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**THIS HALF TERM WE ARE FOCUSING ON THE CHRISTIAN VALUE OF FORGIVENESS**

### **SPRING 2 2023: HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER**



#### **Introduction**

The promise of spring and new life is finally in the air and we are looking forward to a busy and productive run up to Easter. Below you will find details of some of the activities planned to date.

#### **Staffing**

It is wonderful to welcome Miss Jones back to school following her maternity leave. She will be teaching the Y2 children. Many thanks to Mrs Knights for teaching Y2 for the last half term.

#### **Fundraising**

The February non-uniform day made £170 for school funds. This year we are using school fund in a variety of ways, including subsidising school visits that will take place in the spring and summer terms. This will keep the cost down for families during these challenging times. We are also buying new resources for the children to use a break times.

#### **SATS meetings**

Children, who are in Y2 or Y6, will be formally assessed this year. Y6 pupils will take Key Stage 2 SATs in May, while Y2 pupils will be assessed over the spring and summer terms using an ongoing process. We are holding an information meeting for Y6 parents/carers on 7<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm, which we urge you to attend, or send a representative to.

#### **Church Links**



**Foundation governor.** We welcome Rev Sarah Knebel to our governing body as a new co-opted governor. Sarah already visits school to lead worship and will be a real asset to the governing board.

### **Worship**

Rev Sarah will be leading a special Easter Worship for school on 30<sup>th</sup> March, in Walkden Methodist Church, at 9.15am. You are most welcome to join us.



### **Easter Egg Raffle**

The pupil worship committee are again running an Easter raffle. Members of staff have kindly donated chocolate eggs to be raffled off for the children. Tickets will be sold at 20p each and will be on sale from 20<sup>th</sup> March. They will be drawn in school on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### **Road Safety**

- Year 6 will be taking part in the Bikeability scheme run by the Road Safety team. This cycling course is free of charge and delivered by nationally accredited instructors. It is so important to ensure the safety of our pupils when riding their bicycles. The course will take place during the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> March.
- Year 6 will also be attending the Crucial Crew project on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. This will be paid for from school funds.

### **Sports Partnerships and Spring Term Clubs**

Sale Sharks will be visiting school for several weeks from 28<sup>th</sup> February, to deliver the Try2connect project in Y6. This focuses on emotional wellbeing and transition to high school.

Premier Sports and Rees Sports will continue to deliver football, cricket and multi skills coaching at lunchtimes and after school.

**Monday:** Gymnastics (KS1)  
Reading Booster Club (Y6)  
Pyramid Club (KS2)

**Tuesday:** Pupil Rights' Group  
Choir  
Netball (KS2)

**Wednesday:** Football (Y3 and 4)  
Maths Booster Club (Y5)

**Thursday:** Cricket (Y5 and 6)

Staff will send out further details of these clubs.



### **Collective Worship**

17<sup>th</sup> March: Year 5 family worship

28<sup>th</sup> March: Year 4 family worship

24<sup>th</sup> March: Year 3 family worship

Rev'd Sarah and/or Rev's Garfield will again be leading worship in school every Thursday. We hope to visit church later in the term as we approach Easter.



### **Parental Partnership**

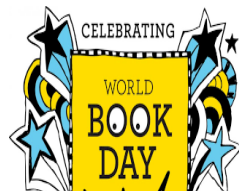
Mrs Utzeri, our Family Support Worker, is available for parents and carers to speak to. She is usually available on the playground before and after school or an appointment can be made, via the school office.

Alice Madeley, our Place2be worker continues to support children in school each Thursday and Friday. She can be contacted via the school office if you feel your child would benefit from working with her.

### **Parent/Pupil Consultations**

The spring term parent/pupil consultations will be on 21<sup>st</sup> March between 3.30-6.30pm. These will take place face to face in school. Please use this opportunity to speak with your child's teacher to review their progress. Further details will be sent out regarding appointments nearer the time.

### **Dates for Your Diary**



3<sup>rd</sup> March: **World Book Day** (Dress up as a word!)

During the week, Years 2 to 6 will be visiting Little Hulton Library. They will be carrying out some World Book Day Activities.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Year 2: 9.30am

Year 4: 10.30am

Year 6: 1.30pm

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Year 5: 9.30am

Year 3: 10.30am

16<sup>th</sup> March: Y6 Bikeability

17<sup>th</sup> March: Comic Relief 'Wear something red day.'

21<sup>st</sup> March: Y4 trip to Salford Museum

21<sup>st</sup> March: Parents' evening

22<sup>nd</sup> March: Upper KS2 Eco family learning workshop  
31<sup>st</sup> March: Break Up for Easter holiday

School re-opens on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

I will keep you informed of further dates and activities as they are planned.  
Thank you for your continued support with everything we do in school.

**Mrs A Barker**  
Headteacher