

### Diary Dates:

#### February:

7<sup>th</sup> Assessment Week  
 7<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day  
 8<sup>th</sup> Govenors meeting  
 8<sup>th</sup> Gymnastics competition  
 9<sup>th</sup> Y5 'Crucial Crew' Formby  
 10<sup>th</sup> Sport Skills Academy 23C  
 10<sup>th</sup> ODD SHOE DAY  
 10<sup>th</sup> School ends normal time  
 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM BREAK  
 20<sup>th</sup> Children return to school  
 21<sup>st</sup> Parents' meetings  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Parents' meetings  
 24<sup>th</sup> Awards assembly  
 24<sup>th</sup> Sport skills academy 2G  
 24<sup>th</sup> FOL Film night  
 27<sup>th</sup> Reception health screening

#### March:

2<sup>nd</sup> World Book Day  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Y1 Road safety day  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sport skills academy 1M  
 9<sup>th</sup> Dance competition Warrington  
 10<sup>th</sup> Sport skills academy 5B  
 13<sup>th</sup> SCIENCE DAY  
 17<sup>th</sup> Sport skills academy R1T  
 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> - Swimming Galas  
 24<sup>th</sup> Sport skills academy RFM  
 24<sup>th</sup> FOL Mufti day  
 24<sup>th</sup> FOL Mothers' day crafts  
 28<sup>th</sup> Y6 Mission impossible  
 30<sup>th</sup> FOL Easter Eggstravaganza  
 31<sup>st</sup> SCHOOL CLOSES 2:00PM  
 FOR EASTER BREAK

#### April:

18<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents,

Although we have not yet quite completed our first half term back in school, Christmas already seems like a distant memory. Nevertheless, I wanted to say a big thank you to all the staff, parents and helpers that made our Christmas events such a success. I am delighted to say that between the KS1 and whole school events, together with the raffle and picture competition organised by Sarah Howarth, we raised a fantastic **£476.74**, which has been split between Diabetes UK and The British Heart Foundation. In addition, sales of Christmas items raised £24 for Queenscourt hospice.

#### Lego thanks:

We had a fabulous response to our appeal for Lego and the lunchtime club is already in full swing. Further donations are still very welcome.



#### Behaviour system:

Our revised behaviour system is up and running and the children are responding well. We will be reviewing its operation at the end of this term [Easter] and would welcome any constructive comments from parents. Please send any comments in writing for the attention of Mr. Palmen.

#### Love my community:

Southport Learning Partnership is an organisation comprising all the schools in Southport. You may remember that last year we held a town-wide, very successful appeal for Southport food bank. This year our focus is on raising funds for Queenscourt Hospice and school councillors from schools across the town have agreed to hold an 'Odd Shoe Day'. This will be on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**, when we are inviting all children and staff to come to school in odd shoes and donate £1 which will be passed to Queenscourt.

#### School Funding:

I am sure you are aware from the media that the government is planning major changes to the way in which schools are funded. The government claims this will result in a fairer system but in practice Sefton schools, already in the 90s out of 150 local authorities in terms of lowest levels of funding, will fall even further to around 120<sup>th</sup>. On top of cuts in indirect funding, resulting in services originally provided by the local authority having to be funded by schools [for example behaviour support, school improvement] this is likely to be disastrous for all our schools. The proposals are currently subject to consultation and I



would urge everyone to do anything and everything they can to oppose these measures. It is right that schools in areas of deprivation should be better supported, but not at the expense of other children.

**School Spider App:**

Don't forget to download the app from the android market place or App store. As the year progresses, we plan to make much more use of the features of the app for booking meetings, sharing information etc. This will also help us in our drive to save paper and printing costs by reducing the number of physical letters we send out.

**Goodbye - and thankyou:**

At the end of this week, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Lloyd, who has decided to retire. She has been with Larkfield for almost 15 years as one of our Higher Level Teaching Assistants and, until recently, the manager of the after school club. On behalf of the staff, parents, governors and most importantly the children who have benefitted from her patience and expertise over the years I would like to thank her for her dedication and hard work. We will miss her very much.

Yours sincerely,



Mr.J.D.Ward  
Headteacher

