

Newsletter

February 2016



Dates

- 22 Feb 2016 School Closed (training day)
- 23 Feb 2016 School re-opens (8.50am)
- 24 Feb 2016 Kirklees Music Recital performance for pupils
- 3 Mar 2016 DT Day
World Book Day
- 8 Mar 2016 Year 1/2 at Lydgate school
- 9 Mar 2016 Class 3/4 trip to Leeds
- 16 Mar 2016 Parents' Evening (3.30 - 7.30pm)
- 17 Mar 2016 Full Governing Body Meeting
- 24 Mar 2016 Easter theme day (Non-Uniform)
- 24 Mar 2016 Easter Assembly (2.00pm)
- 24 Mar 2016 School closes at 3.30pm

This newsletter has been written taking into account feedback we have received from parents.

We hope you find it useful but if there is anything else you feel would improve it please let us know.

Staffing

We are delighted to let you know that, after having acted up for over two years, Alison Eddings has been appointed to the post of Deputy Head Teacher.

As you know Mr Crane has left us but we are very fortunate that Miss Massarella and Miss Raikes are able to take on class 3/4.

Gayna Gaulby has joined us as an Educational Teaching Assistant in class 4/5 and is proving to be a valuable asset.

Website

We are in the process of updating and redesigning our school website.

We are hoping to use this to display your children's work and achievements as well as information about school.

We may be contacting you over the next few weeks to check if you wish to give consent for your child's picture to be used on the new website.

Stay and Play

We offer a fabulous opportunity for pre-school children to play and socialise in a safe and stimulating environment every Wednesday afternoon at our Stay and Play group.

If you, or anyone you know, has children of pre-school age please come along any Wednesday afternoon at 1.30pm where you will be made to feel very welcome.

Behaviour

As you know we have just trialled a "Thinking Room" in school where children spend time during their lunch break if they have not met the standards of behaviour we expect.

This has proved to be very effective and we will continue this after half term.

We will review our behaviour policy in full over the coming months and you could be asked for your views. In order to do this fairly we are employing educational psychologists to manage the process and they will gain the views of parents, staff and children. This will be shared with you when it has been written.

Educational Visits

We always aim to stimulate learning, especially in topic, with either an event in school or an educational visit off site.

There are trips planned for all year groups so watch this space; we will send out information as far in advance as we can to enable you to budget and we always try to subsidise trips to help with the cost.

Bringing Items to School

Could I remind everyone that children must not bring items from home in to school.

Over the last few weeks I have collected teddies, bag charms, key rings, metal canisters and many more items.

Items from home can get lost, mis-placed or "borrowed", nearly always act as a distraction and can cause extreme upset when we take them from a child.

Any items brought in to school will be passed to the school office and will have to be collected by a parent/carer.

Safeguarding

As you know we take our duty to keep children safe very seriously.

In order to make sure we are able to fulfil our duty at all times we now have four people fully trained in school so if you have any concerns about the welfare of any child please let one of us, or any adult, know.

Christine Barlow

Alison Eddings

Beverley Ottewell

Amy Massarella

Topic Information

We have been asked by some parents for more information about topics. This half term we will trial a system where we tell you what your children are studying and how you can support their learning.