



SPRING TERM 1 DATES 2014

17.01.2014

Wednesday 22nd January: Key Stage 1 Film Club

Thursday 23rd January: Year 6 - Macbeth - Little Theatre

Friday 24th January: Spellathon /Spelling bee

Wednesday 29th January: Key Stage 2 Film Club

Tuesday 11th February 2014: PTA/Friends of the school meeting

Friday 14th February: School closes for half term

Monday 24th February: School open

Thursday 6th March: World Book Day

Friday 7th March: World Book day- themed dress up day

Tuesday 25th March: Parent Consultations

Wednesday 26th March: Parent Consultations

Friday 28th March: PTA Mother's day /Spring Fair

Friday 4th April: School closes for Easter

Tuesday 22nd April: School opens for the Summer Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

OFSTED UPDATE

Following our Ofsted Inspection in September 2013 (judgement - Requiring improvement) we were visited by Her Majesty's Inspectorate in November. HMI Mrs H Gordon visited the school, had meetings with the staff and spoke to the children. A report was published which stated.....

- 'Senior leaders and governors are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the recent section 5 inspection'
- 'The school's leaders have swiftly established suitable plans to move the school towards 'good' at their next inspection. Real changes are being made to ensure this. There are clear milestones identified along the way and the means by which the school will measure the impact of what it is doing. Plans are sharply focused on the areas for improvement that were identified at the inspection, with a view to rapidly bringing about improvement.'

The visit went well and the outcomes were very positive. Mrs Ede and I have attended the 'Getting to Good' Seminar and subsequently the Review of Governance requested by Ofsted has commenced.

A copy of the full report is available on the Ofsted website <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> on our school website and a paper copy is available in the school office.

WALKING BUS

We do have a small number of places available on our walking bus which leaves Saltersgill shops daily at 8.30am. If you are interested in using the walking bus please pop into school and speak to the office. A form will need completing before your child can join in.

GOOD LUCK

We would like to wish Miss Devereux good luck as she commences her Maternity Leave - a little earlier than expected. Miss Muckian has been working with our Year 1 children and the Year 1 teaching vacancy has been advertised.

LABELLING CLOTHING

Please could we ask you to clearly label your child's clothing. We are collecting a considerable amount of lost property - none of which is named.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Schools are entitled to 5 Professional Development Days each year - we have currently had 3 (02.09.13, 06.01.14 and 07.01.14) and will be taking the remaining 2 days at the end of the Summer Term (21st and 22nd July) Newham Bridge will therefore be closed to pupils from Friday 18th July.

SPELLATHON

Your child will have brought home a sponsor form for our annual Spellathon. This has proven to be a big success in recent years and has allowed us to fund various activities for the children such as author visits in school. All children are invited to take part and the event is completed by a 'child v staff' spelling bee competition.

PARKING

We have recently had Middlesbrough Taxi Licensing contacting the school to inform us that they will be monitoring taxis in and around the school due to complaints from residents on Cayton Drive and Glendale Road. I am aware that many parents have received 'tickets' from the Police (in the past) for irresponsible parking. The Taxi Licensing Authority are concerned about the number of Taxi's who are parking/waiting on the single yellow lines rather than just 'dropping off' their clients. We regularly highlight the parking problem on Cayton Drive in school newsletters and staff regularly patrol the area to ensure that we are not putting our pupils - your children at risk. Again..... may we take this opportunity to remind you that 'The Endeavour' - Cawood Drive have agreed that parents can park on their site when dropping off and collecting their children. Please park responsibly.....we have been told that the police will be returning to monitor the parking in the future!

SMOKING

I would like to take this opportunity remind all parents that we are a non-smoking site. We have noticed a number of e-cigarettes - we appreciate that these are different but do not wish to see them on our school site. Thank you for your support with this matter.

FILM CLUB

Our Key Stage 1 film club will be showing 'Despicable Me 2' after school on Wednesday 22nd January. For £2 the children will receive a hot dog, juice and popcorn whilst watching a brilliant film with friends. The film will finish at 5pm when all children can be collected from the dining hall doors. Thank you!

PARENTS QUESTIONNAIRE

It is that time of year when the Governing Body and Leadership team would like to gather your thoughts about the school. We would appreciate completed 'best fit' questionnaires as soon as possible - comments are welcomed and greatly appreciated!

We would also like to remind you that a school questionnaire can also be completed on the Ofsted 'Parentview' site - there is a link from our own school website.

Regards

B Hewitt - Best

Questionnaire for parents and carers

I have a child / children in year(s) _____

I have a child with Special Educational Needs (SEN) _____

Please read the following statements and tick the answer which best fits what you think about the school.

Please only tick one box per statement. If you cannot answer leave it blank.

	(please tick)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child feels safe at this school.				
2	My child is making good progress at this school.				
3	This school meets my child's particular needs.				
4	This school ensures my child is well looked after.				
5	My child is taught well and encouraged to achieve at this school.				
6	This school helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics.				
7	My child receives appropriately challenging homework.				
8	There is a good standard of behaviour at this school.				
9	My child's lessons are not disrupted by bad behaviour.				
10	This school deals with any cases of bullying effectively. (Bullying includes persistent name-calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying).				
11	I feel I can discuss queries and concerns with the school.				
12	This school helps me to support my child's learning.				
13	This school responds well to my queries and concerns.				
14	This school keeps me well informed.				
15	The school website communicates information and promotes the achievements of the children.				
16	The school is well led and managed.				
17	The school Governing Body is effective.				
18	I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes		No	

If you want to explain any of your answers, make further comments or if there is anything else you would like us to know, please tell us here. (please use overleaf)