



Go On And Learn!

Kimberley Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter – 2nd March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support with regards to our closures this week. It was, as I'm sure you can imagine, a difficult decision to make as we have to take the safety of all members of our community into account as well as the ability of staff, who often do not live as close to the school as the children, to get into work. We hope that we do not have the same situation again for a long time.

I understand that the text sent may have caused confusion - I'm limited to 160 characters and this sometimes makes it tricky to get the message across. Our website is kept up to date - it is always best to check there for more information.

Attendance

Whole school attendance 93%

Target 96%

This week's winners are:

Reception and Key Stage 1: Sherwood 92%

Key stage 2: Newstead 96%

Well done!

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our 'Stars of the Week.'

Mr Reeve

Mrs Smith

Mrs Garner

Mrs Bridge

Mrs Kelvey

For

helping to

clear the

roof of deep

snow!



Thought of the Week



What do we do if the weather is really bad?

We've changed our Thought of the Week this week to think about what happens across the country in response to difficult and unpredictable weather conditions. We will be looking at the role of the emergency services, essential needs and the plight of those people who aren't lucky enough to have warm clothes and secure housing.

Closure Announcements

We will always contact you if the school is closed and we endeavour to make the decision as early as possible if it becomes necessary for health and safety reasons. We sent messages out at around 6.40am yesterday morning via text and Marvellous Me. Please make sure **you** have updated Parentmail with your most up-to-date mobile number to ensure you receive all communication.

A number of staff helped clear the worst of the high banks of snow from the roof to ensure that it doesn't freeze and become a danger over the weekend and I'm sure that you will join me in thanking them for doing this. We do not have the site staff that the secondary schools do which help them to make their site safe more quickly. In addition, we have cleared the car park to ensure that staff cars can be parked and not cause a parking issue in the local community.

We have left the best of the snow for the children to play in on Monday! If you wish your children to take part in this, they must come to school with appropriate footwear, hat, gloves, coat and spare clothes in case they get wet.

Mother's Day Service - Friday 9th March

 There has been a change to the Mother's Day Service for parents of children in Bramcote, Clumber and Sherwood Classes. It will now be next Friday - the 9th March at 9am in the hall. We look forward to welcoming you.

Teach Your Monster to Read



This app is free to download until Sunday. All F2 and KS1 children have an account and a message has been sent to all parents of these children with the letter attached. This is a great app and helps develop phonic and reading skills.

Cheerleading Competition



A number of our children are representing the school on the 12th March 2018. We look forward to hearing all about it and wish them good luck. If your child is representing the school at this event then you are welcome to attend. Spectators should arrive no earlier than 1.15pm.

Lunchtimes

Please do not send your child into school with any glass or breakable bottles or containers. One was dropped this week and caused a significant issue with regards to safety at lunchtime. Thank you.

Maths' Morning 12th March 2018



Parents are warmly invited to spend time in school on our Maths open morning. We look forward to sharing the way your children learn and apply mathematics across the curriculum. Our doors will be open from 9.30 - 10.30am. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits in the hall from 8.45am if you do not wish to go home and then come back.

Parents' Evening - 27th and 29th March 2018

You will be receiving letters regarding the spring Parents' Evenings next week. Please can you ensure that you send this back promptly to ensure we can book the best available appointment for you.

Staffing - Bramcote Class

It is with sadness that we announce that Miss Mehmet will be leaving Kimberley for a new role at a much larger school at the end of this term. We know that she will be sadly missed by her class and we wish her well with her new role. I'm sure you will all join me in thanking her for her hard work and dedication to the Early Years department. We are pleased that we have appointed a highly experienced teacher to take over Bramcote class after the Easter holidays. She will come and spend time getting to know the children and having time with Miss Mehmet to ensure a positive handover takes place.

We have also taken on two new members of staff for September when we increase in size by one class. Year 1 and Year 5 helped us out with our interviews as they were taught by the many candidates we had who wanted to teach at our wonderful school. The Junior Leadership team also helped out by interviewing each candidate too. We know they will be pleased with the decisions the panel made after taking all aspects of the interview process into account.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any compliments or praise, concerns or queries, please contact us.

With warmest wishes,

Lisa Turner-Rowe - Head Teacher