



19th January 2018

“Better late than never.” Nativity Success!

The children really excelled themselves on Wednesday 10th's evening's performance of 'Follow the Star'. Having had to postpone the last performance for such a long time, we were all amazed and impressed by how well they remembered their lines and the songs with their Makaton signing. It was a delight to behold. Well done everyone!

NSPCC PANTS learning project

Over this week, your child(ren) will have learned the PANTS rule in class with their teachers. We are sending home a colourful A4 poster with every child to help them remember the rule to keep themselves safe. We will make a display at school to keep it in their minds and then, in future, we will re-visit the rule as part of our rolling programme of PHSE (personal, health, social & emotional) curriculum topics. We hope the information we sent home to you in advance of this topic was interesting and useful to you.

A Week of Inspirational Maths

We were bowled over by the number of adults attending our family maths workshops last week. It was standing room only! Thank you all so much for your wonderful support. It is clear that our children have parents, carers and relatives who love a good maths problem too and want to support their children as much as they can. Thank you to Ms Cartner for arranging such an enjoyable week. I heard many staff and children saying they had learned new things and new strategies for solving problems. This is team learning at its best!

New KS2 Film-Making Club

Accompanying this newsletter is a letter about a brand new film club we will be running after school for six weeks either side of the half-term holiday starting on Thursday 1st Feb 2018. It will be run by film-maker Amir Jamal who also teaches guitar and ukulele in school. If the club is successful, Amir hopes to run it again for other children in the summer term.

Compassion

Our half-term home-school value sheet about compassion is coming home today. We hope it prompts some interesting discussions at home or in the car!

Exciting Future Whole School Expedition!

As part of our commitment to try new more sports and to give the children a wider musical experience we will be taking everyone out on two coaches for an extended day on **May 3rd**. In the morning we will be participating in '**The Big Sing**' event at Carrow Road with thousands of other children! There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to purchase tickets to come along and listen to the children sing ten uplifting and beautiful songs as one big choir. We will then make the short trip by coach to Whitlingham where we will have a picnic followed by an afternoon of sporting activities

led by the qualified coaches there. I'm not sure who is most excited, the staff or the children!

Half-Term Holiday Sports Club

Coach Tim will be holding another holiday Sports Club day. Please go online to book directly with Tim at www.timcourridge.co.uk

Watches that record sound and/or images

It has been brought to my attention that some children had fantastic new watches for Christmas and that as part of their function, they can record sound and/or images. For safeguarding and data protection reasons, I'm afraid we are not able to allow these watches to be worn to school. Our policy has been that the only 'jewellery' children may wear are earrings studs for pierced ears and watches. When this policy was written, it didn't allow for the advances in technology we now see. We will update the policy as soon as possible but for the time being, please accept this as notification that such 'smart' watches cannot be brought into school. Thank you for your understanding.

Holt Hall Residential

Please ensure that full payment reaches us by March 7th at the latest. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

January

February

Fri 9th – break up

Monday 12th – 16th is Feb half-term break

Mon 19th – School re-opens

March

Weds 8th – Y6 all to LSHS to participate in the GSUS Live multi-media PSHE project

Weds 14th – Fri 16th – Holt Hall Residential for all KS2

Break up for Easter Weds 28th March-13th April. School re-opens Mon 16th

April -

May – The month of May is the Year 2 SATS teacher assessment and testing window

Monday 14th-17th is the Y6 SATS week of testing

Thurs 3rd – Whole school to Whitlingham for sports via The Big Sing event at Carrow Road.

Mon 28th – Fri 1st June is the May half-term week – school is closed

June

Mon 2nd – school opens after half-term

Week commencing Monday 11th the DFE Y1 Phonic Check will be carried out

July

Tues 24th – School breaks up for summer holiday.