



## Diary Dates:

### October:

14<sup>th</sup> Sports skills academy 4M  
18<sup>th</sup> Harvest assembly  
21<sup>st</sup> Sports skills academy 3R  
21<sup>st</sup> Finish normal time  
21<sup>st</sup> FOL film club  
**24<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM BREAK**  
31<sup>st</sup> Children return to school

### November:

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Parents' evenings  
4<sup>th</sup> Awards assembly  
4<sup>th</sup> Sport skills academy 2/3C  
7<sup>th</sup> Flu vaccinations  
8<sup>th</sup> Individual photographs  
16<sup>th</sup> Y2/3 cinema visit  
18<sup>th</sup> Sport skills academy 2G  
22<sup>nd</sup> Pastoral committee  
22<sup>nd</sup> Finance committee  
23<sup>rd</sup> Curriculum committee  
23<sup>rd</sup> Premises committee  
25<sup>th</sup> Sport skills academy 1M  
30<sup>th</sup> Full governors meeting

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Parents,

This week we completed our first 'book scrutiny' - this is an opportunity for the teachers to get together to look at examples of children's work from across the school so that we can monitor the quality of work. I was very impressed with the books I saw from Reception through to year 6 and I am sure you will enjoy seeing your child's work at parents' evenings after half term. Letters have been sent home today with a return slip for you to express your preferences of appointment times. Please ensure your slip is returned by **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** as we will be planning the appointments on that day.

### Parent governor vacancies:

We have four parent governors on our governing body. One governor has resigned, her child having left the school, and two others have come to the end of their term of office. I am therefore inviting expressions of interest from parents who would like to serve as a governor. The revised governors' constitution places a duty on us to recruit governors with suitable skills and

abilities to fill vacancies. We are particularly interested, therefore, in people that can offer expertise in safeguarding, finance, health & safety or marketing. A separate letter has been emailed, explaining the process. If you would like a printed copy of the letter, please ask at the office.

### Names / Lost property:

Can you please ensure that your child's name is on everything they are likely to take off or leave lying around at school: all clothing [including coats, hats, gloves, shoes, trainers etc] lunchboxes, drinks containers, footballs, goalie gloves etc etc. With 300 children in the school it is virtually impossible to reunite belongings that are not named. We are currently trying to track down a pair of goalie gloves, lost outside 2/3C [unnamed] - if your child has brought any home that you do not recognise, please return them to school.

### Reading book amnesty:

Our stock of books in the school library seems to be a little depleted. Could you please check your child's bookshelf to see if there are any Larkfield books lurking there and return them?

### Flu vaccine:

The school nurses will be in school on 7<sup>th</sup> November to provide vaccinations to children in Y1-3. If you have not yet returned your form, please do so as soon as possible. Please note this is not an injection, but a simple nasal spray.

### Relax kids:

Relax kids after school club has places available on Friday. It runs straight from school until 4:45 and trial sessions are available. For more details or to book a place please call Helen on 229585.



**Headlice:**

As the weather deteriorates and children spend more time in close proximity inside, we tend to see an increase in outbreaks of headlice. It is imperative that parents check and treat children's hair as required. We do not send blanket letters any more as the advice from the health protection agency and school nursing service is that this method is ineffective. We will, however, send individual letters home where we become aware of children having headlice. If you receive a letter, we will expect your child's hair to be treated. Failure to treat *may* be regarded as an act of neglect.

**Fundraising:**

Kallum and Shannon's mum has recently completed a sky dive to raise money for British Heart Foundation and Diabetes UK. I had agreed to publicise the event for sponsorship, but due to various technical problems the jump was delayed and has now taken place at short notice. I hope to be able to show the children a video of the jump in assembly next week. To try to raise some more money for these great causes there will be the opportunity to buy raffle tickets with a chance to win a range of goodies - the star prize being a Diana Celine photo shoot. There will also be a colouring competition for a small donation, again with prizes available. More details will be given to the children next week.

**Lunchtime welfare vacancy:**

We have a vacancy on our lunchtime welfare team. Job description and application forms are available from the school office. The closing date for applications is 12:00 on 18<sup>th</sup> October. Interviews will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> October, to start after half term.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher

