

9th October 2015

Dear Families,

Auction of Promises

Many thanks to all those who came to the Friend's Meeting. We are underway with preparations for the Auction of Promises.

All the children have brought home the letter they wrote for you to give to someone. It may be for yourself, a family member or friend. Please could all pledges be sent into school upon receipt. Mrs Entwistle has kindly offered to collate promises for the auction so we are sending them straight on to her.

The school are also sending out letters to shops and companies.

We will be auctioning the old school Collinson Rocking Horse which I'm sure many past pupils will remember.

A Friends Meeting has been set for Monday 9th November at 7:30pm

Easter Holidays 2016

As you have probably noticed this year's Easter holidays are not when Easter is. This is due to the school following county's holiday pattern. For parents who have children in both Primary and Secondary Schools this is a problem as the Academy Secondary Schools, who can set their own dates, have taken the real Easter Break. Voluntary Controlled and Community Schools have to use County dates. Voluntary aided and Academies can set their own dates. Our school is in an unusual position as we are voluntary aided but not by a Church so we could choose our own dates if we wanted. The reason County have made the Easter Break later is to make the 2 half terms of equal length. I have put 2 INSET days in the Easter Break so that there is some overlap.

There was a plan to deregulate so all schools can choose their holiday patterns but this has been put on hold. Our school is in an unusual position in that it is Voluntary aided but not by a church. We could possibly determine our own holidays with the school trust but have currently been using county dates.

This will be discussed at the next Governor's Meeting. The difficulty is that if we go with Secondary School holidays which school's pattern would we follow as children attend a wide range of schools?

For Parents who only have children in primary schools there is an advantage of cheaper holidays. The School Governors and I would be interested to hear your views so please fill in the attached slip to indicate whether you would like to stay with the county dates or move to High School dates. Thank You!

Spellings

Spelling test will be on Friday on the week 5 words.

Clitheroe Castle Y3-6

Children will be leaving at 11am on Friday 16th October to travel to Clitheroe Castle for their Afternoon session from 12-2:30pm. Children on School dinners will be provided with a packed lunch. Please could all other children bring a packed lunch in a disposable bag.

Friday 23rd October - Soccer Academy - Football and Maths!

All children may wear their own tracksuits and trainers to school on this day as they will all be involved in the football through maths sessions. There will be no family assembly on this day.

Y6 Secondary School Applications

Please could parents of Y6 pupils ensure that they apply for secondary school places before the deadline of 31st October 2015 in case of technical errors. This deadline is strict and missing it resulted in a child not being offered a place in their first choice school previously. Apply online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

If you are applying to Ripley School please send the Supplementary Sheet directly to the school.

School lunches

The new menu for school lunches after half term went out to children last Wednesday. Please could these be completed and returned no later than Wednesday 14th October. More copies are available from the school office. There has been a small change in that the boneless roast chicken thigh on Tuesday of Week 1 has been replaced by roast chicken breast.

Flu Vaccine Y1/2 children

Please see the attached form regarding vaccination for Y1/2 and return it for next Friday.

Kids Club - Thursday

There will be no more Kid's Club until after half term.

Wednesday 21st October

Children will be showing the dance work they have done this half term in the Village Hall. All are welcome at 3:15pm in the Village Hall.

Boxes of Hope We have decided to collect shoeboxes this year for this local charity.

www.boxesofhopecumbria.co.uk

A leaflet is attached for each family and collection will be between 1st and the 12th November. I will let you know when I have a definite date. If you would like extra leaflets or know people who would want one please collect them from the office.

Yours truly,

Mrs Fiona Ip
Headteacher

Diary Dates

- Mon 12th Oct - Sports club - 4:30pm
- Tues 13th Oct - Board Games Club + Grammar School Preparation Y4/5 - 4:30pm
- Wed 14th Oct - Gymnastics Club - 4:30pm pick up from Village Hall
- Thurs 15th Oct - NO KID'S CLUB
- Fri 16th Oct - Clitheroe Castle Trip - KS2 12-3:30pm No Family Assembly

Future Diary Dates

- Tues 20th Oct - Fire Service Talk 1pm Y2/6
- Wed 21st Oct - Show of work in dance in the Village Hall 3:15pm
- Fri 23rd Oct - Soccer Academy pm No Family Assembly
- Fri 23rd Oct - Last day of Half term.
- Mon 26th- Fri 30th Oct - Half term break
- Fri 6th Nov - Children's University assembly 3pm
- Mon 9th Nov - Friends Meeting 7:30pm
- Fri 13th Nov - Vue Cinema Y1-6 10am Penguins of Madagascar
- Fri 20th November - Auction of Promises 7pm Village Hall
- Mon 14th Dec - Christmas Play 7pm Village Hall
- Fri 18th Dec - The Dukes Theatre - whole school Beauty and the Beast return for 1pm
- Fri 18th Dec - 1pm School closes for Christmas holidays

I would like school to stay with County School Holiday dates.

I would like school to set our own holiday dates in line with Secondary Schools.

(Please tick as appropriate).

Any other comments:

Signed.....