



Head Teacher's News Letter
March 2019

Dear parent / carer,

We are about to finish a short but very busy term and head into a two week Easter break and hopefully some warm, sunny weather to relax in and enjoy time outside!

Unfortunately we'll have to wait a little longer for our Easter Eggs!

Ten things to celebrate this half term:

- **Successful Reading Week** raising £998 in sponsored read money to spend on books for all our children including great reads, dictionaries and thesauruses including a wonderful day of dressing up as book characters to celebrate World Book Day.
- Additional **new early reader books** purchased to support phonics teaching and learning to read for Little Wrens and YR.
- **Learning Journey books** – evidencing high quality teaching, learning, differentiation and presentation. Books shared by Miss McKinnon at NEP Geography subject lead training as very good practice in evidencing local field study work and learning in Geography.
- Further **exciting and enriching educational visits and experiences:** Sea Life Centre for Base 2; Bird box making for Base 3; Base 2 visit to St Margaret's and visitors in to school to support their RE learning; Easter Detectives for Y5 at Broomhall Chapel; Boxing Taster sessions for Y2.
- **Maypole Dancing** in preparation for Marbury Merry Days ~ expanding school community links.
- **Strong parent partnership:** Base 2 and Base 3 Parent Lunches well attended; Parent Evenings – well attended; support from parents across Reading Week including Mystery Readers and Book Fair sales
- **A safer school and community** ~ Internet Safety Presentation at Pear Tree School for parents and PC Sharon Jones drop-ins at end of school day
- **Increased pupil numbers:** 105 pupils on roll YR-Y6; 24 children on roll for Little Wrens
- **Attendance** for whole school at 97.2%
- **FOWS** – New Chair appointed – **Joe Kelly supported by a large committee of parents representing all Bases** – a diary of fundraising events to follow.

Parent Evening appointments:

These took place on Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 March for YR-6 parents. Attendance was positive but could be better. **It is really important that ALL parents have an appointment with their child's teacher** to secure very good parent partnership, celebrate what your child is doing well at and to know how to support where a bit of help may be needed. *If you haven't seen your child's teacher, please do book a time to meet.*

Statutory Assessments: SATS

Y2: Children in Y2 will be taking part in national assessments in Maths and Reading in May; outcomes from these assessments are used to inform teacher assessment (in reading, maths and writing) at the end of school year.

Y6 – SATS tests will be held the week beginning **Monday 13th May – Friday 17th May**. Year 6 SATs tests are timetabled to take place on the same days nationally. Mrs Charlesworth will provide more information.

I'm sure you will endeavour to support your child's attendance so that they get the best preparation for the assessments and the opportunity to do their very best. Their class-teachers will work closely with your children to ensure that that they are happy and confident in their preparations and during the assessments.

Dates for your diary:

- **Friday 29 March** – School closes for a 2 week break
FOWS tuck shop (back playground)
- **Monday 15 April** – School Opens for 4 days
- **Thursday 18 April** – Easter Service at St Margaret's 9.15/9.30
- **Friday 19 - Monday 22 April** – School closed for Easter weekend
- **Tuesday 23 April** – School reopens

An updated Summer term calendar will be sent home the week beginning 22 April.

School Dinner Money

*School lunches are **increasing after the break to £2.40** per meal per day.

Pupil Premium Grant Funding

Attached to my newsletter is some information about the government's Pupil Premium Grant Funding. Your financial circumstances may mean your child is eligible for this funding. It is important that your child and the school do not miss out on this additional funding as it will be used to support your child's education. If you read the information and feel your child may be eligible, please DO come in and speak to Debbie.

Something lovely to end with...

*The whole school and I would like to wish Miss Pitchford and her partner Dom Holdsworth a very **Happy Wedding Day** on Saturday 30 March – a day full of laughter and love with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming Miss Pitchford back after the break as Mrs Holdsworth.*

Many thanks for your continued support of myself and the Wrenbury Team.
Wishing you all a happy and restful Easter break,

Mrs Bessa Cador