

Dear Parents and Carers



Safer Internet Day

We have run a number of Safeguarding events in school recently. Please see the following link regarding sharing photos online. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-38893963>



Readathon

The CSA are running a Readathon. Please see the letter already sent out.



Poetry Competition

I understand that some parents are unhappy about the poetry competition that pupils have been invited to participate in. We will look at all of the poems produced and make a class book out of these. For this year we will let parents choose whether they enter their child into the competition as some wish to. We will not use this company again.



Comic Relief Day

Following some feedback on non-uniform days we are trying to co-ordinate more with the Infant School. This means that both schools are running a non-uniform day on Comic Relief day which is 24th March 2017.



NSPCC Visits

Mrs Fowler arranged for the NSPCC to run sessions with Years 5 and 6 this week and the feedback has been really positive. The non-uniform day is to raise funds for the NSPCC.



School Disco

Just a reminder that the disco tickets for Friday 24th February are available to purchase on School Gateway before Tuesday 21st February 2017 - details in last week's newsletter. Seven parent helpers are needed at each session. So far only four parents have come forward to volunteer out of the 28 needed to run the discos. If you are available to help please email Sarah at sarahwhite80@btinternet.com. Thank you.



Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. There is a box in Reception for vouchers.



After school Childcare

CSE (Challenge Sports and Education) run a childcare service every day from 3.20pm to 6.30pm. This is based in our Dance Studio. Please see the link for bookings. <https://www.challengesporteducation.co.uk/>



Swimming

Whilst the governors are reviewing the options for the swimming pool, Miss Ferguson has been researching swimming options for our Year 6 children this academic year. We are also looking at booking sessions for other classes in the new school year to ensure that no year group goes without. These will be based in the local pool within walking distance.



School Dinner Payments

The next half term dinner invoices are now available to pay before Monday 20th February 2017. Please may I remind you that we are **not allowed** to offer credit. We cannot offer a school meal without payment in advance. Please make sure that you are up to date with your child's lunch payments or send them in with a packed lunch. It is your responsibility to provide them with a lunch.



Online Safety

Please see the following link regarding a website that your children might access.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/11/21/rspcc-warning-over-tinder-like-app-for-teenagers/>



Dates for your diary:

Monday 20th February 2017

Back to School

Wednesday 22nd February 2017

8am – Year 5 Choir rehearsal in the Music Room – all welcome

Friday 24th February 2017

5D – Class Assembly – 9am – School Hall – please ensure you sign in and out at the School Office

4A – Class Assembly – 2.45pm – School Hall - please ensure you sign in and out at the School Office

Year 3 – School Disco – 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Year 4 – School Disco – 4.45pm to 5.45pm

Year 5 and 6 – School Disco – 6pm to 7pm

Tuesday 28th February 2017

Year 5 – Trip to the British Schools Museum – Hitchin – leaving at 8.45am (arrive at school at 8.30am)

Year 6 – Athletics Final – Queens School

Wednesday 1st March 2017

Year 6 Trip – 6K & ½ of 6P – Trip to the Lincolnsfields Centre, Bushey

Friday 3rd March 2017

Year 6 Trip – 6H & ½ of 6P – Trip to the Lincolnsfields Centre, Bushey

5G – Class Assembly – 9am – School Hall – please ensure you sign in and out at the School Office

3F – Class Assembly – 2.45pm – School Hall – please ensure you sign in and out at the School Office.

Wishing you a lovely half term break,

Jenny Sherry and the Office Team