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SPRING 2 2025: HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER



Introduction

The promise of spring and new life is finally in the air and we are looking forward to a busy and productive run up to Easter. Below you will find details of some of the activities planned to date.

Fundraising

The non-uniform day in February raised £161 and the cake sale raised a magnificent £165. Thank you so much for supporting these events. The money will go directly into school fund to reduce the cost of summer school trips. It will also enable us to buy additional resources to enhance children's learning and the school environment. We have just bought four beautiful wooden book trolleys to house all the infant reading scheme books.

Staffing

We welcome back Mrs Brooks from her maternity leave. She is teaching Reception class until the end of the summer term.

Mrs Randall leaves us temporarily at Easter to await the birth of her second baby. We wish her lots of luck and can't wait to meet her new arrival very soon. Our deputy headteacher, Mr Pamphlett, will take over the **SENDCO** role in her absence.

SATS meetings

Children in Y6 will again be formally assessed by KS2 SATs in May this year. All other classes will be 'teacher assessed' over the spring and summer terms following our assessment procedures. We are holding an information meeting for Y6 parents/carers on 5th March at 3.30pm, which we urge you to attend, or send a representative to.

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 continue to deliver sports' coaching at lunchtimes/after school.

Monday

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

Tuesday

Maths Booster Club (Y6)
Pupil Rights Group
Choir

Wednesday

Football (Y3 and Y4)

Thursday

Hockey Y5 and 6
Place 2Talk lunchtime

Friday

KS1 and 2 lunchtime sports
Place2Talk lunchtime

Staff will send out further details of these clubs.



Family Worship

- Year 2 family worship will be on 14th March at 9am.
- Rev'd Garfield continues to lead worship in school every Thursday.
- We will be visiting Walkden Methodist Church on 3rd April at 9.15am to celebrate Easter. You are very welcome to join us.

Place2Be

For the last 3 years, we have benefitted from being part of a research project with Place2Be. Alice and Laura have worked in school each week with children and families. Our involvement with the project ends at Easter and I want to take this opportunity to thank Alice and Laura for all the support they have given our children and families over the last 3 years.

Children and Family Support

We continue to prioritise the wellbeing of our pupils and are very fortunate to have our own full time family support worker in school. The children know they can speak to her, or any other member of staff they feel comfortable with, if they have any worries.

Mrs Utzeri continues to be 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.

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 be offering face-to-face or telephone appointments.

World Book Day

We asked the children for ideas for what the theme should be for this year's dress up day on 6th March. These ideas were voted on by the Pupil Rights Group. This year the children have selected a 'BEDTIME STORY' theme. Children are invited to come dressed in their favourite pyjamas, dressing gowns or onesies! They can of course also come in as their favourite book character if they would prefer.

Initial Dates for Your Diary

25 February: Year 5 visit Blackleach Country Park to do litter pick

5th March: Year 6 SATs meeting for parents (3.30pm)

6th March: World Book Day (Bedtime Story theme)

10th March: Bikeability Y6

10th March: Rec height and weight checks

11th March: Digital schoolhouse workshops

14th March: Y2 family worship

25th March: Parents' evening

1st April: Easter Family Learning Workshop (Y3 and Y4 pupils)

4th April: Break Up for Easter holiday

***28th JUNE IS THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR!**

Easter Events



Easter Family Learning Workshop

Families of children in Y3 and Y4 are invited to attend an Easter themed art workshop in the school hall on 1st April. The session is a practical one for you and your child/children. You will be able to do Easter craft activities with your child. If you are unable to attend, other family members e.g.; grandparents are more than welcome to accompany your child. A letter will be sent out on 17th March asking you to register your interest.



Easter Egg Raffle

We are again running an Easter raffle. Members of staff have kindly donated chocolate eggs to be raffled off for the children. Tickets will be sold at 20p each and will be on sale from 18th March. They will be drawn in school on Thursday 28th March.



Spring Hamper Raffle

To raise additional money for school funds, staff have also been bringing in items for Spring Hampers. Tickets are on sale (20p per ticket, £1 per strip) from the school office. They will also be available to buy at the family learning workshop on 1st April, Y2's family worship on 14th March and on the yard nearer the time.

Easter Bake Off

We are inviting you to make Easter cakes for a bake off competition. Cakes can be sent in on Thursday 3rd April for judging. They will then be sold in the school hall after school at 3.20pm. Any cakes that are unsold will be available to buy on Friday 4th April.

Easter Bonnets

Children from Nursery to Year 2 are invited to make an Easter bonnet at home and bring it into school on the last day before the holiday, 4th April. The Easter bunny may even leave a few prizes around school for super effort!

I will keep you informed of further dates and activities as they are planned. School re-opens on Tuesday 22nd April. Thank you for your continued support with everything we do in school.

Mrs A Barker

Headteacher