



Weekly Bulletin 3 – Friday 16th March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, once again, seems to be flying. With just less than two weeks left, there is still plenty to fit in though!

Our children and adults have had a wonderful week skiing and it is very different writing this letter from the snowy, cold, sunny and picturesque French Alps. The beauty of the modern world of emails means that I have been able to keep in touch with school from the ski slopes! Our children, once again, have represented our school admirably and should be proud of both their personal achievements this week but also the way they have conducted themselves – an absolute pleasure to be with.

Sunday 18th March 2018 – Erasmus+ Visit to Hungary

We have four Year 5 boys heading off to Budapest and Ajka in Hungary this week. Alfie Thompson, Tyler Gibbons, Alex Hall and Ethan Lloyd are leaving on Sunday morning with Mr Bailey and Mr Graham to visit our partner school. We know that they too, will be great ambassadors and enjoy a week of cultural activities together.

Friday 23rd March 2018 - Sport Relief Day

We are asking children to come to school in their sports gear in exchange for £1 in aid of Sport Relief. During the day the children will be enjoying a number of different sports activities with their class. I am sure they will enjoy an action-packed day raising money for a very worthwhile charity whilst also keeping fit!

Easter Holiday Clubs

Mr Graham will be running all holiday clubs in the Easter holidays. LJG Sports Days, which are both football/multisport days will take place on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th April with bookings/payment made directly to Mr Graham. Forms for these clubs have been given out but are also available from the School Office, eSchools and the website. Please book early for these popular clubs.

Year 3/4 Overnight Visit to Gibside

Please do not forget that Monday 19th March is the deadline for all forms and deposits to be returned for this overnight visit. We have to confirm both numbers and dates by the end of Monday so as stated on the letter, this deadline MUST be adhered to.

Information Leaflets

All children from Years 1 – 6 will be given their 'Information Leaflet' which tells you about their attendance, current attainment and attitude towards school. In the past, these have been given out prior to Parents' Evenings but we decided it would be more useful to share these with you in the half term when there is no Parents' Evening so that you get up-to-date information about your child more regularly. These inform you of your child's current attainment against end of year expectations. Therefore this means that the majority of children at this time of the year will still be **working towards** national expectations. Some children will be working below national expectations even though they have made some very good progress. We hope you find these useful.

Foundation Stage News (Nursery and Reception)

We have been thoroughly enjoying using Tales Toolkit in both Nursery and Reception this week and will be developing the use of this fantastic resource over the next term. The children have amazed us with their creative ideas and problem solving skills. We would love to know if your child talks about characters, settings, problems and solutions at home!

Our stories for Nursery and Reception this week are 'The Very Busy Spider', 'I will Love you Anyway', 'Chicken Clicking', 'The Naughty, Naughty Baddies' and 'There's no such thing as a Snappypoop'.

A reminder that next week's library trips are on the Monday 19th March at 1.45 for the afternoon Zebras and Thursday 22nd March at 9.30 for the morning Zebras. We need 2 volunteers for each trip to help us to safely walk the children over to the library, so please let us know if you can help.

We are hoping that spring will soon be on its way and that we will be spending more time in our outdoor area. We would love to develop our collection of loose parts to support the development of imaginative play outside. If you have anything that might be useful, please let us know. The kinds of things that would be useful are offcuts of guttering, plastic piping, carpet tiles or samples, curtain rings, blankets, logs, real bricks, large stones, wheels, tractor tyres, planks, large nuts and bolts, old CDs, empty cable reels, offcuts of artificial grass, pots, pans, utensils, rope... Anything can be put to good use! If anybody could source an old rowing boat, we would love to hear about it!!

Juice Money

I do apologise for this being such a late request, but we have not asked for Juice Money this half term – totally my fault! We would really appreciate a donation of £3 for this half term. The children enjoy a quiet social time every Friday with their peers whilst having a glass of juice and a biscuit. This also means that we are able to use any profit to purchase small, additional resources or put towards the cost of school visits and visitors coming into school. We are happy for this to be paid on ParentPay (www.parentpay.com), or cash sent to the office. Thank you.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Monday 26th March – Ceilidh for Years 2 – 6

We are very fortunate to have been able to book a ceilidh for our children in Year 2 – 6 for Monday 26th March. This is a great skill for children - being able to listen and dance in time to the music, along with a partner. I am sure this will be a very entertaining and enjoyable day for them all.

Tuesday 27th March – Wacky Hair Day

Our Rotakids are organising a Wacky Hair Day on Tuesday 27th March. The children are really looking forward to this and are starting to plan their wacky hairstyles already!

Wednesday 28th March – Easter Service in All Saints Church at 2pm

Year 2 and Year 5 will be leading this service on Wednesday 28th March. This is always a lovely service which is very well-attended. We shall look forward to seeing you there.

Wednesday 28th March – Film Night

On Wednesday 28th March at 5.30pm, the Friends of the School are holding another Film Night in school when they will be showing 'Hop'. Tickets are on sale now and are £1 for children who MUST be accompanied by an adult who are free.

Thursday 29th March – Easter Egg Decorating Competition, Coffee Afternoon and Book Fair

I hope you have already started thinking about our Easter Egg Decorating Competition. The children design and create their egg in school, but we also have a competition for parents and grandparents so start thinking! This is followed by a coffee afternoon where you can see all the finished products!

As usual, if there is anything at all that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Davis
Head Teacher

School Juice Fund

I enclose £3 for the Juice Fund for this half term.

Name of child: _____

Signature: _____