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### SPRING 2 2024: 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**

Miss Jackson will be leaving us temporarily at Easter to wait for the birth of her second baby. We wish her lots of luck and can't wait to meet her new arrival very soon. We have appointed Miss H Potts to cover Miss Jackson's maternity leave and she will be teaching Y3 for the remainder of the school year. Miss Potts currently teaches in Manchester and is very excited to be joining the St Andrew's team.

#### **SATS meetings**

Only children, who are in Y6 will be formally assessed by SATs this year. The government has removed the requirement for Y2 pupils to take formal assessments. Y6 pupils will take Key Stage 2 SATs in May, while Y2 pupils will be 'teacher assessed' over the spring and summer terms along with other classes following our school assessment procedures. We are holding an information meeting for Y6 parents/carers on 5<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm, which we urge you to attend, or send a representative to.

#### **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 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March.

- Year 6 will be attending the Crucial Crew project on 8<sup>th</sup> March. This will be paid for from school funds.

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

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

### **Monday**

Jolly Olly Football (KS1)  
Reading Booster Club (Y6)  
Pyramid Club (KS2)

### **Tuesday**

Maths Booster Club (Y6)  
Choir

### **Wednesday**

Football (Y5 and 6)  
Maths Booster Club (Y5)

### **Thursday**

Cricket (Y3 and 4)  
Sewing Club (Y5)

Staff will send out further details of these clubs.



## **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 12<sup>th</sup> March between 3.30-6.30pm. 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.

## **Church Links**



## **Walkden Methodist Church**

Rev Sarah continues to visit school each week to lead worship and is also an active member of our governing body. Rev Sarah will be leading a special

Easter Worship for school on 28<sup>th</sup> March in Walkden Methodist Church, at 9.15am. We will be taking children from Y2-Y6 to the church. You are most welcome to join us.

### **Messy Easter**

Along with other members of Walkden Methodist Church, Rev Sarah will lead a 'Messy Easter' family learning workshop in school on 14<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. This will be for families of Year 2 and Year 3 children. At the workshop you will be able to make an Easter Garden with your child. Please note that places will be limited and allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. You will need to complete a slip that will be sent home to indicate your interest.

### **Year 3 Family Worship**

Y3 will be leading a special act of worship on 8<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. Families are very welcome to attend.



### **Easter Egg Raffle**

We 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 18<sup>th</sup> March. They will be drawn in school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Easter Bonnets**

Children from Nursery to Year 2 are invited to make an Easter bonnet at home and bring it into school on the last day before the holiday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. The Easter bunny may even leave a few prizes around school for super effort!

### **Dates for Your Diary**

27<sup>th</sup> February: 'Mad Science' assembly (United Utilities)

4<sup>th</sup> March: Year 6 SATs meeting for parents (3.30pm)

5<sup>th</sup> March: KS2 'Big Fat Science Quiz.'

5<sup>th</sup> March: Y6 heights and weights check (school health)

7<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day (Dress as a word).

12<sup>th</sup> March: Y3 visit to Bolton Museum

8<sup>th</sup> March: Y6 Crucial Crew visit

11<sup>th</sup> March- Y6 Bikeability

14<sup>th</sup> March: Messy Easter family learning workshop (Y2 and Y3)

12<sup>th</sup> March: Parents' evening

28<sup>th</sup> March: Break Up for Easter holiday

School re-opens on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

**\*22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE IS THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR!**

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