January Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Christmas seems but a distant memory and 2019 has had a chilly start. Please ensure that your child is dressed for winter weather. Unless it is pouring with rain or the playground is icy and therefore dangerous, we will go out at break times and lunch times. There are several children who do not seem to have warm coats and we are concerned about their well-being at these times. PE lessons may also be outside, so please also consider that warm tracksuit bottoms and a fleece would be useful, particularly for those children in the juniors. Shivering in a pair of shorts is not fun for anyone.

Some dates for your diary - Thursday 14th February at 9.00 am, we will be holding a meeting for Y5 parents about the Y6 trip to the Isle of Wight in 2020. This is an opportunity for you to find out more about the trip and the types of activities that children will be taking part in. Please do make the effort to come. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions afterwards and any presentations will be uploaded to our website.

As a school, we are working towards our Healthy Schools Award with the help and support of Laura Flanagan from Croydon Council. She will be running a parent forum regarding making healthy choices in lunch boxes on Tuesday 5th March at 9.00 am.

Following parental requests, a further maths workshop for has been scheduled for Friday 8 March at 9.00 am. The slides are available on our website if you are not able to attend.

The dates for this term’s Parent Consultations are Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th March. Wednesday will be from 4.00-6.30pm and Thursday from 4.30-7.00pm. The booking system will go live on March 4th at 9.00 am. Please do make appointments within the times given as our staff have numerous requests from parents to make special arrangements, which they are of course happy to do in exceptional circumstances.

This week our Junior Choir will be going to the O2 to take part in the Young Voices Concert. Every year we have an amazing time and staff and children are very excited.

Ranger Russ is returning to see our reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children on Thursday Feb 7th February. Russ has been a regular visitor over the last few years and brings a range of exotic animals for the children to view and handle. Feedback from pupils and staff is always excellent and his sessions are both educational and exciting.

As we are now in the middle of winter, we may well have snow. We will always endeavour to open in the event of snowy weather and the decision to close is never taken lightly. In the event of school closure, we would put this on Opencheck which can be found on our school website or by dialing 020 8408 7508 and entering the school’s DfE number which is 306 2043. We will also use our texting and emailing system to let you know. It is important that we are up to date with your contact details and please do ensure that the office staff are aware of any changes. You can do this by contacting the office or using the SIMS Parent Lite App. Please be aware that in the event of snow falling heavily during a school day, please do allow extra time to make your journey to collect your child as school staff may well have long journeys to get home themselves.

Thank you for your continued support,

Caroline Barriball & Samantha Sandle