Newsletter 2 19th Jan 2024

Dear Parents /Carers,

It has been a busy week in school. I have had the pleasure of visiting all KS2 classes to observe the children's shared reading activities. It has been great to see the effort and enthusiasm displayed. One point of note, however, is that some children do not read much at home. This is essential to ensure that your children progress at the rate they should. Please ensure that you sit with your child whenever possible to share a story and encourage them to read independently every day.

Year 3 Residential Visit

We are currently in the process of booking the visits for the Year 3 visit to Anglesey. A copy of the form seeking expressions of interest has been distributed via email. Should you have NOT completed the form to indicate if you would like your child to attend or not, please can you do so by Monday 22nd January. Deposits for places will need to be paid by Friday 2nd February.

Y4 Residential Date Reminder

As mentioned last week, the Y4 visit to York will now take place from Wednesday 28th February to Friday 1st March due to the places we visit being closed to school parties on the original dates set.

Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child has the correct uniform for school. This should include black school shoes and not trainers, grey or black trousers or a skirt. A white blouse or shirt, a blue sweatshirt in the school colour and a school tie for the children in KS2. Many thanks for your support with this matter.

KIVA Launch

As part of our PSHE Scheme of Work, we will be implementing KiVa at Winsford

High Street Primary School from the beginning of Spring term 2024.

KiVa stands for against bullying or anti-bullying and is a program model which is funded by the

Finnish Ministry of Education and developed by the University of Turku in order to increase

well-being at school and help pupils understand the impact of bullying and how to help

stop it. In Finland, almost all elementary schools are implementing the KiVa program. For more information, please find the SWAY linked below:

https://sway.cloud.microsoft/DAKtOGjjktkgj18C?ref=Link

World Book Day Costume Donations at Local Libraries

Do your bit to help save the environment and money this year, by donating unwanted World Book Day fancy dress costumes at Barnton, Blacon, Frodsham, Hope Farm, Lache, Little Sutton, Neston, Northwich, Sandiway and Wharton libraries. Donated costumes will be quickly checked and put out for those who need them (no donation or payment required) from Thursday 1st February to Wednesday 6th March. And, while you're there, make sure to get a library card, no ID required, or take out a book.



Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Year 6 Parents and Carers are now able to order Leavers Hoodies online. If you have not already done so, please complete the form sent to you via email with a link to the online shop.

Final date to order the hoodies is **Friday 26th January** and unfortunately, they cannot be ordered after this date. We have some sample hoodies in the office if you need to check any sizes.

Please let the office know if you have not had the email.

Diary Dates: * new dates

Date	Information
26th January 2024	Last day to order the Year 6 Leavers Hoodies
2 nd February 2024*	Year 6 Trip to Audlem – River visit
19th February 2024	Spring Half Term
26th February 2024	School opens after the Spring Half Term
28th February – 1st March 2024	Year 4 York Residential
29th March 2024	Good Friday and start of the Easter Holiday
1st April 2024	Easter Monday
15th April 2024	School opens after the Easter holiday
18th April 2024	Year 1 Conwy Residential
29th April to 3rd May 2024	Year 3 Anglesey Residential (2 Groups – Group 1, Mon to Weds - Group 2 Weds to Friday)
6th May 2024	May Day
27th May 2024	May Bank holiday and start of the Summer Half Term
3rd June 2024	Inset Day- school closed to children
4th June 2024	School opens after the Summer Half Term
24th June 2024 to 28th June 2024	Year 6 Lakes Residential
25th July 2024	Start of the Summer holiday
2nd September 2024	Inset day – school closed to children
3rd September 2024	Inset day – school closed to children
4th September 2024	School opens after the Summer holiday

Please note that these dates may be subject to change, although we will keep these where possible.

Should you need to make contact with school, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Joule on:

<u>head@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk</u> or <u>returns@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk</u> and please remember the year group emails if you need to contact your child's class teacher.

However, please note that all email accounts will not be monitored as regularly after 5.30pm each evening or during the weekends, to ensure a work life balance for the staff.

Kind regards

Mark Joule

Head Teacher