



# Scantabout Primary School

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

It was good to see so many of you at Parents' Evening. Thank you, also, to parents who dropped into my Head Teacher's Surgery. A reminder that Parents Forum is on the Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. The office will send out requests for agenda items on the week of 12<sup>th</sup> March.

We have another busy and enjoyable half term ahead for the children. Amongst some of the events planned we have the Year 5 Residential trip to Swanage, a cricket morning with the Chance to Shine Cricketing initiative for Years 1-3 and a year 3-6 skipping workshop.

I met last week with all the teachers to discuss the progress of the children in our half termly Pupil Progress meetings.

## SSA Recycling Day – “Bags to School” – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April

This is a chance to clear out your wardrobes and raise a little money for the children at the same time. Bags will be provided nearer the time and the SSA will be available to collect them at the end of the school day on the 19<sup>th</sup> April and before school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

## CAMHS Body Image Workshop for Years 5 & 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> June

An important part of mental health is having a positive body image particularly at adolescence. To help support this, the Child and Adolescence Mental Health Service (CAMHS) will be coming into school to hold a workshop aimed at developing the older children's understanding of this.

## Governors

This half term, the Governors have begun their new monitoring programme. The aim of this is to help them develop an even deeper understanding of the school, through a programme of visits and learning walks as well meetings with children and staff. They already attend events such as Parents' Forum and whole school events.

We are currently in the process of recruiting a co-opted governor. We are particularly looking for a non-parent governor, so if you know of anyone who is interested then please contact me.

## Year 5 Classroom

We are halfway through refurbishing the Year 5 classroom. Over the half term new lights were fitted within a new ceiling. New tables and chairs are now in place and we are just in the process of finishing the redecoration. A new carpet will finish the works and will be fitted whilst the Year 5 are on residential.



## **Courtyard Development**

The SSA have kindly agreed to put £6,000 towards the development of the courtyard. The plan is to turn this into a social space for children at lunchtime and a teaching space during lessons. Over the Easter Holidays, the area will be resurfaced with artificial grass. I am then working with a group of children to plan the layout of this space. Thank you to you all for contributing to the fundraising for this. It will make a huge difference to the children.

## **NSPCC/02 Online Safety Workshop for Parents – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2pm**

Following our NSPCC workshops with the children last term, I have asked them if they could provide a workshop on how to keep children safe online for parents. This will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm. Due to the content of the workshop, we would ask that parents make child care arrangements for younger siblings. Sadly, it was not possible to get this workshop arranged for the evenings as it is hosted by an external provider. However, we are aiming to hold an evening event later in the calendar year, on emotional development and building resilience in children. This will also recap on aspects of the online safety workshops for parents. I am also discussing having another joint event with other schools in the area at some point during the next few months – details to follow.

## **Head Lice and Head Bumps!**

We are changing our procedures slightly for head bumps. Head injuries are sometimes called the 'silent killer' as children can often seem perfectly fine immediately after having a bump to the head. One suggestion has been that schools put on a wrist band for any child who has a head bump so that, should they become unwell, others around them are aware they have had a head injury. We will continue with our usual policy of phoning parents if we are worried, and putting a bumped head note in the bag, but will be introducing the wrist bands next week.

Head lice – we have had a couple of cases of head lice within the school. Please can you regularly check your child's head for nits and lice. I would also ask that children with long hair have their hair tied back to help stop the spread of them. Thank you!

## **Dinner money**

As financial year end rapidly approaches, we would ask parents to ensure that payments are made and any outstanding balances are cleared by Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March in time for the Easter holidays. If you are yet to sign up to online payments please contact the school office who will happily provide you with the appropriate details.

## **Financial Capability**

Lloyds Bank will be coming to the school in the summer term to carry out financial capability workshops with the children in Years 2 and 6. A huge thank you to Chris Crofton for championing this.

## **SEND Information Day 2018**

The SEND Information Day, presented by Support4SEND, Parent Voice and Hampshire Parent Carer Network (HPCN), is a free information and fun event for parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs, their families, and practitioners who support them.

This year's event takes place on **Saturday 24 March 2018 from 10.00am to 3.00pm at Noadswood School, Dibden Purlieu, Hampshire S045 4ZF.**

This popular annual event enables visitors to browse stands and chat to over 40 exhibitors from the Local Authority, NHS, charitable and commercial organisations who are on hand to offer specialised information and advice.



Activities for children are also provided, plus a chill-out area for young people who might prefer to bring their own phone or iPad and relax. (Please note that parents and carers are responsible for their children throughout the event). Free parking and disabled access will be provided and refreshments will be available to buy.

A wide range of workshops and talks will also be on offer. Topics include: Autism (and Autism & Girls); careers and learning on the internet; developing social skills; dyslexia; dyspraxia; supporting the bullied child; transition from early years to school; understanding Education, Health & Care Plans, and; speaking up for yourself and your child with additional needs.

No pre-booking is required, parents and carers can just turn up on the day and choose their sessions (subject to availability). Parents can contact [enquiries.support4send@hants.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries.support4send@hants.gov.uk) to sign up to receive further information as soon as it is available.

### **Sport Relief 23rd March**

This year we will be holding a Sport Relief event to help the children learn about this charity, take part in this national event and raise a little cash too.

On the 23rd March the children will all be taking part in additional class sports/get active events. At the end of the day we will have an assembly for the children where they learn about where the money from this event goes to.

We will be holding a mufti day with the children coming in tracksuits/trainers etc. ready to get active during the day. We are asking for a donation of £1.

**Best wishes,**

**Tina Thomas**

## Key Dates

<b>23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Key Stage 2 Spring Concert – 2.45pm
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Key Stage 1 Concert – 9.15am Parents' Forum straight afterwards
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	SSA Easter Egg Hunt – 3.20pm
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 5 Residential trip to Swanage
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Holidays
<b>18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Show and Share – 3.30 till 4pm and 5 till 5.30pm
<b>19<sup>th</sup> April 3.20pm &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> April before 9am</b>	Bags 2 School – SSA recycling Event
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	INSET day – school closed for polling – focus assessment and curriculum development
<b>May 2018</b>	Key Stage One SATs test month
<b>w/c 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Key Stage 2 SATs week see the website below for days of tests <a href="http://www.gov.uk/guidance/key-stage-1-and-key-stage-2-test-dates">www.gov.uk/guidance/key-stage-1-and-key-stage-2-test-dates</a>
<b>w/c 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Year 6 Residential week Isle of Wight
<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	INSET day – focus curriculum
<b>w/c 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year One Phonics Screen
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sports day am
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Family Picnic