

# NEWSLETTER

Current Attendance:  
97.5%

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No 17 January 12th 2017

## Y3 investigate Chocolate!

On Wednesday 11th January, a professional chocolatier visited the school to involve the children in how chocolate is



used as a material. The children took part in creating their own chocolate lolly as well as learning about Fair Trade.

Thank you for all the donations which made this possible.

## An exciting Spring Term planned!

Our staff have been working hard to plan a range of exciting activities to deliver over the coming term. Each year group will be emailing out their curriculum plans for the term in the next few days to parents. Alongside this newsletter is an email inviting parents to take part in an 'Open Maths lesson' alongside their child. We hope that this will enable parents to better understand the methods, resources and expectations we use in our maths lessons. Please take advantage of this offer if you can! Next week, children will have numerous opportunities to engage with cultural activities to mark the Chinese New Year. Across the school, these include dumpling-making, calligraphy, lantern-making and origami to name but a few. We are asking for a £1 donation per pupil towards the resources for this event. Please access ParentPay to support this curriculum enrichment opportunity and a letter has also been emailed out with more information. Beginning 6th February, all the children will be taking part in a Maths Week as part of our Single Plan improvement work to further develop mathematical explanations. Many outcomes from this week will be shared on our website for parents to access in the future to support with home learning. Finally, there is a Curriculum and Assessment Information meeting for all parents at 7pm on Thursday 9th February ahead of the parent consultations after half term. A busy term lies ahead!



## Spring Term Club Provision and updated Safeguarding arrangements

Please find attached to this newsletter our updated arrangements for Spring Term Clubs and there are still some spaces! We now include all collection/meeting points for clubs both before and after-school along with information around how we deal with any pupils who do not attend clubs. Please read the information sheet carefully.

## Severe Weather Guidance

Yesterday, we sent out our updated guidance for how the school intends to deal with any bouts of severe weather. Please find this information on our website or follow us on Twitter too. Critical information will be sent to parents directly to their mobile phone and followed up with letters by email.



## Book Amnesty

We appear to still be missing lots of our current reading stock of books from our library.

Would you all be able to look at home for any of our books with the 'BFJS' stamp in the inside cover and return to school so that other pupils can enjoy them? Your help would be greatly appreciated. Librarians will sort through returned books on Friday 13th January.

## Y6 Easter Booster School

Are there any parents of Y6 pupils who have not informed the school office yet regarding their child's involvement with the Easter Booster School? Please do so by Friday 13th January.

## Key Dates

**Mon 16th Jan** Clubs re-start. Chinese New Year activities

**Thurs 19th Jan** Parent Voice at 8pm in the Barn

**Thurs 26th Jan** Chinese New Year school dinner

**6th-9th Feb** Maths Week

**Thurs 9th Feb** Curriculum and Assessment information meeting 7pm

**Fri 10th Feb** Non-Pupil day 4

**Mon 20th—Fri 24th Feb** Parent Consultations + No Clubs

**Thurs 23rd Feb** 5C Class Assembly—9:10am

**Thurs 9th Mar** 4S Class Assembly—9:10am

**Thurs 16th Mar** 3B Class Assembly—9:10am

**Fri 31st Mar** End of Spring Term

**3rd/4th/5th April** Y6 Easter Booster School

**Mon 17th April** Summer Term begins

## Non-Pupil Dates for 2017-2018

Monday 4th September 2017 Monday 30th October 2017

Tuesday 2nd January 2018 Monday 19th February 2018

Friday 25th May 2018