



Dear Parents/Carers

**High Levels of Pupil Absence**

You may be aware that we have experienced uncommonly high levels of pupil absence this week, especially in Class 4.

Children have been absent for a variety of medical reasons including sickness, high temperature, cough, sore throat, lethargy etc.

We have, of course, been in contact with the school's nursing service and their local infection centre who have asked us to stress that there is no single diagnosis that is shared amongst those children absent.

I am grateful to parents for keeping their children off school when they are unwell as this helps to prevent the spread of infection. If your child appears unwell next week please keep them off school until they are well again.

Although cleaners have carried out a rigorous disinfection programme for some months now, I have asked them to be even more vigilant in their disinfecting of door handles, taps, surfaces etc.

**Parents' Evening**

You will today receive an invitation to our Parents' Evening on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Please be sure to return the reply slip by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION AND CLASS ONE DUE TO THE BUILDING WORK CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE. AN ALTERNATIVE DATE WILL BE SET FOR THESE TWO CLASSES WHEN THEY HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR USUAL CLASSROOMS – WE HOPE THIS WILL BE IN EARLY NOVEMBER.**

**NSPCC Fundraising**

We hope you will be able to support your child with their sponsored colouring (Rec-Class2) and sponsored spell (Class 3-6.)

You are reminded that Jayne from NSPCC will return to collect sponsor money on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

**Our Apologies**

Last week it was necessary for running club to be cancelled due to wet weather. There are some children who opted to join running club in September and then chose to do Taekwondo when they were told that a course was available.

We understand that some parents/carers received a text message stating that their child's club was cancelled and it was not clear which club this referred to.

Please accept my apologies for this. In future we will ensure that text messages state clearly which club will not take place.

**African Drumming Day**

Once again our African Drumming day has proved to be a huge success.

Many thanks to the PFA who have paid £500 to bring the drummer and his drums to school today.

**VigorBoard Change Over**

We have now completed the first four week block of VigorBoard club. Next week (Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October) we look forward to welcoming the next group of 28 children. Their names appear on the back of this newsletter as a reminder.

**Operation Christmas Child**

You will receive a leaflet today giving details of the Operation Christmas Child Appeal that we will be taking part in once again this year.

You are invited to fill a shoe box with gifts for an underprivileged child in Africa or Eastern Europe and Central Asia who would not otherwise receive any presents this Christmas.

Please start to return boxes after half term.

**Home School Agreements/Photo Consent/Cyclists' Charter**

I have today issued the first batch of stickers to the many children who have already returned these important forms.

If you have not returned the Home School Agreement and the Photo Consent letter please do so as soon as possible. Spare copies are available from the office.

The Cyclists' Charter is obviously only for children who come to school by bike or scooter.

**Individual and Family Group Photographs**

You are reminded that children will have their individual photo portrait taken on Thursday next week. If you have more than one child in the school they will have their photo taken as a family group.

If you have more than one child in the school and you DO NOT wish them to have their photograph taken together please inform us in writing by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Clubs On Next Week . . .**

Monday: *Maths Games, netball, gymnastics*

Tuesday: *NWSS, Mad Science*

Wednesday: *VigorBoard, fun club, badminton*

Thursday: *NONE*

Friday: *Running, taekwondo*

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO STAFF TRAINING THEIR WILL BE NO DRAMA OR PLAY COURT FOOTBALL ON THURSDAY.

### **Breakfast Club**

Remember that we offer very high quality childcare and a healthy breakfast to children from 7.45 am every morning. Book your child in at short notice and for the odd dates. The cost is £3 per session.

### **Parenting 2000 Coffee Morning**

You are very welcome to attend our weekly meetings every Wednesday in the Family Room. Please join Rachel from 9 am. Pre-school children are welcome. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other parents and to find out more about a wide range of activities and sources of support for parents.

### **FAST (Fun After School Today) Club**

Our after school childcare provision is now and up and running.

If your child attends one of the after school clubs that start next week, he/she can be collected by Miss Baxter when the club finishes and fed, supervised etc. until you are able to collect. Parents/carers will not be charged for the time spent in a club.

Booking forms are available from the office. Bookings need to be made at least 24 hours in advance.

### **Head lice**

Please check your child's hair for head lice every week. Additional guidance is available from Pharmacy Online on Rufford Road and from our School Nurse (Sarah Malm) who visits every Wednesday morning and is on the playground from 8.45 am.

If you have particular concerns regarding head lice or any other medical issue please telephone the School Nursing Service on 01704 544766.

### **Dates**

#### *October*

15<sup>th</sup> Individual and family group photographs

19<sup>th</sup> Parents' evening – 3.30-6.00 pm

20<sup>th</sup> Parents' evening – 6-8.30 pm

23<sup>rd</sup> Class 6 to Robinwood, Todmorden

Half term starts at 3.10 pm

25<sup>th</sup> Class 6 return

#### *November*

2<sup>nd</sup> Term re-starts at 8.55 am

21<sup>st</sup> Church Christmas Fair

27<sup>th</sup> Mufti day for Christmas Fair

30<sup>th</sup> Bags2Schools blue bag

collection

#### *December*

4<sup>th</sup> Mufti day for Christmas Fair

5<sup>th</sup> Breakfast with Santa

7<sup>th</sup> PFA Christmas Bingo

11<sup>th</sup> Mufti day for Christmas Fair Christmas Fair

12<sup>th</sup> Breakfast with Santa

14<sup>th</sup> Carols by Torchlight – 5.00 pm

18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Service at 9.30 am in Church

Term ends at 1.45 pm

Best wishes

Mr Daniel Hains  
*Headteacher*

### **VigorBoards: All Y2-6 14/10 – 11/11**

Joe Castle  
Alister McCready  
Abi Starkey  
Jack Meath  
Emily Bennett  
Emmie Cookson-Ball  
Lea Reynolds  
Amy Macdonald  
Rachel Hulm  
Emma Hulm  
Josh Birch  
George Birch  
Gina Halliwell  
Megan Birchall  
Katie James  
Jamie Ainscough  
Lucy Kerr  
Conor Snowden  
Josh Johnson  
Harvey France  
Brandon Holt  
Sophie Macdonald  
James Caunce  
Matthew Forrester  
Jonathon Schlachter  
Harry Cannon-Noren  
Nicole Hinton  
Ben Caunce

