the following actions;

- Monitor, and take action around, the attendance of any child who falls below target.

- Carry out 'attendance sweeps' visiting homes where there is an unexplained absence.
- Issue fines to any parents who take pupils on holiday in term time (please note money from fines paid goes to the local authority, not school).
- Ask for medical evidence for children who are persistently absent
- Require parents/carers to attend meetings with the education welfare officer and school attendance lead where attendance is a concern.

Road Safety

- Year 6 will be taking part in the Bikeability scheme run by the Road Safety team. This cycling course is free of charge and delivered by nationally accredited instructors. It is so important to ensure the safety of our pupils when riding their bicycles. The course will take place during 10th – 13th March.

Sports Partnerships and Spring Term Clubs

Premier Sports will continue to deliver sports' coaching at lunchtimes and after school.

Monday

KS1 and 2 lunchtime sports
 Dodgeball (KS1)
 Reading Booster Club (Y6)
 Pyramid Club

Tuesday

Maths Booster Club (Y6)
 Pupil Rights Group
 Choir

Wednesday

Football (Y3 and Y4)

Thursday

Basketball Y5 and 6

Friday

KS1 and 2 lunchtime sports

Staff will send out further details of these clubs.



Family Worship

Year 3 family worship will be on 31st January at 9am.
 Year 2 family worship will be on 14th March at 9am.

Rev'd Garfield will again be leading worship in school every Thursday. We hope to visit church later in the term as we approach Easter.



Parental Partnership

Mrs Utzeri, our Family Support Worker, is available for parents and carers to speak to. She is usually available on the playground before and after school or an appointment can be made, via the school office.

Alice Madeley, our Place2be worker continues to support children in school each Thursday and Friday. She can be contacted via the school office if you feel your child would benefit from working with her.

Parent/Pupil Consultations

The spring term parent/pupil consultations will be on 25th March between 3.30-6.30pm. Please use this opportunity to speak with your child's teacher to review their progress. Further details will be sent out regarding appointments nearer the time. We will again be offering either face-to-face or telephone appointments.

Initial Dates for Your Diary

7th January: Y1 hearing screening

30th January: Y4 trip to Science and Industry Museum Manchester

31st January: Y3 family worship

14th February: School breaks up for half term for one week

3rd March: Year 6 SATs meeting for parents (3.30pm)

6th March: World Book Day (Details to follow).

14th March: Y2 family worship

25th March: Parents' evening

4th April: Break Up for Easter holiday

School re-opens on Tuesday 22nd April.

I will keep you informed of further dates and activities as they are planned. Thank you for your continued support with everything we do in school.

Mrs A Barker

Headteacher