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# Newsletter

12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parent

A Happy New Year and welcome back after the Christmas break, we hope that the children are fully rested and ready for the challenges of the Spring term.

### New Parent Support Advisor

My name is Mrs Conway and I have taken up the role of Parent Support Advisor from Mrs Winstanley.

The last thirty years of my career has been spent working within education in a number of roles which has included working with children and young people from the ages of three to eighteen and their families. I am now looking forward to working with you and your children to build on the success of our school.

As you are already aware, attendance is a key priority for school as this is vital for your child's learning, development and attainment. I will therefore be working closely with Education Welfare Services in order to improve attendance and achieve our target of 97% for this academic year. As parents we really need you on board to support us in achieving this. Good attendance will continue to be celebrated as this is proven to encourage children to attend school, arrive on time and be prepared and motivated to learn.

I will be available in school to speak and meet with any parent regarding any concerns you may have about your child - no matter how big or small.

### Village 'Spring Fete'

Brierley Residents Group are organising a Village Fete, the family fun day starts at 2pm at the Methodist Church, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Activities include bouncy castle, alpacas, tombola, face painter, the 'Great Brierley Bake off', judged by the Mayor, plus much more. Hope to see you there!

### Out of School Clubs

Miss Cole is expecting her first baby in March and has been advised to reduce her workload. As a result she will only be supporting our PE competitions, which will significantly impact on our out-of-school provision. The school governing body hope to make an appointment for a new sports leader by 19<sup>th</sup> February.

We will be starting our extra-curricular activities from Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January which are as follows;

Tuesday	Multi-skills (All children)	3.15pm 4.00pm	Miss Tate
Wednesday	Film Club (KS1)	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Miss Weldon & Miss Tunnicliffe
Thursday	Film Club (KS2)	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Miss Weldon & Mrs Lawton

The children may be collected from the front entrance and if they are doing a PE activity they will need suitable clothing

Please be mindful that our staff give their time out of the school day to provide extra activities for the children to help develop social skills. **Please note that our intention is not to provide a child-minding service on the cheap** and we hope that this support is not seen in this way. If parents are wishing to access this service then please contact Heather (07999000829) at 'Playworks'.

## Dates for your diary (further details to follow nearer to the time)

25.01.18	St Paul's day service - 7.00pm in Church
31.01.18	Class FS - National Mining Museum
01.02.18	Class AH - Roman Workshop
09.02.18	School Mass Break up for February Half term
19.02.18	School Closed - Inset Day
20.02.18	School re-opens
26.02.18	Possible visit by the Bishop of Leeds
26.02 & 27.02.18	TASC day - Board Games
28.02.18	Class AH - Collaboration sports event - Outwood, Shafton
01.03.18	World Book Day
05.03.18	Parent, teacher, pupil consultation day - Class FS
06.03.18	Parent, teacher, pupil consultation day - Class CG
07.03.18	Parent, teacher, pupil consultation day - Class EF
08.03.18	Parent, teacher, pupil consultation day - Class SH
09.03.18	Parent, teacher, pupil consultation day - Class AH
12.03 - 16.03.18	School Book fair
12.03.18	Parent, teacher, pupil consultation day - Class SG
13.03.18	Class EF - Stonehenge workshop
14.03.18	Parent, teacher, pupil consultation day - Class MB
21.03.18	Easter Egg competition
23.03.18	Easter Service - St Paul's 9.30am Break up - Easter holiday
09.04.18	School re-opens

### **Booking holidays**

Could parents of year 6 children note that the national SATs examinations will take place between Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018? Children in year 6 should not take holidays during this week. We are seeking to improve our school attendance during the Spring Term please try to ensure that your child attends whenever possible, absent days mean missed learning!

### **Indoor Shoes**

With the inclement weather during the winter months we are encouraging all of the children to bring an old pair of bedroom slippers or plimsolls to wear inside school.

### **P.E Kit**

We would like to remind everyone of the correct kit for our P.E lessons. The children should wear a red or white top (t-shirt/polo) and black or grey bottoms (shorts/tracksuit/joggers, depending on inside or outside kit). It is also inappropriate to wear some of the 'fashion' trainers for P.E.

Thank you for your help and understanding.

### **Pupil care and well-being**

If you have any concerns or worries or any information that you feel we ought to know about, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### **Further information required**

Next week you will be receiving a Home School Agreement which will need signing and returning back to school. We will also be seeking to update our contact information and details about the children.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**