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Parents' Evening

We will be holding our Spring Term parents' evenings during the week beginning 27th March. More information will be sent to you nearer the time.



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We have lots of exciting things planned for this term and I wanted to give you plenty of notice so that you can update your diaries.

Your Child's Termly Reports

At the beginning of this term you received a report for your child that provided you with information about their progress and attainment during the autumn term. We have decided to trial issuing reports every term so that you have up to date targets that your child is working on in school, and that you can help them with at home. If you have any queries or concern regarding your child's report, please make an appointment to meet with their class teacher. Of course you will have the opportunity to discuss their learning during this term's parents' evening meeting.

Attendance

The children's attendance over the autumn term was very good—thank you for your help with this.

If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please make sure that you ring the school office on the first morning of absence. If you do not notify us that your child is not able to attend, we have no option but to give them an unauthorised absence mark. Please remember that we are unable to authorise absence for holidays taken during term time. Penalty notices will be issued by the Local Authority for absence due to a holiday.

The New Gate onto the Playground

Many children tell us that using the new gate onto the playground makes their journey to and from school much easier, and that they think it is helping to keep them safe. We really want to be able to keep this gate open, but unfortunately it is creating problems for some of the local residents. To ensure we do not have to close this gate permanently, I am asking that you avoid parking in front of local residents' garage doors.

Thursday 26th January 2017

NEWSLETTER

World Book Day

On Friday March 3rd, we will be celebrating World Book Day by asking all the children to come to school dressed as a character from a book. In addition parents will be invited to come along to a reading workshop in school on Thursday 2nd March.

More information will follow nearer the time.



Easter events

Information about our Easter events will follow after half term.

Year 6 SATs

The Year 6 SATs take place this year during the week beginning 8th May. It is essential that year 6 children are in school during this week as well as in the weeks leading up to the SATs. This ensures they can prepare for the tests as best as possible. Mr Jowett and I will be meeting individually with the parents of our year 6 children shortly regarding their maths and literacy targets, and preparation for the tests.

Science Weeks

The 2 weeks beginning Monday 6th March are our Science Weeks. During this week all the children will be involved in a number of different science activities, including working with Hobson and Porter to look at science and maths in construction.



Reading for Pleasure

Many of our children read their home reading books most nights and we are delighted with their efforts and your support with this. However, the aim for all of our children is that they become 'avid readers'. We want them to become engrossed in reading a book, taking it to bed with them instead of watching the TV as they fall asleep, hurrying home with you so that they can read the next few pages. Because they enjoyed reading a book so much, we want them to go to the library so that they can borrow a similar book, maybe by the same author. They will be able to talk about the characters in the book and predict what will happen.

Reading can take us on a journey into another world, it develops our imagination, our vocabulary and our ability to write wonderful stories. We want this for all of our children and have therefore made a commitment to ensure all of our pupils have the opportunity to 'read for pleasure'.

We are working closely with the library service and an organisation called Reading Matters, and with them we have organised the following events to take place this term:-

- Developing further our own school library by training our very own year 5 and 6 librarians.
- Mrs Ketley and Mrs Hudson continue to run 'Chatterbooks' clubs on lunchtimes that involves 20 of our children.
- Seven year 5 children attended training during the autumn term to become reading leaders—they now read with other children across the school— sharing their own love of reading.
- Share a story sessions are taking place in every classroom later this term—more information to follow.
- 'Reading Together' workshop for parents will take place later this term— more information to follow.

If you want to know more about any of the above activities or events, please speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Dobson or myself. Together we can lead our children into the amazing world of reading for pleasure.

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 1st February	City of Culture volunteers are delivering a special assembly about Hull 2017 to all of the children
Monday 6th February	The school nurses are working in year 1 showing all of the children in Miss Blomfield's class how to wash their hands properly
Tuesday 7th February	Children in year 3 are making puppets with visitors from Heritage Learning as part of our City of Culture work
Tuesday 14th February	Year 4 pupils taking part in a swimming assessment session prior to their swimming lessons in May
Friday 17th February	School closes for half term
Monday 27th February	School reopens to pupils
Thursday 2nd March	Sports for Schools assembly delivered by Jenny Wallwork, GB badminton player Pm—Reading workshop and share a story session for parents
Friday 3rd March	World Book Day celebration—children to come to school dressed as a fairy tale character—more information to follow
Wednesday 8th March	Year 2 pupils working with the author Christina Gabbitas at Hull University
Week beginning 6th March	Science weeks begin
Wednesday 15th March	The Bishop of Hull is visiting the school and delivering collective worship to all the children
16th and 17th March	Hullballoo Days in school
Week beginning 27th March	Parents' Evenings
Friday 31st March	Year 5 going to London to visit The Houses of Parliament and take a flight on the London Eye
Wednesday 5th April	Year 2 children presenting The Easter Story to their friends and family
Friday 7th April	1.40 pm—Easter Service for children and parents at St James Church, Sutton School closes for the Easter holidays
Monday 24th April	Staff training day
Tuesday 25th April	School reopens to pupils—breakfast club as usual