



Friday 15th February 2019

Dear Parents,

Another busy term has whizzed by with the children in school having had the opportunity to take part in a range of exciting opportunities. Year 4 have experienced a residential visit to Sherwood Forest, Year 5 children have seen a performance of The Nutcracker ballet, and we have had visitors into school to deliver fire and electrical safety talks to key year groups. All the children have taken part in Safer Internet Day activities, exploring the theme of on-line consent. After school clubs have included cooking, tag rugby, knitting and Lego. During lunchtime on Thursdays and Fridays, children also have the opportunity to attend homework club where they can use I-Pads and Laptops to access their online homework. After the holiday, we will also have a set of Chromebooks for the children to use to support their learning.

Success for All

Sandhill children now access a Literacy programme called Success for All. Children work in collaborative learning teams to develop their literacy skills using a range of quality books. Feedback from the children at this early stage is very positive and is lovely to see the 'buzz' for learning that the children have through school.

A few reminders

February half term marks the half way point for the school year, so it seems like a good time to share a few reminders of school rules and routines.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child attends school in the correct uniform of dark trousers, skirt or pinafore, white polo shirt and burgundy jumper or cardigan – with or without the school logo - sensible outdoor shoes and indoor pumps to keep the learning environment clean and mud free. A watch and a pair of stud earrings may be worn (but must be removed for PE) but no other jewellery is allowed for safety reasons. False nails, make –up and brightly coloured hair are not permitted. PE kit is black shorts, a plain white T-shirt and trainers, however in colder months, please send children with a warm tracksuit for outdoor PE.



Playground

Mr Brookes will be re-painting the class numbers onto the school yard over the holiday so that children are clear about where they are to line up. Unfortunately, wet weather and lots of little feet have meant that they have completely worn away! The KS2 children line up on the bell at 8.40am and the KS1 children on the bell at 8.45am where they will be collected by their teacher. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please see them on the yard before school for a quick query, or make an appointment if you have a lengthier issue to discuss. It is important that children enter school independently as the cloakrooms and corridors are not large enough to accommodate all the children and parents too, and the class teacher's attention needs to be fully on their class as soon as they are in school.

Kilnhurst Road

As you are all aware, the road outside school is extremely busy and potentially very dangerous. Can I please ask parents to put the safety of **all** children first and park sensibly at drop off and pick up times. The zig-zag lines are not to be used to drop children off under any circumstances and the council have issued fines to some parents for doing this. Parking in the staff car park or on the entrance to the staff car park is also not permitted. The car park is extremely busy, particularly at the end of the school day, and minibuses taking our children to after school clubs and after school boosters, need to be able to use the car park safely and have clear visibility of the road to check for oncoming traffic. The safety of our children outside school is a collective responsibility and it is unfair to put any child at risk through irresponsible parking.

Book Fair

Finally, we will be holding our annual book fair on Tuesday 5th March. Further details will follow after half term. The children are invited to dress up as their favourite character for this event.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable half term. School re-opens on Monday 25th February 2019.

Kind regards.

Mrs Ainsworth