

Issue: No. 21 16/17

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## WELCOME

Today is the last day of the half term. There is no school tomorrow due to INSET. School re-opens after the holidays on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Year 3 don't forget, you start swimming lessons after the holiday and need to remember your kit on the first day back.

Have a lovely half term break, get your thinking caps on for World Book Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – do you know who you are going to dress up as yet?

## SCHOOL AWARDS

🔑 There were no special mentions or behaviour prizes awarded this week as many of our Key Stage 2 children are out on the Robinwood residential.

## ATTENDANCE

🔑 During the year attendance is monitored daily and each week classes receive awards for their attendance in the previous week.

On Monday the attendance award was presented to Year 4 again and 100%  
**WELL DONE!**

Nursery AM 94.6%, Nursery PM 92.7%  
Reception 92.7%,  
Year 1 91.7%, Year 2 96%,  
Year 3 98.6%, Year 4 100%,  
Year 5 98.7%, Year 6 96.2%

Our new attendance target is **96%**

## LUNCHTIME AWARDS

🔑 On Monday, awards were given to:

Reception: Charlotte  
Year 1: Joshua  
Year 2: Alex  
Year 3: Megan  
Year 4: Ebony  
Year 5: Ashton  
Year 6: Elizabete

## FOUNDATION NEWS....



## NURSERY

This week in Nursery, we have talking about different buildings. We have discussed ones that we can find in a local area and ones that we cannot. We have compared the similarities and differences between different buildings and jobs. In Maths, we have been looking at different objects and shapes and talking about what we notice.

After Half Term, we will be starting our new topic of 'Monsters'. We will be completing lots of different activities related to this.

## RECEPTION

This week we have been talking about our local environment and the different buildings that we see. We have been talking about the people that work in these buildings and the occupations they have. We have created models and pictures of lots of different buildings.

In our Maths lessons we have been recognising patterns in our environment. We have been creating our own repeating patterns and we have tried to challenge ourselves by creating some complex patterns too.

We hope everyone has a lovely half term holiday. We will be starting our topic on Monsters, Dragons and Fairies after the half term holiday. In our Maths we will be developing our problem solving skills, focussing on addition and subtraction.



## YEAR 1 NEWS....



Year 1 have been working hard in PE; rocking, rolling, spinning and balancing. In Big Read we found a very interesting shopping list and had to try and find out who it could belong to.

In Maths, the children have been partitioning numbers and measuring using cm.

After the half term holiday the children will continue their topic finding out about dinosaurs.

## YEAR 2 NEWS....



This week in Maths we have been learning a new way to add and subtract numbers by using a blank number line. We are also getting good at adding and subtracting 10 in our heads but we need to keep practising at home so we don't forget. In grammar this week we have been looking again at the 4 different sentence types and trying to use these in our writing. We became musicians on Wednesday, reading music whilst playing the boomwhackers. We sounded amazing!

Thank you to all children for their hard work this half term. I am so impressed with how much effort you put in to all your learning. Boosters have been amazing and have really helped some of our children grasp those tricky skills. We will be doing more boosters after the holidays and will send slips out during the first week back.

I hope everyone has a lovely holiday and I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

## YEAR 3 NEWS....



Year 3 have had a very busy week. We made friendship cards on Tuesday because it was Valentine's day. We thought about what it means to be a good friend and how we can show our friends that we care for them. We also thought about how we can try to get along with people who are not our friends.

In Maths we have been learning about fractions and, after the half term, we will be learning about time. In Literacy we have been writing instructions and had fun writing instructions for playing Top Trumps. We made our own Top Trump Dragon cards too. After the holidays we will be reading and re-telling Viking myths.

Finally a reminder that each Monday afternoon for the rest of this school year we will be going swimming, so please remember your kits!

## YEAR 4 NEWS....



Our last week of the half term has been fun packed. On Tuesday in Thrive time we thought about friendship and how everyone in our class is unique and special. We all made a friendship bracelet for someone else in our class, they were fantastic! In Maths we have been learning equivalent fractions after the holidays we will be finding change from £1, £2 and £5 and solving problems involving money. In Literacy, we have been reading and writing our own limericks in the style of Edward Lear.

After the holidays we will be doing PE on Tuesdays. Please bring indoor and outdoor kit as Team Activ will be working with us and teaching us all about Orienteering.

## YEAR 5 NEWS....



This week in Year 5, we have finished off our non-chronological reports and moved on to producing information leaflets. We've had a Big Maths focus in numeracy lessons, everyone tried extremely hard to better their highest scores.

