



Weekly Newsletter  
21<sup>st</sup> April 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that you had a lovely Easter break. This shorter week has gone so quickly, but the children have been busy starting their new topics and themes.

You may remember that before the break I mentioned that two Year 6 pupils had approached me to run a fundraising event for the charity Shine. The small jam jars (to fill with small change) are now available to collect from the school office, so if you feel able to support us with this then please pop in to get your jar. The jam jars will need to be returned before the May half term holiday so the money can be counted. Jars can be replenished if you are able to fill them quickly.

Our value of the week this week has been 'truthfulness' and we shared the fable 'Cry Wolf' in assembly on Tuesday. This has given the children lots to think about and I have had many interesting conversations with them during the week. Next week our value is 'Understanding' and we will be looking at the Shine Charity and the Benny Bear stories.

Many thanks for your replies for after school clubs. Children are continuing to return these to school and they are being collated. Full details will be sent out during next week. If you have yet to return your slip then please can I urge you to do so on Monday. Costs for all clubs is £2 per session.

For parents of children who use Tapestry – please be aware that we are experiencing technical difficulties that is preventing us from sharing our observations. Please be reassured that we aim to resolve these issues as soon as possible.

Please remember that during the Summer Term there will be lots of events in which you will be invited to so please keep up to date with our diary dates below.

I wish you an enjoyable weekend.

Thank you,

Kerry Whitham

## Diary Dates

### April

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> – Celebration Assembly

### May

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – May Bank Holiday – school closed

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – Celebration Assembly

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 SATs Week

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Celebration Assembly

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 SATs Week

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Leavers photographs **\*new date\***

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Celebration Assembly

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Celebration Assembly

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 5 – school closes at 3:30pm

### June

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Start of Term 6 – school reopens for children and staff

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Y5&6 Residential trip

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Save the Children Den Day

### July

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day – 1<sup>st</sup> attempt weather permitting!

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> – Summer Fayre

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day (2<sup>nd</sup> attempt if needed!)

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

## Messages from the School Office

**School Office** - Please note that the school office and telephone is staffed between 8.45am and 3.45pm. An answerphone service operates outside these hours. If your child is ill or unable to attend school, then please let Mrs Blackburn know by 9:30am.

**Leave of absence** - If you need to take your child out of school (other than medical appointments), please complete a Leave of Absence Form (available from the school office). If the absence request is for a holiday, evidence of it being an 'exceptional circumstance' **must be submitted with the request**. Please return forms with a minimum of six weeks' notice.

**Appointments** – If your child needs to attend an appointment for doctor, dentist, opticians or hospital during school time – I would be grateful if you could bring in the appointment card/letter.

**Emergency Contact Records** – Please can you let school know of any changes to your contact details **immediately** so that we are able to keep our records up to date. This will aid us in contacting you should any matters arise during the school day.

**Collection of children** – if you have to make alternative arrangements for someone unknown to school to collect your child at the end of school, then please could you let Mrs Blackburn know and the message can then be passed onto the class teacher.