



Dear Parents/Carers

**Parents' Evening**

I hope you found your meeting with your child's class teacher useful.

If you were unable to attend or keep your appointment please arrange another at a mutually convenient time.

Thank you to those of you who purchased books from the book fair and a very big thank you to the mums who volunteered to staff it this week and last week.

**Swimming After Half Term**

Class 4 will start a course of 10 swimming sessions on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Please make sure that your Class 4 child has his/her swimming kit on Mondays. Swimming caps must be worn (available in school for £1.) Girls must wear a one-piece costume and boys must wear trunks and not shorts.

**Andy Tooze – Poet in school**

Thank you to those of you who have already sent in your voluntary contribution of 50p towards the cost of our poetry workshops on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

I am very grateful to the PFA for bearing the bulk of the cost of Andy's visit. Please send 50p with your child as soon as possible after half term and preferably on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Don't forget parents/carers are very welcome to attend the celebration presentation featuring Andy at 2.30 pm in the hall.

Andy's excellent poetry books will be on sale for £3.00. I am sure he will be happy to sign any copies that you buy.

**Gorgeous Grub Club**

Please see Rachel Clarke or Kim Hickson if you would like to take part in our Gorgeous Grub Club on Wednesdays from 3.30 – 5.00 pm at the Community Centre on Rufford Road.

**Tennis Coaching for Classes 1-3**

We are delighted to welcome tennis coach Rob McNulty back to school after half term. Rob will be running free tennis coaching sessions for children in classes 1-3. These will take place during the school day. Please make sure your child has PE kit and warm outer clothing on Mondays.

We have made sure that Rob's timetable does not clash with our poetry workshops.

**Chinese New Year**

We marked Chinese New Year celebrations with our Chinese meal yesterday. A huge thank you to Archie and Freya Rimmer's Mum and Dad who provided the Chinese lantern that we launched yesterday afternoon.

**Brownies, Cubs etc. Uniforms**

I gather Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February is a special day for children in Brownie packs etc. and that they have been asked to wear their uniforms to school. This is absolutely fine and we look forward to seeing a variety of uniforms on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**School Footwear**

I do understand that a number of children have outgrown their school shoes or their shoes have broken.

I am sure you will be taking advantage of the half term break to buy new school shoes.

If your child does not have school shoes he/she will be required to wear black pumps until a new pair have been bought. Trainers and Ugg style boots are not permitted.

**Speed Stacks**

I know some parents/carers are interested in buying Speed Stack kits for use at home. If you are, please let me or Mrs Bayliff know so we can advise you how to purchase them cheaply.

**Clubs On Week Beginning 22/02/10**

Monday: Gymnastics, Netball, Reading is Fun  
Tuesday: North West Soccer School, Dodge Ball  
Wednesday: Dodge Ball, Vigor Boards, Drama (invited members of the cast)  
Thursday: Drama, Playcourt Football  
Friday: Running

**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 day. The cost is £3 per session.

**FAST Club**

Don't forget we run an excellent childcare service after every school day.

Children are given a light snack and supervised and entertained. The cost is £3 up to 4.00 pm and £1 for every hour thereafter up to 5.30 pm.

Places are usually available at short notice (must be at least 24 hours) and forms for booking a place can be collected from the Office.

**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.

**Start Right**

Start Right is a scheme for parents and pre-school children aged 3 and below.

Please join Anna Maiden in the hall on Thursday mornings from 9 am. This is an excellent opportunity for parents/carers to play and engage with their pre-school child in the school setting and to meet other parents with pre-school children.

Further details are available from Anna Maiden in Reception class.

**Parents Weekly Drop In Coffee Mornings**

Our Parent Support Adviser – Rachel Clarke – hosts an informal gathering for parents every Wednesday morning from 9 am in the Parents and Community Room on the first floor. I know many of you attend regularly and have found the sessions fun and reassuring.

All parents/carers are very welcome to attend. You may wish to meet other parents or to discuss issues you may have with your child. Rachel is able to call upon a host of different agencies to offer a wide variety of support.

Pre-school aged children are also welcome!

**Dates**

*February*

12<sup>th</sup> School breaks for half term at normal time  
22<sup>nd</sup> Term re-starts at 8.55 am

Andy Tooze – Poet  
23<sup>rd</sup> Y5 visit to Lancaster museum  
27<sup>th</sup> PFA Curry and Quiz night

*March*

12<sup>th</sup> Mufti Day for Easter bingo  
22<sup>nd</sup> PFA Easter bingo  
25<sup>th</sup> Easter Service in Church at 2.30 pm  
Discos

Best wishes

Mr Daniel Hains  
Headteacher



