



Newsletter

SPRING 2018 – NUMBER 3 – MONDAY 12TH MARCH

Dear Parents and Carers

Junior School OFSTED Inspection

The inspectors have come and gone and are now drafting the report which will be ready to send out in around two weeks' time. I'm unable to give you much in the way of feedback until the report is released but as well as identifying the areas in which we need to make more progress (we knew these already), the inspectors recognised our many strengths. Thank you to those of you who logged onto Parent View to give your opinions and support. What I would say is that if at any time you have an issue, please make sure you come and see those people in our schools who can help you. Your teachers are the first port of call. Mr Norman and Ms Hardinge can deal with issues beyond the classroom (as can I), Ms Hirst can help you if your child has additional needs and Mrs Williams if your child is in nursery or reception.

Parents' Evenings and Reports

You will be receiving your child's report at the end of this week and will have the opportunity to talk this through with your child's teacher at parents' evening on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday next week. I hope you have booked a slot; your child's teacher will be calling you if you haven't. The reports will show you how well your child is doing in all areas and, for KS1 and KS2, will have a section specifically showing what the school will be doing to move your child's reading, writing and maths on. This is really important as it also contains pointers about what you and your child can do at home. These are simple things like securing key spellings and number facts but they are vital things to practise so they become second nature. I've completely stuck to my New Year's resolutions, so I expect the children to show the same level of effort and commitment!

Snow business

With spring upon us the snow seems a long way off. Thank you for the many pictures you sent in. We

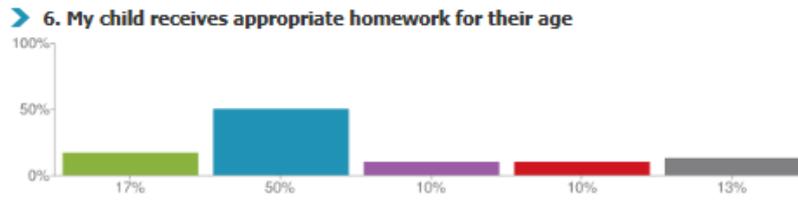
shared these with the children and they are now on the display screen in the junior entrance. Here is Lacey-May Snow Angel and Rohan and Jashen Snowman Constructors.



As you know, the Facebook conversations about the federation response to the snow were entertaining. I think we got it right. All staff could get in and home safely and the site was safe for children and parents. I think many of the later posts recognised this. Facebook is a funny thing, though and I would really prefer to discuss issues face to face rather than respond to an online criticism or rant (as was the case with a small minority). I would also like to say that I won't ignore comments if they are defamatory, so please think before you post ..

Homework

One of the responses on Parent View (below) was about homework and I can understand this. We have been looking into our homework policy and we will be sharing this with you after Easter. What I will say, is that it will be very simple to understand, will not involve stacks of work. We will also be sharing with you an exciting new way for you to share in your child's successes in school. Watch out for the words: Marvellous Me!



Figures based on 30 responses up to 08-03-2018

Bacon Bap Breakfast

It's Bacon Bap Breakfast in the Junior Hall on Wednesday. Why not join the growing number of people enjoying a traditional start to the day?



Spring Colours

The PSA is organising a Spring Colours non-uniform day this Friday. If you are a dedicated follower of fashion, you can take this as the latest fashionable colours in a spring collection or simply the colours of spring in the natural environment. So, for £1 per pupil, we get two colourful schools and raise money that the PSA can spend on the children. While I'm talking about the PSA, a big thanks to those of you who set up and ran the treasure rooms for Mothers' Day. My mum was very pleased with her card, bar of chocolate and box of Love Hearts!

Staff (and their families) in the snow ..

