



Learning together for life

Newsletter 9

Thursday 23 February 2017

Dear parents and carers,

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school after the holiday for the start of term 4. While they have been away, a set of brand new wall bars have been installed in the school hall. The money to pay for the apparatus was raised by the children themselves who took part in various sponsored events last year, the Friends, a contribution from the school's Sports Premium and JB's Sports, our external sports coaches, generously donated some money towards the cost too - our thanks go to them. The wall bars will be used during physical education lessons by children in all of our classes.



Two fun-filled Friends events

Family games night

This Friday, straight after school, will be a Family Games Night in the school hall. All those who come along will play a brilliant game called "Beetle". If you're not sure how to play, don't worry, it will all be explained. Entry is just £1 per person (pay on the door) and snacks and drinks will be available to buy. Children should be accompanied by an adult please.

Disco

After the success of the last disco, the Friends have arranged another exciting disco for all of the children which will take place on **Friday 3 March** straight after school finishing at 5pm. The disco will take place once again in the school hall. Children will need to bring a change of clothes with them on the day (which they will change into after school). Tickets are £2 per child or £5 for three siblings. Please send your child on the day with the correct money for a ticket in a named envelope as well as some spending money, in a named purse, to buy snacks and treats. Please collect your child at 5pm from the main doors to the school hall at the end of the disco.

Peacemakers

A reminder that on **Monday 6 March**, there will be an information session for parents about "peacemakers"; an approach to building, maintaining and repairing relationships in school. If you are able to come, please complete and return the slip at the bottom of the "peacemakers" letter which is available to download from the "letters" section of the school website.

World Book Day

As explained in the letter from Mrs Hodgson on Monday, this year we will be celebrating World Book Day, which takes place on **Thursday 2 March**, in a number of ways:

- Children may come dressed as a favourite book character
- Book themed activities will take place in each class
- Book swap – please bring an unwanted book to donate (the box of donated books will be outside the door to the school). On World Book Day, the children will choose a book that someone else has donated to take home. We would love every child to take home a book so we do need lots of books to be donated please!

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day takes place on **Friday 24 March**. Please put this date in your diaries. The children are currently deciding what the theme of the day will be. Further information will be provided nearer the time. Red noses will be on sale in school from Monday 13 March at a cost of £1 each.

Friends AGM

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the Friends Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place in school on **Tuesday 14 March at 6pm**. All parents are invited to attend. Members of the School Council, Nature Reserve Group and the new Spiritual Gang will also be invited to attend so that they can talk about what they do and how the money raised has helped the school. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a member of the new committee (which will be elected at the AGM) please phone the school or pop in to see me.

A visit from an Olympic athlete

I am very excited to let you know that Szandra Szogedi, a judo athlete who has competed at the Olympic Games, will be visiting our school to talk to the children about her experiences. She will be coming on **Wednesday 26 April**. I will provide more information about this exciting event nearer the time.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simon Morley".

Simon Morley
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