



## SPRING TERM

# NEWSLETTER 12 : March 3rd 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

### SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

In our last newsletter we gave a list of apps that we wanted Parents to be aware of—For your information here is another one that we think you should be aware of.



‘Whisper is an anonymous social network that allows people to express themselves. If you have ever had something too intimate to share on traditional social networks, simply share it on Whisper!

Connect with others with FREE private messaging and respond to other Whispers with your own anonymous Whispers. Discover Whispers from around the world and browse Whispers on topics that interest you most 'Safety tip: This app is risky since it promotes open sharing of secrets and then people can contact you to meet up. Be careful if your students have this app. The recommended age is 17.

This is an American site but the video is very good at explaining what Whisper is all about <https://safesmartsocial.com/whisper-app-parents-guide-video/>

### WORLD BOOK DAY

This year a decision was made not take part in World Book Day. This was a decision that was based on Parental views from last year when we had lots of complaints about the amount of dressing up days that we do in school and the cost involved. We celebrated World Book Week at the end of last year and we are also celebrating Red Nose Day on the 24th March. High quality literature is at the heart of our English curriculum. We are constantly striving to inspire and engage our children in a text rich environment.

### REWARD DAY

Starting this half term, we are starting a new Reward Days.

The class with the highest attendance and punctuality (above the national expectation) will be rewarded with a non uniform day on Friday 7th April. The winning class will be notified during the last week of term.

### RED NOSE DAY

This year's Red Nose Day will be on Friday 24th March. To help raise money for this cause we will be having a non-uniform day which will cost £1 for the children to take part. We would like to dress up in something red. Please note that we will **not** be selling noses.



### FAMILY PHOTO EVENING

We have arranged with Purple Cow Photography to set up a Family Photograph Evening. This will take place after school on the 6th June. You will have the opportunity to come back into school, dressed up in your finery to have a professional photograph taken as a family. The cost of studio shoots is so expensive, this will give you the best of both worlds with a reasonable cost to the photographs. I hope that this is something you will all enjoy and you will have a keepsake that you will cherish forever.



### CLARIFICATION OF BUMP NOTES

Following incidents such as slips/trips and collisions, some parents have questioned why they have not been informed.

Reporting/Logging Accidents/Incidents

As in accordance with HSE guidance; Following any incident/accident, if first aid treatment was required then parents will be contacted, either by telephone or by bump note. A record of the accident/incident will be kept in school. If however, there are no visible signs of injury or any other symptoms and first aid treatment has not been required then a bump note/log will not be completed.

### DANGEROUS PARKING

Following complaints from local residents, please can Parents give due consideration to when, where and how they park. Please be aware that parking on the zigzag lines outside of school and also across the school gateway is not permitted under any circumstances.

### HEADLICE

At the moment, we have lots of children with headlice in school. Please can you take some time over the weekend so check your child's hair and treat your child if you have identified headlice/nits. Thank you for your support in this matter, it is only by working together, that we can eradicate this problem.

**Government Target for Attendance in schools is 95% and above. Please help us improve our figure for last year which was below government guidelines.**



### **ATTENDANCE WINNERS**

The proud winners of the attendance awards over last week were:

#### **w/c 6th February — 10th February**

Reception— 92.22%

Year 1— 92.73%

Year 2— 95.33%

Year 3—97.27% **WELL DONE**

Year 4—93.16%

Year 5—90.00%

Year 6—96.92%

#### **w/c 20th February — 24th February**

Reception— 99.11%

Year 1— 99.09% **Well Done**

Year 2— 95.00%

Year 3—93.64%

Year 4—96.84%

Year 5—95.20%

Year 6—91.54%

**Attendance for the School Year up to the end of last week was**

**94.41 %**

**Government Target is 95% and above**

Across school persistent absences is now set at equal to or less than 90%. Children that fall into that category will have a Red attendance summary sent home & EWO Involvement.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

This week would like to wish

Amber Winfield  
McKenzie Armitage  
Zach Carrington  
Oliver Clarke  
Rhys Harber  
Rylie Sivorn  
Harrison Cook-Nordon  
Tori Lea Harrison  
Isabel Humphreys  
Paige Priestley  
Elliott Simpson



**A very Happy Birthday to you all**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Wednesday 8th March

Year 4 Inspire Afternoon—Toy Making

Tuesday 7th March

Yr 5 & 6 Star Dome Day

Wednesday 15th March

Parent Consultation Meetings

Wednesday 22nd March

PC Blunt—Yr 6 Anti Social Behaviour workshop

Friday 24th March

Red Nose Day

Thursday 30th March

Year 3 & 4 singing at Whin View Court

Monday 3rd April

Year 5 to HACA to watch Matinee performance

Friday 7th April

Break up for Easter

Monday 24th April

School reopens for Summer 1 Term

Tuesday 2nd May

Yr 4 Bikeability—Playground Session

Monday 8th—Friday 12th

**SAT's WEEK**

(Please **DO NOT** book holidays during this week if your child is in YR 6)

10th, 11th, 12th and 15th May

Year 5 Bikeability sessions

Friday 26th May

Break up for Half Term holidays.

**We hope that you have a lovely  
Half Term Holiday**