Dear Families, 29.02.24

Have we really only been back in school for two weeks? What a busy two weeks we have had! We also have a lot to look forward to for the rest of the term!

**Parent/Carer Consultation meetings**

Thank you so much to all our parents and carers who came along to the consultation meetings last week. It was lovely to catch up face to face and discuss your child’s learning journey. If you were unable to make the evenings, please contact school and your child’s class teacher will arrange to speak with you.

**Football Match – Whinmoor St Paul’s vs Shadwell**

On Tuesday, our KS2 pupils had the opportunity to represent our school in a football match against Shadwell Primary. The children played fantastically well winning 3-2 coming back from 2-1 at half time! They worked together as a team and encouraged each other to do well. Well done to all those involved and thank you to the families and school staff that came to cheer them on! We are hoping to host many more football matches this year, with our Year 5/6's taking on Ninelands Primary School in the league on Tuesday 12th March.

**Looking ahead…**

**Year 6 high school places**

This week our Year 6 pupils and their families find out which secondary schools they have been allocated a place at. Emails offering places will start to be sent to parents/carers from 8am on 1st March and will be sent out over the course of the morning. Parents/carers who applied via a paper form will be contacted via letter which will take a few days to arrive. Those who applied via the portal can use their login details to see their offer from 8am. For any queries, the email contact relating to offers is [startingsecondary@leeds.gov.uk](https://www.leedsforlearning.co.uk/Newsletter/ExternalLink/188280?source=newsletter&guid=A5056E48-34C2-4CA4-BCFE-340A6A92A36B)

**A message from Ms. Reynolds - Year 4 Swimming – Friday 1st March**

This week will be ‘Water Safety’ week for our Year 4 children attending swimming. Children will be swimming in their pyjamas (over their swimwear). They will perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations. There will also be an emphasis on winter and summer water safety and the children will learn about the meaning of the different flags seen on a beach and how to be safe in water.

**World Book Day**

Just a reminder that it is World Book on **Thursday 7th March** – please see the letter that was sent home on **Monday 26th February** for further information – this letter is also available on the school website:

<https://whinmoorstpauls.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/World-Book-Day-letter.pdf>

I am really looking forward to seeing the entries for the ‘Design a Story Spoon Competition’ – the wooden spoons will be sent home with the children today!

**Welcoming New Members for our PTFA**

The PTFA is an open community of parent/carer and teacher volunteers working alongside school to benefit the school and ensure the best educational experience for all pupils. We are looking for parent/carer volunteers who would like to join us and help plan future events over the year for our children, whilst raising money for our wonderful school. We will aim to make events affordable and enjoyable for everyone. You can help by attending fun, informal half termly meetings to help plan and organise events, fundraising, social media posts, baking, serving drinks, manning stalls and securing prizes from local organisations as well as helping to set up equipment. As many of us are working parents or have caring responsibilities, we appreciate the pressures of family and work and we value any amount of time parents/carers can spare us. We hope to strike a happy balance between home, work and PTFA life – but with more volunteers on board it definitely helps to share the load!

Join us! Why not come along to a meeting? The meeting will be held in the hall on **Monday 11th March -** 3.20pm - 3.50pm.

**Art Exhibition**

Please come along and support our Art Exhibition after school on **Friday 8th March**. You will have an opportunity to see and purchase your child’s artwork. Please see the attached letter from Ms. Reynolds which contains more information.

**Red Nose Day**

**Friday 15th March** is Red Nose Day. To celebrate, we will be having a ‘Wear Red Day’. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform and wear lots of, or a hint of red (if you have any).  If possible please make a donation by clicking on the following Parent Pay link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=14193> Money raised will help support people struggling with the cost of living crisis and tackles issues such as homelessness, mental health problems and food poverty, both in the UK and around the world. On the day we will also be selling buns to raise money for Comic Relief. The bun sale will take place at playtime with buns costing 50 pence each.

**A message from the Church – Coffee Morning – Friday 22nd March**

St. Paul's Church is hosting a coffee morning on Friday 22nd March at 9.45am in The Hive. Proceeds will be donated to St. Richard's Foodbank. Guest speaker, Rev. Bev Monck, will be talking about ‘Living as a Christian Today’. All are welcome to enjoy a wide variety of cakes and conversation.Finally, on **Good Friday, 29th March from 10am until 12pm**, St. Paul's Church will be running a Good Friday workshop for families. Refreshments and a wide variety of crafts and activities, including an Easter Egg hunt. There is no cost and all are welcome.

**A summary of key dates for the rest of the spring term:**

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| 5th – 7th March | Spelling Competition |
| Thursday 7th March | World Book Day |
| Friday 8th March | Art Exhibition (3:15 – 4:00pm) |
| Monday 11th March | PTFA – New members meeting (3:20 – 3:50pm) |
| Tuesday 12th March | Year 5/6 Football Match against Ninelands (3:30 – 4:00pm) |
| Thursday 14th March | Year 6 meeting to discuss SATs and residential to Herd Farm (3:30pm) |
| Friday 15th March | Red Nose Day |

**Message from the Church relating to Church Services – held in the school hall at 4pm:**

St. Paul's Church will be meeting on Sunday afternoon at 4pm at St. Paul's school. All are welcome for a fun and interactive hour long service. St. Paul's church meets every first and third Sunday of the month at 4pm. All are welcome – there is plenty to keep grown-ups and children busy with crafts and games, singing and refreshments! We are part of the Church of England’s service to our community right across LS14. Visit our Facebook page Seacroft Churches for more information.

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| Sunday 3rd March, Sunday 17th March, **Friday 29th March** (not Sunday 31st March)  In addition to this there is also the Church Coffee Morning on **Friday 22nd March.** |

Thank you

Mrs Vaughan

Head teacher