



FEBRUARY News Update

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Since writing the January Newsletter, a few additional items have arisen which I want to share with you so I am sending this News Update. Please take time to read this especially details of the forthcoming events.

SPORTS RELIEF FUND RAISING: The School Council met a couple of weeks ago and agreed that our nominated “community action” charity project for this term would be to raise money for Sport Relief. As one of the UK’s biggest fundraising events, Sport Relief brings the entire nation together to get active, raise money and change lives.



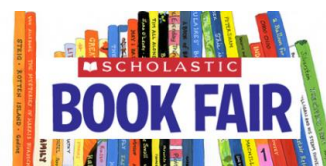
This year, Sport Relief will be taking place in schools between Monday 19th March and Friday 23rd March.



To do our bit we will be selling Sport Relief wrist bands, which are very popular with the children. We have around 150 of these to sell at £1 each. These will be available from the school office after school and the representatives of the school council will also be available at break time.

We are also planning some “active” events for the week including sponsored activities for each class. We will send home details and sponsor forms in the near future. Please look out for these and support the children in their efforts. The money raised is spent by Comic Relief to help people living incredibly tough lives, both at home in the UK and across the world’s poorest countries. To find out more about how Comic Relief spends the money raised by Sport Relief please visit www.sportrelief.com/schools.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: We will be hosting our annual Scholastic Book Fair in school from Monday 12th to Thursday 15th March. The books will be on display and for sale in the entrance area from 15:15 to 15:45 each day. There will be a range of books for different age groups available as well as some additional novelty items. To mark “World Book Day” the children will be given a £1 voucher which they can use towards the cost of purchasing a book. For every book sold the school receives a small commission. The more books sold the higher the rate of commission and the higher the amount we receive. This is used to purchase additional books (from Scholastic) for use in schools such as guided reading sets.



LOST PROPERTY & NAME LABELLING: Yesterday I searched through the Lost Property box, there are around twenty school sweatshirts, including some which are virtually brand new, and numerous other **un-named** items. We aim to return named items to children but we have no way of determining the owners of clothes with no name markings.



With the possible exception of underwear which the children would not normally remove in school, please ensure that all your child's clothing, footwear, bags water bottles and other permitted items are clearly labelled so that, should they become separated from their owner we can return them. If your child is missing any items, please do take the opportunity to check through the lost property box. Any items which remain unclaimed at the end of terms are either disposed of or resold via the School Association as second-hand uniform.



LUNCH PAYMENTS: School lunch payments for this half term are now due (£72) – please make arrangements to pay these within the next few days if you have not already done so. Many Thanks.

SCHOOL DAY: A quick reminder that, unless your child is attending a school club before school they should not be on the school site before 08:30.

PARKING & DROP-OFF: A reminder please that the “Keep Clear” area outside the school should be kept clear of vehicles. It is not intended as a drop off point and stopping here, even briefly, could put others in danger. Also a reminder that stopping and dropping children in the middle of the road is not safe and causes unnecessary obstruction. The Cat Inn are happy for parents to park there whilst dropping off children in the morning (only) and there is also parking at Finch Field, often outside St Margaret's Church or further along the lane next to the Cricket Ground. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Yours Sincerely,



Adam J. Earle
Headteacher

DATES LIST (Updated January 2018)

JANUARY 2018

29 19:00 Governors' Meeting

FEBRUARY 2018

27 15:30 – 17:30 Parent Consultations

MARCH 2018

01 15:30 – 20:00 Parent Consultations
12-15 15:15 – 15:45 Scholastic Book Fair
19 19:00 Governors' Meeting
19-23 Sport's Relief Week
19-23 Final Clubs for Spring Term
26-29 No Clubs
28 08:55 Special Assembly & Open Session
29 14:15 School Easter Service @ Church
15:15 End of Spring Term

APRIL

16 08:45 Summer Term Begins
16-20 No Clubs
23 Clubs Begin
27 School Science Day – Night Life

MAY

07 BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed
14-17 Year 6 SATs Week
21-24 Curriculum Theme Week – Come Outside!
21-24 Bikeability (Year 6)
24 08:55 Special Assembly & Open Session
25 INSET Day – School Closed
28-01 Half Term Vacation

JUNE

20 19:00 Junior Production (All KS2)
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25 19:00 Governors' Meeting
25-29 National School Sport Week
26 09:15 Festival of Sport @ Rec

JULY

03 (09:15 Reserve Festival of Sport)
06 Annual Progress Reports to parents
09-13 Final Clubs Summer Term
16-24 No Clubs
19 08:55 Special Assembly & Open Session
20-23 Year 6 Isle of Wight Adventure
24 09:15 Year 6 Leavers' Service
15:15 End of Summer Term

TERM DATES 2018-19

AUTUMN TERM

3rd September - INSET DAY
4th September – Start of Term
22nd to 26th October - Half Term Vacation
19th December – End of Term
20th December – 2nd January – Christmas Vacation

SPRING TERM

3rd January – Start of Term
18th – 22nd February – Half Term Vacation
5th March – End of Term
8th April – 22nd April – Easter Vacation

SUMMER TERM

23rd April – Start of Term
6th May – Bank Holiday
27th – 31st May – Half Term Vacation
23rd July – End of Term

IMPORTANT: Please note that an additional four INSET days are yet to be allocated during the academic year 2018-19. The school will be closed on these days in addition to the vacations detailed above.