



# Newsletter

SPRING 2018 – NUMBER 1 – FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Dear Parents and Carers

## School Meal Census Raffle Winners

It was great to see so many children having school meals yesterday. As you know, part of our school funding comes through the number of children having meals, so getting the numbers up, particularly on census day is really important. I am sure that the chance of winning cinema tickets, Smiggle vouchers or trips to iBounce might have helped! We drew two winners out this morning and I am pleased to announce that they are Olivia in Y4 and Evie in reception. Here they are looking pretty pleased about it.



## Breakfast Club – Junior School Hall

More on food! Breakfast Club is up and running and we want to provide you all with the best start to the day. On Friday 9th February - Breakfast club (8.20-8.40am), Debbie will be serving pancakes for 25p each (normal menu will still also apply). They will come with homemade strawberry sauce, honey or caramel. She will also be introducing fortnightly sausage bap or bacon sandwich breakfasts. I can't resist a bacon sarnie, so I'll be first in the queue!



You will have received a letter about our upcoming non-uniform day on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. In return for children wearing non-uniform, rather than money donations, we would like you to donate any of the following items in order for our OPAL stash to continue to build:

- Hats
- Cuddly toys
- 'Interesting' dressing up clothes
- Toy cars
- Metal pots/pans/wooden spoons
- Safe kitchen equipment
- Buckets



Another opportunity to have a "special" lunch to mark the Chinese New Year! Debbie will be putting on Sweet and Sour Chicken with Chinese rice and prawn crackers and Jacket Potato with cheese or sweet and sour chicken. More details to follow – keep your eye out!

We are also having an "open field" on that day for parents of all children in KS1 and KS2 (not reception or nursery this time). Please see the letter for more details. On the subject of playing on the field, I would like to say a big thanks for your support with this. I know the children are getting a bit muddy at the moment but they are having so much fun and I have had no complaints from any parent about this. So thank you.

You will have heard that we are reinvigorating our links with Children's University, led by Mrs Steer in the Juniors and Mrs Ramsdale in the Infants. To make sure that all the clubs (both in school and out) can "stamp" the children's passports, Mrs Steer has passed on their details to Children's University so they can register with them. If your child attends a club or organisation outside school and you don't think they are registered with CU, please let us know and we will follow it up. If your child has not yet got a passport and you would like them to have one, just ask at the office or see Mrs Steer or Mrs Ramsdale.

### How well are our children doing?

So far in this newsletter I've spoken about food, play and extra-curricular activities. We all know that the real point of school is for us to teach children and for them to learn what we have taught them. I am really pleased to say that having looked at the last set of assessments the teachers have done in Y1 to Y6, in every subject and in every year group (with one small exception and we know why that is) children are doing better than they were this time last year. That is a real achievement. If you let your children know that learning is important and show an interest in what your child does in school and if our teachers and teaching assistants do their best for your children, then this is what happens. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher on 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> March to discuss their mid-year report which will be with you on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

### Perfume and Lippy

We had a brief run of a couple of children in the Junior School coming into school with lip-stick and perfume. Clearly that's not on, so please check to see if your child looks like someone working downstairs in Boots. If they do, send them to the bathroom to sort it out. On a more serious note, we also had some perfume sprayed and it came into contact with a child with an allergy. No perfume in school, girls (or boys come to think of it).

### Big Effort Postcards

Thank you to those children who entered the competition. The winners will be announced in assembly on Monday. We will post this and the winning postcards on our Facebook page.

**Nits ...** one of our parents felt this would be helpful and I agree.



## 10 Steps to Becoming Lice Free

- 1) Use a proven treatment and be sure to follow all directions.
- 2) When treating head lice, start at the nape of the neck and behind the ears.
- 3) Check for nits (head lice eggs) and use a nit comb to remove them.
- 4) Follow through with a second treatment within 7-10 days.
- 5) Wash all bedding and clothing that your child has used in hot water or run through the dryer's hottest setting for at least 30 minutes.
- 6) Dry clean items that cannot be washed.
- 7) Soak all hair care items such as brushes, combs and hair clips in very hot water for 15 minutes.
- 8) Place items that cannot be cleaned or placed in the dryer in a tightly sealed plastic bag for 10-14 days.
- 9) Vacuum to get rid of any lice dust or egg shells left behind.
- 10) Teach your child not to share personal items such as hats, brushes, coats, etc.

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