

## STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE-



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

### **SPRING 2024 HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER**

#### **Introduction**

Happy New Year to all our school family! I hope you enjoyed a lovely Christmas break with your children. In this first newsletter of 2024, I will inform you of some initial dates and activities for the spring term. These will be added to as the term progresses.

#### **Fundraising**

Money spent at the November book fair earned us £186 to spend on books for our library from Scholastic.

The school Christmas disco and raffle made a fantastic profit of **£576.20** for school funds. This year we will continue to use this to subsidise school visits and enrichment experiences that will take place in the spring and summer terms. This keeps the cost down for families during these challenging times.

#### **Attendance**

Our attendance figures continued to be low in the autumn term. At 94%, this is still below our target of 96%. Moving forward we will continue to take the following actions;

- Monitor, and take action around, the attendance of any child who falls below target.
- Carry out 'attendance sweeps' visiting homes where there is an unexplained absence.
- Issue fines to any parents who take pupils on holiday in term time
- Ask for medical evidence for children who are persistently absent
- Require parents/carers to attend meetings with the education welfare officer and school attendance lead where attendance is a concern.

#### **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)

#### **Tuesday**

Maths Booster Club (Y6)  
Pyramid Club (KS2)  
Choir  
Netball (after Feb half term)

#### **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.



### **Family Worship**

Rev'd Sarah 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**

We had a good turn-out at the autumn term parents' evenings. As the Y3 meetings were cancelled due to staff illness, these will now take place on 16<sup>th</sup> January.

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.

### **Initial Dates for Your Diary**

26<sup>th</sup> January: District Judge visit to Y5 and Y6

2<sup>nd</sup> February: Year 2 family worship

16<sup>th</sup> February: School breaks up for half term for one week

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

7<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day (Details to follow).

14<sup>th</sup> March: Messy Easter family learning workshop (Y5 and Y6)

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.

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