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Newsletter

Robinwood

Our Year 6 children returned from a fantastic weekend away at Robinwood last Sunday. The children enjoyed a whole range of activities including e.g. giant swing, canoeing, caving, climbing and many team challenges. The children approached all tasks with a brilliant attitude and an action-packed, fun time was enjoyed by all involved……well done Year 6! Robinwood pictures will soon be available to view on the school website.

PTA Plea for New Members/Volunteers

Being a member of the PTA is a very worthwhile and rewarding way of being a part of your child's school. The PTA organises and runs a number of events throughout the year to raise money for our school. In the last 3 years, our PTA has funded/part-funded:

- The Forest Shelter /Outdoor Classroom area
- Re-development of the Key Stage 1 Playground, including re-surfacing, playground markings, landscaping.
- New Ipads
- £5 contribution per child for the Christmas theatre visits
- A new KS1 playground train (arriving soon!)
- New classroom laptop computers (arriving soon!)
- Forest school equipment/resources

Without the support of the PTA, our school would not have had the funds available to purchase these items. The recent 'Pancake Flip' raised a fantastic £1146. However, organising events like the annual Duck Race, Quiz Night, School Fairs etc. doesn't happen on its own and we need your help and support if these events are to continue in the future.

The PTA desperately needs new members and more volunteers willing to

help run events. We are also looking for sponsors for the Duck Race. If you feel that you could help in any way, big or small, please get in touch with Joanna Kershaw (Chair), Claire Holland (Secretary), Helen Potts (Vice Chair) or Janine Hirst (Treasurer) or contact the school office.

The next meeting of the PTA is on Tues 18th April. 8:30am, in the Bull's Head. Other meeting dates are: 16th May, 6th June, 4thJuly.

New Parent Governor

I am pleased to inform you that following information sent out to parents earlier this term, Miss. Becky Rowe, has been appointed as a new parent governor. Ms. Rowe has a child in Key Stage 1.

Learning to Play a Musical Instrument

The peripatetic music teachers will soon be delivering presentations to classes in school and letters regarding new starters have been sent home this week. Please ensure that the slip is returned to school by **Friday, 24th March**, if you are interested in your child starting an instrument in September. Auditions for children who have expressed an interest, will take place in the first two weeks after the Easter break.

Music Tuition Fees – IMPORTANT REMINDER

Music fees for the Spring Term are due now. Please ensure payment is made via your ParentPay account before the end of the term. For pupils taking singing lessons, it is likely that Mrs Hausley will be absent for the rest of this term and unfortunately the Music service have not been able to provide cover. Parents will of course be reimbursed for lessons missed due to her extended absence. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any concerns about this.

Important Safeguarding Notice Reminder

In the interests of safeguarding:

- Any parent/carer coming into school must report to the main office.
- Parents wishing to speak to a member of staff should always contact the school office in the first instance, as it may be necessary to make an appointment.
- Please can parents/carers of KS2 pupils refrain from escorting their child to the classroom, as we are encouraging them to be more organised, independent and confident.

Your help with this would be very much appreciated.

Lost Property Reminder

There is a large collection of lost property opposite the school office. Please claim any items as soon as possible before the end of term. Many

items do not have a name on them, which makes the job of finding rightful owners very difficult for school staff. Please ensure **all** items are clearly marked with your child's name. Unclaimed items will be recycled.

Standard Attainment Tests (SATs)

Year 2 SATS – Children in Year 2 will be preparing for and undergoing SATs during the month of May. Full attendance is very important throughout this period.

Year 6 SATs Week ***Monday 8 May to Friday 12 May, 2017***
Year 6 children will sit tests in reading, grammar/ punctuation & spelling and Maths (arithmetic & reasoning).

Please note that full attendance is essential for all Year 6 pupils during SATs week. In preparation for this, it is extremely important that pupils are well rested and arrive at school ready to learn on the run up to SATs. So, early nights please!

Year 1 Phonics Screening Test **Monday 12th June to Friday 16th June, 2017**
All pupils in Year 1 (and some Year 2 children) will take the phonics screening check during this week. This is a short, statutory assessment to confirm whether individual pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. Please continue to support your child at home with phonics learning, so that they can achieve their full potential during the check. There are some really useful Apps that parents can use to help children (e.g. Phonics Screening UK), which let parents and children understand and practice the screening check format. Please try some of these out with your child if you can.

Swimming
During the Summer term, our Year 3 class will be swimming at Saddleworth Pool. Swimming sessions will be on Friday mornings, leaving school at 9:50am. Please ensure that your child has his/her swimming kit and towel on this day and that long hair is tied back or swimming cap worn. Please refer to the swimming guidelines information which your child will be bringing home at the end of this term.

Thank you for your continued support and wishing you an enjoyable Easter break, when it arrives.

Mrs A. Leigh
Headteacher

Diary Dates		
March 23		Year 5 to Careers Fair - Mahdlo
March 31		School Closes for Easter Holidays 3:15pm
		Year 4 Class assembly
April 18		School Re-opens
April 19		Year 4 Bikeability – Level 1 Course
April 24		Y2 Visit to Knowsley Safari Park
April 25 -26		Year 5 Castleshaw Residential Visit
May 1		May Bank Holiday School Closed
May 8 - 12		SATs Week – Year 6
May 10		Reception visit to Smithills Farm
May 16		Year 6 visit to Recycling Centre, Bredbury
May 26		Break for Summer Half-term

School Holiday Pattern 2017-18

A list of the school holiday pattern for this year and 2017-18 can be found on the school website.

REMINDER: Please ensure that all family holidays are booked in accordance with the school holiday pattern.