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NEWSLETTER - SPRING TERM - 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

On behalf of our school I want to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. May 2018 turn out to be a great year for everyone!

The new term has, so far, started well for the children. Only 3 days initially, to break the ice and re-establish routines, followed by a week of fun instigated by the visiting poet Paul Cookson. The children thoroughly enjoyed his humorous poetry and were then inspired to write their own versions. Paul last visited our school 13 years ago, so it was great to host him again [even though he supports Wolves and likes Slade music!!]. Please visit our website as footage of his visit will be added for you to see.

The rest of this term will also be a busy one with class visits to Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre, Nursery Open Mornings for prospective families / children, a Quiz Night and Spring performances by the Reception classes. **PLEASE** check the school website for updates [or download the school App if you have not done so already - a great way to keep abreast of what is happening in school] or check the folder kept in the main entrance [this contains copies of letter sent out].

Finally, I want to say a personal "thank you" to all the parents/carers who have continued to support our school with kindness and appreciation. It has been a particularly tough year so far with regards to staffing, so we really appreciate your patience and understanding.

With very best wishes for 2018

TRACY WARD

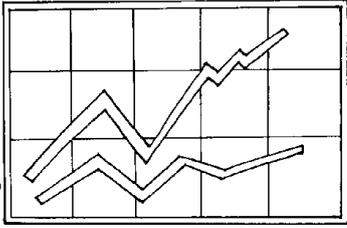
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DIARY DATES

- KS1 and KS2 class visits to Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre [check website for actual class dates]
- Friday 19th January - Green Eco Day [don't forget to wear something green and a £1 donation]
- Week commencing 22.01.18 various Nursery Open Mornings [for prospective pupils]
- Wednesday 14th February - Parents Evening [sorry it falls on Valentine's Day]
- Friday 16th February - last day of term [school re-opens Monday 26th February]
- Friday 9th March - PTFA Quiz Night
- Tuesday 20th March and Thursday 22nd March - Reception Class Concert - 2.00pm
- Thursday 29th March - Easter Service at St Edward's Church 9.30am
- **THURSDAY 29TH MARCH IS THE LAST DAY OF TERM**
- **Monday 16th April school re-opens for Summer Term [Y4 3 day residential at Kingswood]**

ATTENDANCE / PUNCTUALITY

Our school attendance was 97.2% last term so 'WELL DONE EVERYONE' or keeping the score comfortable above the national expectation of 95%. Let's hope that we can match or exceed this score by the end of this Spring Term.



Thank you for continuing to complete Leave of Absence [holiday] forms. Whilst we are unable to authorise any requests, to date we have not had to go down the route of Penalty Notices, which is good news all round.

However, it is important that you know about a change in policy regarding late arrivals in the mornings. This is a change in County Policy which we have to follow. Basically, if your child is late on 10 occasions over a 12 week period a Penalty Notice you may receive a penalty warning notice and also potentially a fine.

Please therefore, ensure that your child arrives between 8.45 and 9.00 every morning; please advise the office if they are to be late or absent.

Thank you for your co-operation with the above.

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO:

Miss Mellor who is teaching the Frogs class until Ms Rawle returns from maternity leave. Miss Upton will continue to teach this class every Friday. We wish them all the best.



KAREN BRADLEY Rt Hon. MP for Staffordshire Moorlands

Following a recent visit to our school Karen sent us a lovely thank you letter in which she said: "I wanted to say how impressed I was by the keen attitude of the children and by the range of questions I was asked. Needless to say, their behaviour was, as always, impeccable."

We are indeed very proud of our children who never fail to impress others who visit the school or when they are on educational visits out of school.

SAFEGUARDING

- Please do not leave your child unattended at the beginning of the school day as staff are not on duty until 8.45am. It is vital that children are supervised and safe until the 'handover' into our care.
- We recently contacted PCSO Ashley Goodwin with regard to the traffic issues at the beginning and end of the school day. Following a recent spot-check he has made some suggestions to help improve the situation and he will be carrying out spot checks from time to time. Unfortunately, we still have some inconsiderate parking and unsafe driving outside school. Should you wish to report anyone his contact number is 0300 123 2345 [08872 at the prompt].

Please don't forget to check the Calendar page on the school website to make sure you are aware of forthcoming events this term.

STAFFING UPDATE:

Unfortunately, Mrs Hordern was unable to return to work after the Christmas break. She is due to have surgery on her injured leg at the end of the month so we are hopeful to see her back after the half term break. Meanwhile Mrs Higgins and Mrs Durber are continuing to teach the Bats Class and we are very grateful to them both.

Sadly Mrs Pickford will not be returning to her role as Teaching Assistant due to health reasons. We are very sorry to see her leave, as will the children, but we wish her all the best for the future. Her post is being covered internally by staff who know the children well.

Thank you, especially to parents/carers of children in the Frogs and Bats Classes, for your support and understanding.