



# Newsletter No 2

## Parent Consultations

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Consultation evenings this week. It is most important that you connect with your child's teacher on a regular basis. If you were unable to attend this week please speak with your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative date and time.

### Home/School Agreement

This is an important document which sets the expectations of how we all work together in partnership. Please read this document carefully before signing it, paying particular attention to the section regarding attendance and punctuality. We will be continuing our 'Spot Light' campaign on attendance this year and it is expected that children will achieve 98% attendance or higher. We will also be carefully monitoring punctuality and I will be meeting with parents of those children who are regularly late for school.

### New National Curriculum Year 2 & Year 6

Thank you to Year 2 & Year 6 parents who attended the meetings regarding the change to the National Curriculum. It is important that you are aware of the key changes to the testing arrangements and new assessment procedures. Additional parent workshops will be arranged for later in the term.

### Homework Projects

Previous projects have proved extremely successful and demonstrated the talents in our community. Your child will be bringing home details of their next project on Monday. We look forward to seeing the results and will be inviting you to a homework project sharing day to view their hard work, when the assignments have been completed.

### Family Group & Values Education

Family groups have been organised to strengthen our school community. Children from Year 1 to 6 are able to mix and form friendships across the school. Each day has been designed to promote the skills of friendship, care, collaboration and empathy. Here is an overview for each day:

Monday:	Where in the World – new events and geography skills
Tuesday/Thursday:	Reading for pleasure / paired reading
Wednesday:	Values assembly
Friday:	Circle time and reflection

If you are interested in attending a session, please see Mrs Lloyd in the main office. This month our value is appreciation. Please explore this with your children.

### Reading and Learning Records

Your child's reading record provides an opportunity to record the books your child has read. Information is also provided to support your child with basic skills in maths and spelling. These are important resources which your child needs to learn by practising them at home, to give them the confidence to use these new skills in their maths and writing.

### Young Writers

*'The crash of a twinkling marble, glowing gracefully on the land.'*

*'The proud poppy that lives in the moonlit sky.'*

Written by Conrad Welding 4H

### Sport Award:

We are delighted to have achieved the Sainsbury Bronze Sport Award, thank you to the Sports Coaches and Mr Simcox for their hard work. We are very proud of our sporting programme and endeavour to ensure all children are provided with the opportunity to take part in additional curricular activities.

Each lunch time children in Y2 to Y6 have the opportunity to take part in football, basketball, cricket, skipping or dance clubs in the MUGAs. After school activities have been designed to encourage children to practise skills for competition. We now have our football academy on the 3G Astro turf at Kingsbury School each Monday after school.

## Curricular Enhancement

We are very proud of our curriculum, this is reviewed regularly to ensure our children are provided with the right experiences to achieve good outcomes. This includes visits and specialist visitors in school. Y6 are currently working with the renowned play write, Philip Monks, to develop their literacy skills, and Y5 have been to Kingsbury School for a science workshop. Y2 had a fantastic day at Kingsbury water park exploring mini beasts, pond dipping and building a den in the woods as part of their science topic. The children were impeccably behaved. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day.

### Forthcoming Events

#### Year 3

##### Snow Dome Trip

During Autumn term 2, year 3 will be writing winter poems and settings, as part of this they will be going on a trip to the Snowdome. This will take place on Thursday 5th November.

##### Map Skills.

As part of their map development Y3 will also be travelling around the number 11 bus route on 6<sup>th</sup> October. They will be discovering the wonders of the city that they live in.

#### Year 4

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October Y4 will be taking part in a Roman workshop. Please come dressed as a Roman!

### Restaurant Theme Days

Each term the restaurant will be having a selection of themed days. This term's events are:

October (date TBC) - Build a Burger Day

2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> November - Celebrating National School Meals Week

Parents will be invited to have lunch with their children. More information will follow shortly

Week Commencing 14<sup>th</sup> December - Countdown to Christmas

### Parent Representative Academy Council Election

Thank you to the parents who have expressed an interest in joining our Academy Council. If you are interested in the position and would like more information, please see Miss Phillips. Closing date: 9 October.

### Attendance

Congratulations to class 5c who have the best attendance this week.

NAM	NPM	RH	RPB	1OW	1S	2P	2W
95.56	88.89	95.40	93.66	89.32	94.24	97.92	93.86
3HS	3LW	4G	4H	5C	5L	6H	6OT
96.50	95.79	96.43	98.15	98.52	95.93	95.56	98.15

## Dates for Your Diary

6 October	Y3 No 11 Bus Trip	2-3 November	Reception 2016 open days
13 October	Y5 & 6 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Training	5 November	Y6 Tudor Workshop
14 October	Y4 Roman Workshop	12 November	Y6 More Able Workshop
21 October	Y3 Class Assemblies	18 November	Y6 Blakesley Hall Trip
26-30 October	Half Term	26 November	Y4 Theatre Trip
4 November	Y5 Rainforest Trip	2 December	Y4 Class Assemblies
5 November	Y3 Snowdome Trip	18 December	Last Day of Term

A reminder to all parents that to comply with health and safety requirements, dogs are not allowed on the school premises unless they are guide dogs. Thank you for your co-operation.

C Phillips

Principal

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015