



Newsletter - Term 2

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Dates for your Diary

- 19th February: Picture This Week in School
- 20th February: Y6 Shelter Building
- 20th February: Basketball Finals at Winterhill 3:45pm – 5:30pm
- 21st February: Y3 Express Day – Scrumdiddlyumptious!
- 22nd February: Y4 Traders and Raiders Museum
- 23rd February: Y4 Swimming
- 26th February: Year 3 Trip to Creswell Crags
- 27th February: Y3/Y4 Open Afternoon 1:30pm-4:30pm
- 27th February: Y3/Y4 Tag Rugby Competition at Oakwood
12pm – 3pm
- 28th February: Class Photos
- 28th February: Y3-Y6 Open Evening 4pm-7pm
- 1st March: Y4 Visit to Thackray Medical Museum
- 1st March: Y5/Y6 Open Afternoon 1:30pm-4:30pm
- 2nd March: Y4 Swimming
- 2nd March: Y3/Y4 Hockey Finals at Aurora 1pm-3pm
- 5th March: Family Learning Event 9:15am - 11:15am
- 6th March: Y5/Y6 Sports Hall Athletics Finals at St Pius 4pm-
6pm
- 7th March: 6NE and 6EL Visit to Anne Frank & You Exhibition
- 8th March: 6JB Visit to Anne Frank & You Exhibition
- 9th March: Y4 Swimming
- 9th March: Y6 Visit to CLC Rawmarsh
- Week commencing 12th March: Y4 Dentist Visit (To be
confirmed)
- 12th March: Family Learning Event 9:15am - 11:15am
- 12th March: 3SW at Broom Methodist Church
- 13th March: Y5/Y6 Tag Rugby Competition at Oakwood 12pm-
3pm
- 14th March: CLC Visit into School to support Y4
- 14th March: 3NO at Broom Methodist Church
- 14th March: Power Cadets Assembly
- 16th March: Y4 Swimming
- Week commencing 19th March: Y3 Family Cave Painting
- 19th March: 3RE at Broom Methodist Church
- 21st March: Easter Egg Hunt 3:30pm-4:30pm
- 23rd March: Y4 Swimming
- 23rd March: Y5 Ann Boleyn's Trial
- 23rd March: Break up for Easter

PTA Events

The PTA has a number of forthcoming events and all money raised this year will be going towards the renovation of our playground and an outside classroom. An Easter Egg Hunt has been organised for Wednesday 21st March, starting at 3:30pm and lasting one hour. A Royal Tea Party and FA Cup Celebration are also planned for the afternoon of 18th May.

Open Afternoon/Evening

We're looking forward to welcoming you into school next week to meet with class teachers. Once again, Tuesday and Thursday's appointments will be held in classrooms and Wednesday's appointments in the hall. Please may I ask that you try to arrive in time for your appointment and advise you that the appointments are for 10 minutes. In order for us to keep things moving smoothly for other parents waiting, particularly parents with multiple appointments, please can you make an additional appointment at a time agreed with the class teacher if you wish to have a further discussion. The focus of this meeting will be to discuss your child's attitude to learning and their current attainment in English and Maths. Books will be shared at the meeting. Please could you also complete and return a parent questionnaire when you attend. Thank you.

Let's Celebrate

Attendance

Good attendance at school is vital to enable children to make as much progress as possible during the school year. We urge you not to take holidays during term time, as these will be unauthorised unless it is absolutely unavoidable. We look to achieve at least 97% attendance across school each week and always recognise the good attendance of individual children throughout the year. Each week we also look at class attendances and our best attending classes take the certificate for the week, go in first for dinner on Friday and earn a smile each. During the last half term we hit 97.5% across school – above target. Well done to the 7 classes who had attendance above target.

