



# January 2018

## Happy New Year!

Welcome back, and I hope everyone has had a peaceful and happy Christmas. Thank you for supporting all the Christmas shows. The collections and DVD sales raised nearly £200 for the school stage fund and £75 for Hot Doggies.

**Attendance** is a Trust priority. We are working closely with the Education Welfare Officer to support families of children with poor attendance. Also we have the rewards for good attendance, for classes and individuals. 54 children had 100% attendance last term – well done!

The children are looking very smart in their **uniforms**. Please can you send PE kits every week. Just to remind you that shoes should be plain black, and sweatshirts or cardigans need to be navy blue.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Parent Questionnaire. In response I have added all the dates we have so far for the year to July. Sometimes opportunities do come up at the last minutes, and there will be additions to the list as we book visits.

## Dates:-

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y6 SATs meeting 3.30  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – Y5 Bikeability  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2.30 DRET Parent's Meeting – all invited  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 5.30 DRET Parent's Meeting – all invited  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 3.30 – school closes for half term  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – school opens  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – Consultation evening  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 3.30 school closes for Easter  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> April – school opens  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May – school closed for May Day bank holiday  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs week  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May 3.30 – school closes for half term  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> June – school opens  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> June – school closed for Staff Training  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Transition week – children move to their new classes  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup> July 3.30 school closes  
*Also one more trust training day to be confirmed*

More information on curriculum trips and events will be sent in Phase newsletters, Music letters and PE letters.

This newsletter will also be on the school website and MyEd.

### **Parent's Meetings – 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan (2.30) or 25<sup>th</sup> Jan (5.30)**

This is an event to inform you as parents of what it means for your child to be part of a DRET academy. Refreshments will be available. We will also be showing some of the amazing activities that take place in school, and showcasing your talented children. All parents who attend will be given a raffle ticket and entered into a prize draw.

### **Readers**

We have a small, but very dedicated group of volunteers who come in to school to hear readers. If you have an hour to spare each week and would consider doing this we would love to hear from you.

### **Homework**

Expectations for homework and challenges will be sent out in the phase newsletters. Please talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions about this. If you cannot get in touch on MyEd or Class Do-jo, please call at the school office and we can arrange contacts.

### **School Nurse**

Mel, our school nurse is in school on Monday mornings. If you would like to speak to her, in confidence, please book an appointment through the office.

### **Reminder –**

Earrings and jewellery are not part of the school uniform. Please keep them to a minimum if worn and they need to be removed or covered for PE. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mrs Mould, and Ms Walmsley are on the playground every morning if you need to pass messages on. Other staff will be outside when they can, but they also need to be in the classrooms ready for the children. Please use MyEd to pass messages on if possible – or telephone the school office if you would prefer to speak to someone.

**Headlice** – a constant battle in primary schools. If your child has long hair please make sure it is tied up.

Finally, some really good news! Mrs Batty has had her baby, Georgia was born on 28<sup>th</sup> December, weighing 8lb 2oz, both are very well. We hope to see them soon.

