



Weekly Bulletin 3 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term really has been exceptionally short – 5 weeks is just not long enough to fit all our work into! Nevertheless, a break will hopefully help expel all the germs and bugs that have been doing the rounds.

**After School Activities**

Due to parents evenings and the discos next week, there will be no after school activities apart from Year 1 Art Club which will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February instead of Wednesday and Science Club for Year 6 at Durham High School. The wrap around care will operate as normal.

**Pre-Information Leaflets**

In the past, we have sent out pre-information leaflets just prior to parents' evenings taking place. However, we are changing the timing of these and have decided that you would be better informed if you received these in the half term when parents' evenings do not take place. In addition, we will be altering the way we report your child's attainment and will also include their progress. So, instead, you will receive an update towards the end of next half term. We hope you agree that this will keep you even better informed on your child's attainment, progress and effort.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Parents' Evening from 3.45 pm until 6 pm**

All teachers will meet with parents in the Junior Hall and your child's work can be found in their classrooms. If you would like to discuss anything at all with myself, please feel free to do so. I will be either in my office or around the school.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 6 pm – Friends of the School Meeting**

The Friends of the School will be meeting at 6 pm on Monday evening in school. Please feel free to come along and share any ideas and suggestions you have about future events and perhaps improvements you would like to see happen in school too. New faces are always warmly welcomed!

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – School Choir at the Gala Theatre – The Itch Witch**

All children should come to school in uniform as normal. They will leave school at 11 am to go to the Gala Theatre for their first rehearsal at 11.40. Following this, we will be taking the children to Pizza Express in Durham where we will be treating the children to some dinner. We will be heading back to the Gala Theatre for the warm up and dress rehearsal at 3 pm. All children need to bring their costumes as well please.

The performance starts at 6 pm and should last around one hour. There is an 'exit' plan to ensure all parents are safely reunited with their children so please await instructions which will be given at the end of the evening. I am sure it is going to be a wonderful experience for everyone involved!

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Parents' Evening from 3.45 pm until 6 pm**

All teachers will meet with parents in the Junior Hall and your child's work can be found in their classrooms. If you would like to discuss anything at all with myself, please feel free to do so. I will be either in my office or around the school.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Discos**

Tickets are still available for the discos which will take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February. They cost £2 each and include juice and hot dog for everyone. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will just stay in school and change in the classroom at the end of the day before being accompanied to the Junior Hall by staff. They will then be dismissed from the usual place on the top yard at 4.45 pm

The KS2 disco (Years 3-6) starts at 5 pm and finishes at 6.30 pm. At the end of the disco, to help alleviate congestion, Year 5 and Year 6 children will be dismissed from the main entrance whilst Year 3 and Year 4 children

will be dismissed from the Junior Hall Door. Any siblings are to go with their older brother or sister. I am sure they will all thoroughly enjoy themselves!

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Non-Uniform Day**

We are holding a non-uniform day on the final day of this half term in aid of school funds. We rarely fundraise for school, instead, always raising money for charity. However, we need to replenish our funds so hope you will support us by sending your children in non-uniform in exchange for £1.

### **Year 6 and Ford Castle**

All forms and kit lists have been given to the children yesterday – please make sure that these are returned by Monday so that we don't have any missing forms before half term. Please also remember that we leave on the first day back after half term!

### **Holiday Clubs**

Please do not forget that we have our own school holiday clubs on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February which is a mixture of sports and arts and crafts activities for the day. On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>, Mr Graham is also holding sports holiday clubs in school. Please book in advance for these places.

### **Foundation Stage News (Nursery and Reception)**

In Nursery, our stories next week will be 'The Great Monster Hunt', 'Loo Queue', 'Once Upon a Time', 'Too Noisy!' and 'The Ding-Dong Bag'. Our song of the week will be 'Tommy Thumb'.

We are collecting quite a pile of lost property from Nursery and Reception in the Nursery cloakroom. Please come in to check through it if you have missing gloves, hats or other assorted clothes. Please also remember to write your child's name on their clothes/wellies/shoes so that they can be returned if found.

Thanks for your offers to be Secret Storytellers. We will be letting you know some suitable dates soon!

Wednesday to Friday Penguin Group will be visiting the library next Thursday morning, leaving at 9.35 and returning to Nursery by 10.30 at the latest. If anybody is available to help us on this short trip, please let a member of Nursery staff know. Thank you.

As usual, if there is anything at all that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Alternatively, you can email me at: [j.davis@lanchesterep.net](mailto:j.davis@lanchesterep.net) and I will do my best to reply as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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