4GO: 98.8%	3SW:98.7%
6JB: 98.7%	6NE: 98.5%
4GT: 98.3%	5RE: 98.1%
3NO: 97.6%	5HS: 96.6%
6EL: 96.6%	3RE: 96.4%
5ND: 96.2%	4JF: 94.9%

Bronze Awards

Well done to the following children who have reached 50 smiles during last half term and therefore attained their Bronze certificates and prizes: Daniyal Chaudhry, Sophie Dunford, Anaya Khan, Amaya Rashid, Hannah Varghese, Will Gilberthorpe, Willow Bagnall, Maryam Bashir, Anna Fletcher, Emily Hannon, Eba Holmes, Yusra Hussain, Hafsa Hussain, Ayeza Qayum, Inayah Rashid, Aliyah Razaq, Faheem Chugtai, Frankie Orridge, Aaron Steer, Erin Bond, Sara Iqbal, Elizabeth McGarty, Niklas Teufel, Coben Whitby-Hemingham, Raia Hurst, Fatima Imran, Aimah Ihsan, Kaveesha Kota, Shabnam Nabizada, Hope Skidmore, Holly Stirk, Musa Hussain, Philip Koshy, Iqra Adeel, Maya Draghia, Misa Fleming, Aneeka Ramzan, Zaynah Saqib, Louis Pilkington, Gracie Banks, Grace Boulton, Ayonna Sabu, Hafsa Tair, Noel Augustine, Mustafah Ali, Max Hudson, Aria Alikuzai, Aishah Hussain, Erin Robinson-Wall, Oluwademiladeayo Ariyibi, Hadeesa Din, Ruby Weaver, Nishan Aryan, Thomas Cowan, Thomas Langford, Alexander Teufel, Sameer Ud-Deen, Aminah Ali, Sophie Austin, Alisha Irfan, Imaan Javed, Harry Butler, Daniel Lloyd, Mikael Najib, Ismaeel Siddiqui, Maleeha Hussain, Maryam Hussain, Zarah Hussain, Safah Zaheer, Raihan Asal, Huraira Ansab, Maheen Ihsan,

Silver Awards

Well done to Sara Hussain, who is the first member of Sitwell Junior School to reach 100 smiles and therefore attain her Silver Award this school year.

Crafty Nature Club

In Crafty Nature Club we are learning how to attract birds into our gardens and how to identify them correctly. In order to do this successfully we are asking for donations of unwanted bird identification books and also binoculars that are in good working order. Thank you in advance.

Child Health Information Service

As you may be aware, the Child Health Information Service is responsible for the scheduling and recording of all childhood immunisations for children within the borough.

If parents want to check their child's immunisations or have any queries about appointments or any other immunisation related queries, they should ring the Child Health Information Team on 01709 423355.

For any queries relating to the 0-19 Service, which includes Healthy Child Programme, Well Baby Clinics, School 'Drop In' Clinics and Family Support, parents should contact the new Single Point of Access (SPA) Service.

The SPA Team are available to book appointments, provide information and offer advice around any issues concerning a child's development. To contact the SPA Team – Tel: 01709 423333

Parents may also wish to access the 0-19 Facebook page online: search for Rotherham 0-19, for up to date information.

Competition Time

If your child is interested in entering the competition below, please complete the entry form and return to school.

Our new development needs a name...



Dransfield Properties Ltd is working in partnership with Harworth Group Plc to deliver a new £50 million retail, office and leisure scheme at Waverley, Rotherham and we need you to help us choose a name.

The new proposal is a key part of the strategic regeneration of the 740 acre Waverley development, just two minutes from Junction 33 of the M1 and is expected to be completed by

The new development will deliver:

- Food store
- Retail space
- High spec office space
- Restaurants, coffee shops and a gym
- A medical and community facility
- A 482 space customer car park

Year Group Newsletter

Today, your child will have received a newsletter for their year group. Please take note of the important dates for your diary. You will also find additional information on the School Website and on Twitter.

