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FRIDAY LETTER

13th April 2018

Welcome Back...

Post-OFSTED Parents' meeting ...

And a thank you!...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term. I do hope you had a good Easter Break. The children have come back to school eager to work and we have had a really good week. Thank you for all the messages of support too in regard to the OFSTED report. It was reassuring to know that we have a very strong school community and one that reaches out in time of need. The staff and I felt humbled but also strengthened too in resolve to prove it as a harsh judgement on our wonderful school. There are things we know and have known that need improving and we are on our way to already. But having that backing and trust from so many of our families means so much to us. So thank you!

Post –OFSTED Parents meeting.

This is scheduled to be on Wednesday 25th April in the School Hall. Sean McClafferty, the CEO of St. Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi-Academy Trust to which we will belong in September, will be attending. Start time is yet to be confirmed, but it most likely to be 7pm. It is an opportunity to hear what plans the school have in place to ensure a swift move out of Special Measures.

This half term is a testing time for us all, in so many ways! Later in the term our Year 6 will be completing their SATS; Year 2 will do their tests and Year 1 will sit a phonics check in June. Next year our current Year 3 will be the first group to take a Times Tables check which the DfE have introduced to monitor that essential bank of knowledge that secures strong Arithmetic skills. The DfE did announce there would be no new tests but this was after they had already put in place the start dates for these additional tests.

I do not want children to worry about tests; all we ask of them is to do their best. To help them prepare, please ensure any homework given is completed and as the Year 6 test week approached (14th May), good bedtime routines are in place to keep brains alert! If you have worries or need to know more about the tests, please speak to your class teacher or me.

Attendance and Punctuality.

Thank you for all your efforts to get your children to school on time. Lateness has significantly reduced with this week being an all-time low of 0.6% for this current year. Reception Class's attendance is excellent for the year so far, above the national average with Years 2 and 5 meeting the National Average. The other classes' averages are improving and close to target. Thank you!

RSPB Visit

The RSPB visit had children rambling on our grounds spotting signs of spring and bird activity. The children really enjoyed the activities and with this long winter weather this year we need some signs of Spring!

Cookery Club

Please return your RSVP to the party as soon as possible.



**Crowned as our
Star Pupils
this week**



Reception



All the class!

Year 1



Daniel

Year 2



Jack

Year 3



Angus
William

Year 4



Sophie F

Year 5



Lily B

Year 6



Grace
James

**Head teacher's
Award**



Lily W

Chosen for being a Rising Start this week!

**Class Attendance since Sept
2017 Whole School: 95%**

R 97 %

Y1 94%

Y2 96%

Y3 95%

Y4 94%

Y5 96%

Y6 93%

Lateness 0.6% (This week)

Gardening Club begins on 25th April. Please see Mrs Armitage for a letter. There are some exciting plans!

Y6 Height and Weight check

Next Wednesday, the School Nurse will conduct the annual Height and Weight Check for all Y6 pupils.

Have a good weekend and let's hope this promise of warm weather next week comes true!

Mr S.D. Groarke
Head teacher.

NB. An introductory letter from the CEO Sean McClafferty has been sent home today with this letter.

Birthdays

Mrs Armitage 24
Lyla-Mae 8

Diary Dates this term:

Monday 1st April

*Governor Committee meetings:
Strategic – 9.15am*

Teaching & Learning 1.15pm

Tuesday 17th April

Aqua-Splash – 9.30am

Wednesday 18th April

Y6 Height weight check

Wednesday 25th April

*Post-OFSTED parents meeting
Time – TBC*

Thursday 26th April

School Mass 9.30 in Church

Friday 27th April

*Year 5 Taster Day @ St Philip Howard
School*

Tuesday 1st May

Full Governors Meeting 6.30pm

Monday 7th May

May Day Bank Holiday

Wednesday 9th May

School Group Photos

Monday 14th May

Y6 SATs week

Friday 18th May

Fruity Friday!

Sunday 20th May

First Holy Communion

St Mary Crowned Church 9.30am

Tuesday 22nd May

*Y6 Visit to the National Football
Museum*

Wednesday 23rd May

Y1 Medicine Safety NHS

Y6 Smoking Education NHS

Friday 25th May

School closes for half term.

Monday 4th June

INSET Day

Tuesday 5th June

School reopens for the final half term.

(More dates will be added as required).

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