



# Newsletter - Summer Term

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## Dates for your Diary

- 13<sup>th</sup> April: Y4 Swimming (Last Session)
- 13<sup>th</sup> April: Y3 Express Day (Cave Painting) 2.15-3.15pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> April: 4GO Engage Visit to Grimm & Co
- 18<sup>th</sup> April: 4JF Engage Visit to Grimm & Co
- 19<sup>th</sup> April: 4GT Engage Visit to Grimm & Co
- 19<sup>th</sup> April: Y3 visit to the Theatre Royal in Nottingham to watch Jungle Book
- 19<sup>th</sup> April: Y5 Visit to Eyam
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Broom Methodist Church in School – Trinity
- 24<sup>th</sup> April – Year 6 EIS Visit
- 1<sup>st</sup> May: Cricket Competition at Oakwood High School 12pm – 3pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Cricket4Kids Programme 1.15pm – 3.15pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> May: Bank Holiday
- 8<sup>th</sup> May: Y3 Gods and Mortals Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> May: Cricket4Kids Programme 1.15pm – 3.15pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> May: 3SW at Broom Methodist Church
- 14<sup>th</sup> May: Y6 SATs Week
- 16<sup>th</sup> May: Cricket4Kids Programme 1.15pm – 3.15pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> May: Y4 Potions Express Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> May: Y6 Rail Safety Presentation
- 21<sup>st</sup> May: 3RE at Broom Methodist Church
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Y6 Living and Growing Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Y3/Y4 & Y5/Y6 Tag Rugby Finals at Dearne Valley Bulldogs 4pm – 6pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Cricket4Kids Programme 1.15pm – 3.15pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> May: 3NO at Broom Methodist Church
- 24<sup>th</sup> May: Y5/Y6 Netball Finals at EIS 12pm – 4pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> May: 6EL to take part in a Wickersley Science Lesson (Chemistry) 8.55am – 10.15am
- 25<sup>th</sup> May: Break up for half term
- 4<sup>th</sup> June: School closed - Training Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> June: 6JB to take part in a Wickersley Science Lesson (Chemistry) 8.55am – 10.15am
- 12<sup>th</sup> June: Y3 Tempest Performance
- 14<sup>th</sup> June: 6NE to take part in a Wickersley Science Lesson (Chemistry) 8.55am – 10.15am

## 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. A Royal Tea Party and FA Cup Celebration are also planned for the afternoon of 18<sup>th</sup> May.

## Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to the 188 parents who took the time to respond and return the recent parent questionnaire, which were given out during Parent Afternoon and Evening. 94% of parents agreed or strongly agreed with all 12 statements. 99% of parents feel their child is happy and safe at school and that their child makes good progress, is well looked after and is taught well. In addition, 99% of parents also agreed the school is well led and managed and would recommend the school to another parent.

94% of parents feel their child receives appropriate home learning for their age, whilst 98% feel that the school ensures all pupils are well behaved, the school responds well to any concerns raised and that they receive valuable information about their child's progress. Feedback is important and we always welcome open discussion about any issues arising. We will soon be re-introducing the Parent Charter to continue to communicate and work in partnership with parents, children and young people.

### 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. 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 95% across school – below target. Well done to the 3 classes who had attendance above target.

<b>4GO: 98.1%</b>	<b>5RE: 97.1%</b>
<b>4GT: 97%</b>	6JB: 96.5%
3SW: 96.2%	6NE: 95.9%
3RE: 95.8%	5ND: 95.2%
6EL: 94.8%	3NO: 92.4%
5HS: 91.1%	4JF: 89.4%

### 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: Rhais Ahmed, Mohammed Eesah Akhlaq, Reuben Bailey, Alex Cheshire, Flynn Hawley, Faizan Iqbal, Ismael Rashid, Michael Shabir, Habeebah Amatal-Huqq, Zarah Amani, Maira Aslam, Jessica Brooksbank, Isabell Greenwood, Tess Harrison, Anam Hussain, Zahra Naz, Preeya Walia-Simpson, Aaryan Hussain, Tommy Purdy, Lewis Riley, James Roberts, Aisha Akhtar, Ben Parton, Aliyah Alam, Jayani Koganti, AngelMary Saju, Skye Turner, Daryl Mbera, Sohaib Mirza, Ewan Rockett, Inaya Shafia, Zaki Asif, Ollie Bell, Samad Ditta, Blessing Mulunda, George Tester, Noor Arif, Ibra Baz, Molly Booth, Mia Grainger, Aliza Tariq, Isa Kasim, Mason Rowlinson, Aamna Hussain, Matthew Jackson, George Mervill, Beth-El Chiadzwa, Hanan Afsar, Saifullah Hussain, Zayn Ismail, Ismail Shazad, Curtis Whitby, Frances Bower, Ettie Jackson, Farhan Asal, Hisham Azam, Mihai-Alexandru Borcaias, Haider Elsebai, William Harris, Charlie Hetherington, Hammad Jamil, Sahil Khaliq, Sana Hussain and Jennifer Saju.

### Silver Awards

Well done to Anabel Gravid, Joel Bagnall, Oliver Baines, Zeke Holmes, Grace Ditcher, Ayeza Qayum, Harsimran Kang, Areeba Haider, Safa Hussain, Maheen Ihsan, Raviha Imran and Olivia Abraham who have reached 100 smiles and therefore attained their Silver Award this school year.

### Wet Playtime Toys

If you have any unwanted complete board games/ jigsaws, Lego, K-nex or Meccano, please feel free to donate them to school, as they are ideal when it is indoor play. Thank you in advance.

### Training Days 2018 – 2019

After meeting with Mrs Peart, the Head Teacher from the Infant School, I can now confirm that the training days for the next academic year will be:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

### Book Club

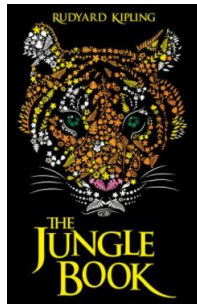
After the Spring Bank half-term, Mrs Elliott will be running a book club every Thursday after school. If your child is interested in attending, please fill in the Club reply slip as soon as possible so that books can be purchased. The club will focus on encouraging a love of reading as well as developing understanding of what has been read through discussions and other exciting and engaging activities.

### Treasure Island

As part of continuous drive to develop a love of reading, we will be watching a performance of 'Treasure Island' on the 27<sup>th</sup> June. The production will form part of the learning activities that children will be engaged in throughout the week. Further details to follow

### Book of the Term

This term's book will be 'The Jungle Book': Rudyard Kipling's famous novel which inspired the ever popular Disney film. Each class has a copy of the book which will be read throughout the term. As in recent terms, there will be activities linked to this on the school website. Any activities that your child has completed please give to Mrs Elliott or share on the school's Twitter page.



### 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

If you have a child in Y4 or Y5, they 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.

### Maths Challenge of the Week

Here is the challenge for this week. Can you figure it out? The hand in date for answers is 16<sup>th</sup> April. Please hand them into reception. Solution to follow in the next Head Teacher's blog, which is available on the school website. Please continue to check out the blog for weekly maths challenges.

**Fill the blank squares with 8 digits from 1-9, using each digit only once, to match the given sums of rows, columns and diagonals.**

