

Friendship

Respect

Endurance



Trust

Kindness

Forgiveness

## Newsletter: February 2017

### Forest School

Being in a rural environment Forest School is an important part of our curriculum. Children thoroughly enjoy it as well as it being beneficial to their learning and development. Ensuring children have the correct clothing is vital for their safety and wellbeing. Please make sure that children come to school prepared with warm, waterproof clothing, hats, gloves, scarfs and wellingtons. Staff will endeavour to find enough appropriate clothing when required, however this may not always be possible and on these occasions children would not be able to take part.

### Sainsbury's Vouchers:

#### Active Kids

We are pleased to say that we are again collecting **Active Kids** vouchers. We have a collection box in the reception area and will be collecting until the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

### TE Days

We have finalised the dates for our remaining TE Days. These will be on;

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

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**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

School will be closed on these dates.

### Polite Reminder –Year 4

The second payment of £40 for the Year 4 Malvern residential trip is due by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Please return the orange payment card with monies, thank you.

### Spring Bulbs

Could we kindly ask that parents and pupils refrain from walking on the grassy areas around the school grounds as spring bulbs have been planted, thank you.

### Hi-Vis

Good news! We have recently secured some funding from the community Safety team at Wychavon District council. This means we have been able to purchase Hi-Vis vests for every pupil in the school. This means that on every school trip or outing the children will be clearly visible and this will go towards keeping them safe at all times.

### Welcome Back

We are very pleased to be welcoming back Mrs Darby from maternity leave as of next week.

### Social Media

Most people now use some form of social media whether it be Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, WhatsApp, etc. Please can we remind all parents to be mindful of what is posted on these sites as once posted, often they remain on the internet forever. Please do not post pictures of other people children without permission. Any photos taken at school events should be for your own use and should not be put on any form of social media. Could we also ask that any concerns or school issues are raised directly with the school, thank you.

### **Data Catchment**

Data catchment letters came home last week, please check to ensure all details are correct. If there are any amendments, please make them on the form and return to school so that we can amend our records accordingly. Contact details are especially important and where possible we would appreciate having details for 4 emergency contacts for each child. Thank you.

### **Term Dates**

Please see attached an updated list of dates for this term and next.

### **Half Term**

School closes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February and will reopen on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, we hope you all have a refreshing break.

### **Uniform.**

Thank you to everyone who has donated second hand uniform over recent months. We now have a large collection of items so would kindly ask that no more is brought in for the time being, thank you. Friends will be arranging a second hand uniform sale in the near future.

### **School Milk**

Once children turn 5 you can pay for them to receive a portion of milk for just 21p per day, from Reception all the way up to Year 4. To do this log on to 'Cool Milk' or see the school office. If you are in receipt of benefits the school may be able to fund this on your behalf.

### **World Book Day**

*We will be participating in world book day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character for the day.*

### **GB Athlete Visit – Dominic Cunningham**

Tomorrow afternoon is our sponsored event alongside our visit from Dominic Cunningham. Dominic is a British Gymnast who has represented Great Britain at many international events. We are all very excited!! Don't forget to ensure that PE kits are in school, we hope everyone has been practising their 'Spotty Dogs' and 'Jumping Jacks'! We have until one week after the event to get all the sponsor forms and sponsor money back into school, we would really appreciate parents help in getting this back to school as quickly as possible.

### **Scooters**

Scooters are running their holiday club during half term. Don't be disappointed, get booked in today!

### **Valentine Movie Night – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Friends are holding a Valentine's Movie night for all pupils in the school hall from 5pm until 7pm. Cost is £3 per pupil or £5 for sibling groups, refreshments will be served during the interval. Friends have also put a special Friendship box in the library for children to post cards to their friends to show how much they care about them.