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February 14th 2019

Dear Families,

As we edge towards the half term break, thank you so much to all those families who have continued to support us in so many ways. Time has flown, as we have packed so much into the last few weeks. We extend a very special thank you to Mrs. Walker, our colleague and friend, who works primarily in Y1, who leaves us tomorrow to begin a new career. Mrs. Walker has worked in school for 15 years and many children have benefited from her kindness, care and experience. She leaves with our congratulations and warmest wishes on her new job and we will hold her in our prayers. After half term we welcome Mrs. Fisher, who will take over the role until the end of the academic year. Mrs. Fisher knows the children well and is very much looking forward to joining the team.

Christian and British Values

Throughout the next half term, we will focus on the values of Service, Individual Liberty and Rule of Law. Over this half term, we have spent time focussing on the importance of being humble, showing care, kindness, tolerance and respect in our daily lives. Please talk to the children – they are a credit to us all in the way they discuss the importance of living out Christian and British values. We are so proud of them. As always, we will continue to focus on the importance of following the Golden Rules, both in and out of school. The Golden Rules are simple to understand and promote kindness, care and respect. If you need a paper copy of them to display at home, please ask our office staff, who will happily provide.

Nature Area

We were delighted to welcome Santander colleagues into school last week, who joined two of our governors, alongside Mr. Allen, in preparing our Nature Area for the spring and summer. At the moment, we are working on completing the paths and the next thing we need to do is the outside class room area. It was fabulous to have this voluntary support and we are really grateful to everyone who gave up their time to support us.

Message from our PTFA

It was wonderful to see so many children come along to our ‘Film Night’ last Friday. A great time was had by all and we raised £413. Thank you so much to families who contributed towards this. All of this money will go towards the development of our Nature Area, which supports outdoor learning across the curriculum and provides engaging and fun experiences for all our children.

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Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

Please look out for Consultation letters, coming out tonight with this letter. (Y6 and Nursery will receive a separate letter). We are delighted that our catering staff have agreed to come along and host a 'tasting session' at the start of the evening. Please do sample the meals we cook in our kitchen – they are tasty, nutritious and filling and great value at £2.15 (Nursery, Y3 and Y4) or £2.20 (Y5 and Y6). Meals are free for children in Reception, Y1 and Y2.

Volunteers

We actively welcome volunteers into school as we know they bring with them a range of skills and experience that can enhance the learning opportunities of our children. Whether you have an interest in reading, crafts, gardening or any other area of expertise we would love to hear from you. Please speak to Mrs Brew if you are able to help. We are particularly interested to hear from people who can commit to coming in on a regular basis.

Message from Mr. Ratcliffe:

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March we will be having a non-uniform day. We would like the children to come dressed as one of their favourite book characters.

It would be good to discuss with your child different characters from their favourite books when thinking of ideas. The dressing up possibilities are endless: Postman Pat, Oliver Twist, Fantastic Mr Fox, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach, Danny – Champion of the World, Matilda, Goldilocks, The Twits, Cinderella, Gruffalo, Harry Potter etc...

During the day itself we will be taking part in a range of 'Book' events. Which will include activities like; sharing favourite books with other children in paired reading, writing shared books, showing off our costumes and World Book Day artwork.

We look forward to seeing your child dressed up for the special day on Thursday 7th March.

Message from Mrs. Wilson: NSPCC Number Day

Thank you from all staff for all the support given to 'Number Day'. We raised £188 and had lots of fun dressed in numbers, counting copper coins and donating this to the NSPCC, supporting the right of every child to have a childhood. Our Y6 children raised the most money and we were delighted to present them with a new Maths game to support their learning. Maths at WSP continues to go from strength to strength!

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Message from Miss Hamilton and our School Councillors

On Friday 15th March, we will be participating in Comic Relief's Red Nose Day, raising vital funds to work towards a world free of poverty. Our School Councillors will be selling red noses for £1.25 throughout the week during playtime. On the day itself, we have lots of fun activities planned, including a 'Wear Red' day for a suggested donation of 50p as well as a red themed sale of food and drinks at lunchtime. The fun doesn't stop there, as a letter will be sent home with a 'Design your own Red Nose' competition. Our winners will be announced in our Friday collective worship. We hope you can join us to make this event as successful as possible.

Dance Festival 14th March – please note the change of date

We are looking forward to hosting our second ever Dance Festival. *As the standard has been raised across school, we ask for your support as we postpone this until after our Parents consultation evenings and Year 6 residential.* All our children have enjoyed practising in PE sessions and we have seen them grow in confidence and ability.

In line with the National Curriculum, we are giving children the opportunity to develop their spiritual, moral, social and cultural understanding within sport. They will develop fundamental movement skills, become increasingly competent and confident and access a broad range of opportunities to extend their agility, develop balance and co-ordination, creating a cross-curricular performance for your entertainment.

For health and safety reasons, we need to limit the tickets for each performance to 100 and we ask that prams, pushchairs etc are not taken into the main hall but left in the entrance area. A letter is attached with this newsletter.

Weather

So far, we have not had the type of weather experienced last winter, when we were virtually snowed in for a few days across the country. As you know, we will always endeavour to keep our school open. However, if we have a serious snow fall overnight and are not able to open, we will inform families as soon as possible by sending a text, posting a tweet and uploading information onto the school's website. We will also inform local radio stations.

Please remember that if children wear wellington or winter boots to school they will need a change of shoes for the day – either their black school shoes or pumps. If you can send a peg (labelled with your child's name) to keep the wellies together, we would be really grateful.

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Date for your Diaries:

Monday 25 th February	Class Photos
Monday 4 th March	Year 6 Kingswood
Wednesday 6 th – Thursday 7 th March	Parents Consultation Evening, Reception – Year 5
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 12 th March	Year 6 Parents Evening 1:30 – 6:00pm
Wednesday 13 th March	Year 4 – Yorkshire Water Trip
Thursday 14 th March	Dance Festival
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day

Once again, thank you for your continued support and enjoy a restful half term with your children. We look forward to opening the doors and welcoming the children back into school, on time, looking smart, rested and ready to learn at 8.40am on 25th February 2019.

Thank you.

Miss McBride.
Head teacher