Home Learning

Today, your child will have received some home learning for their new topic. Don't forget that children are always learning - at home as well as at school. Experiences outside of school can be just as educational as at school. At the end of our 'Learning at Home Policy' (which is available on the school's website or from the school office) you will find lots of ideas, and links to websites, that you can access to compliment your child's learning at school. Please remember that the school website is regularly updated to show what children are currently learning.

Y5/6 Indoor Sports Hall Athletics

On the 23rd January 2018, 19 (10 girls and 9 boys) of our Y5/6 pupils took part in their event(s) for the Indoor Sports Hall Athletics festival at Oakwood. Each of the 19 pupils had their own specific field or track event to compete in which would be added to the team's overall score. At the end of all the events, the scores were totalled up and there was great jubilation for our team as we were announced as the 1st place winners after a very tough competition against 3 other schools. The team performed brilliantly in their events and with lots of individual and team 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers. The team will now go to the Rawmarsh Partnership Finals next half term. This is a fantastic achievement for the team as again some of the pupils who took part were competing in their first ever School Games competitive event.

Y5/6 Indoor Sports Hall Athletics team: Musa Hussain, Harper Tompkin, Isobelle Cobley, Adam Salem, Mason Crosby, Leon Wasilewski, Zaki Asif, Safia Razaq, Yusra Siddiqui, Ismail Hussain, Zaki Anjam, Haider Elsebai, Olivia Abraham, Inaya Mahmood, Dale Linaker, Areeba Haider, Ella Stewart, Freya Mounsher and Maryam Hussain.

Sitwell Seven

The 'Value of the term' is Resourcefulness.

Children will learn the importance of making links and identifying connections in their learning and will be encouraged to build on what they know. In school, we will encourage children to develop their initiative skills and use their imagination in their learning. Also, we will encourage them to become more flexible and adaptable, using the resources that are available in the classroom to help them.

As children develop Resourcefulness, they become better able to meet challenges in a variety of ways and they learn to trust their instincts and unique abilities. They acquire a positive attitude toward problem solving and mature into confident people. One of the best ways you can respond to a child's questions is by saying, "I don't know. How could we find the answer?" as this will encourage curiosity.

Also, encourage exploration and value their varying ideas and opinions. Play games that can have different answers. Include "What if" questions in play. "What if we want to build a sand castle? How can we make the sand stick together better?" "What if we made designs on our castle, what could we use to make them?" Finally, play imaginative word games. For instance, devise ways to build a house if you landed on the moon. Or make lists of all the different and imaginative ways you could use a simple household item, like a leaf rake or a hand mixer. Enjoy wacky answers!

Polite Request

Although we always strive to be the best in every way, occasionally things do go wrong or issues do arise. We always seek to resolve things in a positive way as soon as possible. The best way to do this is always through discussion with the Class Teacher at a mutually convenient time and in private, rather than posting comments on social media including Facebook. Thank you.

Book of the Term

As part of our continuous drive to develop the children's love of reading, we will be continuing with 'Book of the Term'. It is hoped that this will continue to engage and enthuse the children as they will be able to read for pleasure and discuss what they have read with friends. Additionally, children can complete activities (which can be found under the Home Learning section on the school website) that are linked to the book, further developing their comprehension and language skills as they are also linked to the National Curriculum objectives for reading. One of the activities that children will be able to complete is a book review for each book, which will then be displayed around school, thus giving children a real sense of writing for purpose. Once they have completed any of the activities, they can be given to Mrs Elliott.

Our next book will be 'Bad Dad?' by David Walliams. As with other David Walliams' books, this story is a laugh-out-loud and heart-warming story of a boy and his father, who take on the villainous Mr B and win. 'Bad Dad is a fast and furious, heart-warming story of a father and son on an adventure - and a thrilling mission to break an innocent man into prison!' – Waterstones. Should you wish to purchase the book, it can be bought from a number of recognised book shops, including online shopping websites. Happy reading!