Some pupils have gone on an adventure to Robinwood, it sounds like the children, and Mr Bowering, are having a fab time! Meanwhile, here at school, we've spent time tasting chocolate and applying for jobs as 'chocolate testers' for Cadbury. It's been great fun.

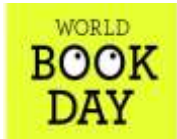
## YEAR 6 NEWS ....



This week has been a short but 'action packed' week for the children in Year 6. We have focused on estimation, rounding and formulae in Maths whilst in Literacy we have focused on our reading comprehension skills (giving our opinions and ordering events in a text). On Wednesday afternoon the children who had not attended Robinwood all attended a handball competition and were a credit to themselves and the school. Well done everyone.... Enjoy a hard-earned break this half term.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

Don't forget, we will be celebrating this year's World Book Day (which is officially on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March) on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**. All the children may come to school dressed up as their favourite book character on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**.



Who will you come as???



As part of World Book Day we will be doing our sponsored walk in the afternoon on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Please bear this in mind when preparing outfits and please ask your family & friends to sponsor you to raise funds for our library.

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Last chance!! - there are still a few prizes that haven't been claimed. If you've got any of the tickets below, please come and claim your prize before we break up for the holidays on 16<sup>th</sup> February.

PINK 351 PINK 59 BLUE 80 PINK 158

### DINNER MONEY

Could we remind all parents that, unless your child is entitled to free school meals, payment for all meals must be made in advance or on the day. The school's School Meal Policy states that children **will not** be provided with a school meal unless it is paid for, except those that are entitled to free school meals.

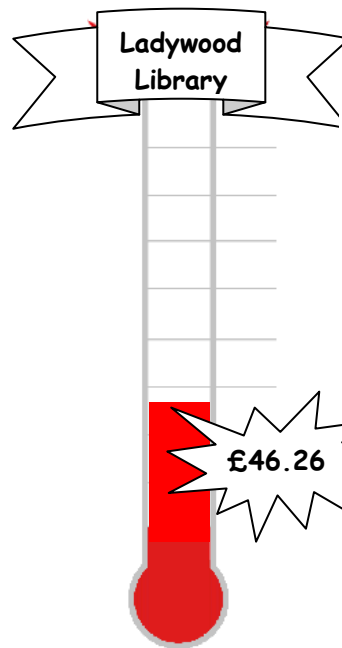
We of course recognise that sometimes pupils, parents/carers genuinely forget to pay in advance. In these cases the Administrative Officer or Bursar will contact the parent to ask them to i)bring dinner money before 10am, ii)bring a packed lunch or iii)make alternative provision by collecting their child for lunch at home.

### EASY FUNDRAISING

If you join easy fundraising you can earn a bonus donation for us at the moment and use the following unique link.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/94REN7>

We have 30 supporters at the moment who have raised £46.26 between them. Please have a look, if you're thinking of booking a holiday for the half term or later in the year. Take a look!



THANK YOU!

### PHARMACY FIRST

Lots of parents have now tried the pharmacy first scheme and found it really easy and useful.

There's a wide range of medicines you can get on prescription without seeing a doctor through the scheme. As they are on prescription, if you normally receive free medicines you won't have to pay for these either and the medicines will have a prescription label which, if you needed, we can take as evidence in order to authorise an absence for your child.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FUTURE EVENTS

- 17.02.17 Inset day – school closed
- 20.02.17 Half term holiday – school closed all Week
- 27.02.17 School re-opens
- 27.02.17 Y3 start swimming every Monday
- 03.03.17 Ladywood celebrates World Book Day
- 03.03.17 Sponsored Walk

### Pupil/Parent Progress Meetings

- 06.03.17 Y3 & Y4
- 07.03.17 Nursery & Reception
- 08.03.17 Y1 & Y2
- 09.03.17 Y5 & Y6
- 07.03.17 Y5 Benchball competition @ Carlton
- 09.03.17 Y3 Multi Skills competition @ Netherwood
- 13.03.17 Y2 Multi Skills competition @ Barnsley College

- 03.04.17 Y4 visit to the Cooper Gallery
- 04.04.17 Y5 visit to the Cooper Gallery
- 06.04.17 Y3/4 Viking visit to Danelaw Centre
- 10.04.17 School closed for Easter holidays (2 weeks)
- 01.05.17 Bank Holiday – school closed
- 29.05.17 Half term holiday – school closed 1wk
- 21.06.17 Y5 music concert @ Elsecar
- 21.07.17 Last day of term
- 24.07.17 Inset day – school closed
- 25.07.17 Inset day – school closed
- 26.07.17 Summer holidays