

19th May 2017

Dear Families,

### **Clubs Next Half Term**

Monday - Multi-sports club - 4:30pm £7.50 for 5 weeks (No club 5/6/17 or 17/7/17)

Tuesday - Forest Schools Club - 4:30pm £9.00 for 6 weeks

Wednesday - Gymnastics club - 4:30pm £9.00 for 6 weeks

Please fill in the attached slip and make payment online for any clubs. Thank you.

### **Kids Club**

This week was the last Kids Club on Thursday, there will be no club next week or next half term.

### **Trip - Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Whilst the year 5 and 6s are away in the Isle of Man the rest of the school will be having a theme week based on the topics of travel and parks. As part of this we are planning to take the children to on the Ferry from Bowness to Brockhole Park to explore the trails and grounds. We will leave school at 9am and will return for the end of the school day. The trip is open to Nursery children also. We would be grateful for a donation of £5 per pupil to help to cover the cost of the trip.

### **Field Day 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

The Field Day relies on donations made in order for it to take place each year. Donations can be dropped off in school but please be aware that members of the field day committee also collect from houses in the area so you can make a donation that way.

If you would like to donate time to help on the day serving food in the village hall or donations of puddings or savouries this would be appreciated. If you are able to provide any of these please fill in the slip below.

### **Junior Topic Work**

Over the past term, and for some of this term, Key Stage 2 have been learning about Romans. Our research focus this term has been Romans in Lancaster, finding the answers to the question, 'who has lived on Castle Hill'. As part of this topic, we are going to be building a Roman fort, of the type that existed on Castle Hill in Lancaster around the 4th century AD. I have presented the children with the option of building their Roman Fort, in pairs, using 'junk modelling' materials or using Minecraft.

### Option 1: Junk modelling

Children will need to bring in materials to create a Roman Fort and the buildings that are found in and around it. There are a lot of small buildings that make up a fort so small boxes are best e.g. oxos, toothpaste, cereal variety packs, etc.

### Option 2: Minecraft

We have Minecraft - Education Version installed in school for children to use. It retains the functionality of Minecraft in creative mode but disables communication between players. Their task is to plan and then build a fort in the 'ideal location'.

After half term we hope to follow up with a visit from the archaeology team that has been excavating Roman remains at the Castle as part of the 'Beyond the Castle' project.

### **Big Writing**

The juniors will be writing a persuasive letter and the infants are story setting based on Percy the Park keeper. Please could you share ideas at home in preparation for this.

### **Internet Safety**

Through lessons provided at school, assemblies and PSHE lessons, we do our best to provide our children with the awareness and knowledge they need in order to recognise and avoid dangerous, destructive, or unlawful behaviour and to respond appropriately. However, it is only through a collaborative effort between parents and teachers that we will succeed in creating responsible and safe cyber citizens.

We recommend that all parents visit the CEOP Think U Know website for more information on keeping your child safe online [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk). [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk) and [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

### **Newsletters**

If you would like a copy of the newsletter emailed to you in addition to a paper copy please fill in the slip below with your email address.

Mr Patrick Corbett

Acting Headteacher

**Diary Dates**

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Multi-sports club

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Forest Schools Club

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May - Gymnastics Club

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May - No Kids' Club

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May - Family assembly. Year 1 celebration of work. All welcome.

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Half term

**Future Diary Dates**

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June - 9<sup>th</sup> June -Isle of Man

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June - Brockhole Trip

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> June - Whole school photo

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I would like my child/children..... to attend the Multisports Club. I have paid online

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**Field Day**

I will be able to provide any of the following (please tick and provide details if possible as appropriate):

A savoury item

A pudding/dessert

I can volunteer to help serving tea in the afternoon.

Signed.....

