

East Ardsley Primary Academy Newsletter

23rd February 2018

Menu Week no: 2



Attendance: Congratulations to Class 6 who had 100% attendance this week - you were our attendance stars. Well Done to you all!

What we have been up to this week:

We have quickly settled back into work after our half term break and the children have already started to prepare for an exciting and important term ahead.

Our Year 6 School Councillors represented our school this week at a Democracy Day where they got to work with Local Councillors to share ideas and activities together to understand how the Local Council system works in Leeds.

Some of our Key Stage 2 children attended a cross country event in the cold and wet. Nothing deters our children's enthusiasm or competitive spirit.

Plans are afoot for our Year 3/4/5 Concert. It is to be Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits. Year 5 children will take on the talking parts and Year 3 and 4 the singing. Every child will be included so we have scheduled in three performances on the 2nd and 3rd May 2018 to ensure everyone will be able to come along and see it. We are all very excited to be taking this new direction for our concert.

Unfortunately I will be out of school for a few weeks starting the week beginning 5.3.18. I have been diagnosed with uterine cancer and have to have surgery and possible follow up treatment. The doctors are confident that they have caught it early and that I will make a full recovery. They tell me I am fit and healthy and have even used the term 'young' to describe me at least twice.

In my absence Mrs Hirst will be Principal and Mrs Courtney Deputy Principal. We have put plans in place and we are confident that the school will continue to run smoothly and that the children will not be adversely affected. All our staff are highly skilled and amazingly supportive so I know that school is in very capable hands.

Obviously with one man down there are some plans that we have had to put on hold and it may take a little more time to action some others. I know that you will be understanding and supportive of school in my absence just as you always are. Thank you.

Ms Talbot

Dates for your Diary

26.2.18	Open Day
27.2.18	Team Dragon Merit Assembly
2.3.18	PTFA Dress Down Day
5.3.18	Assessment Week in school
6.3.18	Team Griffin Merit Assembly
7.3.18	Nursery Mothers' Day Event
13.3.18	Team Unicorn Merit Assembly
13.3.18	Governors Meeting 6pm
15.3.18	Year 5 and 6 to Woodkirk
20.3.18	Team Phoenix Merit Assembly
23.3.18	Sports Relief Day
27.3.18	Team Dragon Merit Assembly
27.3.18	Maths Curriculum Evening
28.3.18	Trustees Meeting 6pm
29.3.18	School closes
16.4.18	School opens
19.4.18	Film night 3.30—5.30pm
20.4.18	Class 9 Assembly
27.4.18	F2A's Assembly
2.5.18	Y3/4/5 Concert 2pm
3.5.18	Y3/4/5 Concert 10am and 2pm
7.5.18	May Bank Holiday
11.5.18	Class 2 Assembly
14.5.18	Key Stage 2 SATs week
18.5.18	Class 8 Assembly
21.5.18	Resources Committee 5pm
25.5.18	Class 4 Assembly
25.5.18	School closes
4.6.18	School opens



World Book Day

Thursday 1st March is World Book Day. Children will not be dressing up this year, but could your child please bring into school their favourite book.

Exemplar Education

On Monday we will be sending out flyers from Exemplar Education advertising their Maths, English and Reading programmes for children. Although school does not endorse this company, they kindly give us a donation to school based upon the number of returned forms, even if you don't sign up to any of their programmes.

Please help us again this year by promptly returning your form. They need to be returned to school before Monday 5th March. *(The more forms returned, the greater the donation)*

Parking

We have received a complaint regarding a car mounting the curb and parking completely (all 4 wheels) on the grass verge outside Moor Knoll Park, which is defacing the grass with muddy tyre prints. Therefore could we ask that parents do not park on grass verges. Remember you can park in the Community Centre car park and walk up to school to help alleviate parking problems.

Sporting News

Cross Country Competition

Yesterday, sixteen children participated in the annual MSSA Cross Country Competition. After a quick reschedule of venue due to Bruntcliffe Academy having Ofsted, the children soon got down to business in a very, very muddy Woodkirk field!

Seven schools took part altogether with the U9s (Year 4), running 900m and the U11s (Year 5/6), running 1,500m in separate races for boys and girls. Each child was given a number as they finished and these were added together to give totals for each school in each event.

All the children were absolutely fantastic and gave their absolute all! They trudged through thick mud in freezing cold conditions and never complained once.

Unfortunately, we didn't win but some of our children were in single figures finishing which was amazing considering 28 children ran each race.

A massive 'Well done' to: Luke Parkin, Daniel Onobrakpeya, Emily Ward, Mia Beattie, Matthew Sadler, Joshua Akiti, Olivia Limbert, Isobel Conner-Tyers, Rueben Martin, Cameron Ainscow-Tasker, Anderson Maclean, Thomas Hartley, Jessie Wootton, Daisy Kelly, Molly Mason and Isabel Bennett.
J.Fletcher

PTFA News

Next Friday, 2 March, we are having a dress down day for the Mother's Day gift shop. The idea here is that children bring in a small gift, maybe an unwanted Christmas present, or something costing between £1 - £2 in return for dressing in non-uniform. Then, during the following week, they need to bring £1 to school so they can purchase a gift for their parent or carer. Gifts will be put out throughout the week so even if your child's class is last to pick it doesn't mean that there will only be the unwanted items left. Children will be given gift paper and time in class to wrap their gift so we don't spoil the surprise!!

On the 19th of April we are having a film night immediately after school and all children are invited. This will be a fun evening for the children with a drink and snack included in the price and the cost will be £2.50 per child. A consent form with further details will come out nearer the time.

As with all PTFA events, participation is entirely voluntary.

Breakfast Club

We have a few places available for Breakfast Club on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Please contact the office if you would like a place

Helpful telephone numbers- Leeds Anti - Social Behaviour Team: 0113 222 4402

Childline: 0800 11 11 Leeds Domestic Violence 24 hour helpline: 0113 2 460401

Out of hours service for ongoing noise 6.00 pm -3.30 am: 0113 395 0143

NSPCC: 0808 810 800 Leeds Domestic Violence 24 hour helpline: 0113 2460401

Home Start-Support and friendship for families 0113 244 2419 or email office@home-tartleeds.co.uk