



## Spring Term Newsletter 2018



Dear all,

Here are just a few updates for the rest of this term. I am really sorry that you have experienced disruption with us having to close school. We never take these decisions lightly as we fully recognise how difficult organising child care is.



We are raising money for this event on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March by having an afternoon of sporting activities. The children have chosen to choose their own activity for the first hour of the afternoon. Class 1 children will be playing with lots of sports equipment with Mrs Gill. During the second hour, the children can choose to take part in one of three activities- football/ dance/ a run-walk around the playing field. All children will need to come to school in their outdoor PE kit as usual. Attached to this letter is a tube of smarties. There is one per family. We would like you to enjoy the sweets but return to the tube to school with change in it as a donation to the Sports Relief charity.

**It's Bake-off week this week so good luck to everyone involved. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly at 3pm when the winner will be announced. Friday will be a great day for cake in school!!**

### A Change to the start and end of the day

We received quite a lot of positive feedback from parents when we had the scaffolding about their preference for using the front entrance. We had a chat as a staff and have decided to trial using the front entrance for a while. Class 1 staff found having the younger children go out through the front was more straightforward. I will keep you posted after the trial period.



### Easter Activities

Easter is nearly upon us. For those parents in Foundation stage, here is a reminder of the activities during the week. All the children will be going to the church in the village on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March to make an **Easter garden**. We are grateful to the ladies from the church who support us in this.

Then all children take part in an **Easter Egg competition** which is a very serious affair!! Each child has a polystyrene egg to make into a character/creature etc. Judging takes place on Thursday and the winners announced in the assembly on that afternoon. Parents are invited to attend. It will be at 2.45pm.

On the last morning of the week, which is **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>**, school does not open until 9am (unless you use breakfast club which will open as usual) then all the children take part in an egg hunt around school. New for this year, is that we have eggs for parents and younger

siblings to find! We have noticed many of you looking longingly wanting to join in so now you can!!

### Staffing

We have welcomed Mrs Julie Roberts (yes, Julie as opposed to Julia!!) to our team. Julie is a very experienced practitioner, who has worked for over 20 years in a nursery class. She has settled in really well and we are delighted to have an additional member of staff in the foundation area. We are hopeful we will have an extension onto class 1 next September.

Miss Imogen Gomery is undergoing her teaching placement in class 1 until May 4<sup>th</sup> so we are pleased to have her in class 1 too.

### York Kitchen for Everyone Charity to help the homeless

Just before Christmas, we asked you for donations to support the York based charity, 'York Kitchen for Everyone', who provide hot meals to the homeless on Sunday and Tuesday nights. Four children from class 2 visited the centre in January along with staff members to distribute our collection and help out. It was a very humbling experience and everyone there was very grateful of all you had donated. At least we could see our contributions making an actual difference rather than money going in a collection box.

As a school, we have made the decision to continue to support the charity whenever we can. We have launched 'Operation Sleep tight' as we would like to collect as many sleeping bags as we can. When I spoke to the people there, they were clear that having a sleeping bag was of prime importance. If you can donate any that would be great but I am keen that we target businesses rather than just ourselves as there must be outward bound companies who have rejects/seconds/old stock. If anyone knows of people we can talk to about this, please let us know.



**We are sending home the children's books on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to give you an opportunity to see their work this term. We will be having consultation days as listed below, after Easter.**

### Dates for Diaries

**20<sup>th</sup> March:** Y1/2 Bake-off afternoon

**21<sup>st</sup> March:** Gymnastic Competition- this has been postponed. We will let you know the new date.

**22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Y3/4 5/6 Bake-off afternoon. We may need to overspill onto Friday am for final decoration time!

**23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Sports Relief Day

Bake-off assembly at 3pm

Children's books sent home in preparation for parents consultations after Easter.

**26<sup>th</sup> March:** Children going to St. James' Church to make an Easter Garden.

**29<sup>th</sup> March:** Easter Egg hunt

Assembly at 2.45pm. School closes.

**17<sup>th</sup> April:** School re-opens

**18<sup>th</sup> April:** Swimming begins for children in 4/5/6

**23<sup>rd</sup> April:** Bacon Buttie Morning

Class 1 Parent Consultation day

**24<sup>th</sup> April:** Class1/2 Parent Consultation day

**25<sup>th</sup> April:** Class 2 Parent Consultation day

**30<sup>th</sup> / 1<sup>st</sup> May:** Y6 Bikeability course. Details to follow.

**7<sup>th</sup> May:** School Closed- May Bank Holiday

**10<sup>th</sup> May:** Bags to school. Please save up any jumble you have as it helps us to raise money for school.

Beetle Drive/Bingo Evening. Details to follow.

**23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Y5/6 Kwick Cricket event at Holy Family High school. Details to follow.

**25<sup>th</sup> May:** School closes for half term.

I think that is about it! If you have any questions about any of the above or indeed about anything else, please pop in and have a chat.

Thank you  
Emma