

Message from Mrs Webb

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. What an exciting (and cold) week we've had with the snow! Hopefully the skies will brighten up again soon as we head into Spring as we could all use some warm weather. We have a busy half term to look forward to with lots of exciting new topics and activities planned, and I look forward to seeing the wonderful outcomes at the end of the term. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing all of the children dress up as their favourite book characters for World Book Day, it was lovely to see the effort that so many of you went to. On a less happy note, Mr Bassett will sadly be leaving us at the end of this term, and will be greatly missed. Mr Jones will be taking on the role of SENCo in Mr Bassett's place when we return from the Easter holidays- please help us in welcoming and supporting him in this new role as he learns the ropes. Let's have a great half term!



Anna Webb
Headteacher

SEND

Parents with children on the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Register (SEND) were recently sent out a questionnaire to find out their views on how they felt their children were provided for across the school. The response was overwhelmingly positive with parents feeling that their children were making good progress, that they could speak to staff and receive support regarding any concerns they had, and that school kept them well informed about their child. Please note that if you have any concerns around your child in regards to SEND or behaviour, to contact either Tom Bassett (SENCO) or Barry Mills (Assistant Head/Behaviour Manager) for support.

There will be a SEND Coffee Morning held at Isambard Brunel Junior School on Wednesday 14th March at 9.15 for any parents who wish to attend.



Medication

Please ensure you hand in any medication for your child to the office. Children may under no circumstances be in possession of, or self-administer, medication unless previously agreed with Mrs Webb under special circumstances. This is to ensure not only the safety of your child, but all of the children in the school.

A note from the School Council

This half term the school council will be working hard to organise activities for Sport Relief. This week in our class assembly, we learned about Sport Relief and watched a video about some of the projects that Sport Relief money helps. We discussed ideas of how to raise money in school – school council will decide on which ideas to use next week. The activities will take place in school during the week March 19th – 23rd. Please help us to raise money for this worthy cause.

Golden Ticket Attendance Prize Winners

Congratulations to our Golden Ticket winners last term, they were as follows:

1st Prize (£20 Asda voucher) – Ruby Ricketts 5S

2nd Prize (Dinosaur toy) – Taylor Brewerton 5C

Runner up prizes- Frankie Griffiths 3J, Evie Morrish 3J, Raela-Belle Farndell 4JP



Attendance- every day matters!

Please remember that the Law stipulates that **NO** unnecessary absence can be authorised during term time and a fine of **£60 per child per parent** will be issued if you do choose to take your child out of school without permission.

Please note the following guidelines regarding attendance:

- Phone or email school by 9am on every day of absence
- Respond quickly to text messages requesting confirmation of absence
- Make medical/dental appointments out of school hours
- Do not book holidays in term time- the school WILL NOT authorise holidays, barring exceptional circumstances

If for any reason you do need to request a leave of absence from school for your child/ren, a leave of absence form can be collected from the office. Please note that this form must be returned to the office 10 days before the planned absence in order to give the school time to process it correctly.

Reminders

- School starts promptly at 8.55am (gates open at 8.40am) and ends at 3.15pm. School gates will be locked at 9am for safety reasons, any children arriving after this time must come through the main school reception and need to sign the late book.
- Breakfast club starts at 8am every morning and costs £2 per day.
- If your child (year 4 and above) is to be collected by another adult, or allowed to walk home alone, please make their class teacher aware.
- Children waiting to be collected from school at the end of the day will be waiting in the upper school hall for safeguarding reasons. Parents are to report to the main school reception to collect their child.

Don't Forget!

School Dinners

Please could you ensure that you pay for school dinners **in advance** online. We are unfortunately not able to give your child any dinner unless your account is credited and all debt is cleared. If you need assistance with the online site, please speak to the office.

If your child is coming in later due to prearranged appointments but will still need a hot dinner, please phone the office to organise this by 9:30am to ensure that a dinner is ordered for them. If you are unsure about return to school time it is advisable to order one anyway as dinners are only actually charged to your ISS account once they have been taken.

School Dinners are £2.05 per meal at Newbridge and £2.20 at The Bridge.

Free School Meals

Please collect an Application Form from the School Office and apply for Free School Meals if you are currently receiving:

- Employment and Support allowance
- Income Support
- Jobseekers Allowance
- The Guarantee Element of State Pension
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (but not entitled to Working Tax Credit)



Packed Lunches and snacks

Please be aware that as we have children with nut allergies in school, **no nut products of any kind are allowed.**

As a healthy school we encourage children to eat healthy snacks at break. The school tuck shop offers a range of healthy cereal bars at a cost of 30p each.

If you are providing your child with a snack from home please ensure it is healthy e.g. fruit, cereal bars, raisins, yoghurt coated raisins etc. Please do not send in crisps, chocolate, crackers or cake for break as these items will be confiscated.

Lunch Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Music Club (Music Room) Taiko Drumming Y4 12.15-12.45 Y5/6 12.45-1.30</p> <p>Sports Club Y3/4 12.30-1.00 Y5/6 1.00-1.30</p> <p>Games Club (Art Room) Y3/4 12.30-1.00 Y5/6 1.00-1.30</p>	<p>Music Club (Music Room) Choir 12.30 All Welcome</p> <p>Sports Club Y3/4 12.00-12.30 Y5/6 12.30-1.00</p> <p>Games Club (Art Room) Y3/4 12.30-1.00 Y5/6 1.00-1.30</p>	<p>Sports Club Y3/4 12.00-12.30 Y5/6 12.30-1.00</p> <p>Games Club (Art Room) Y3/4 12.30-1.00 Y5/6 1.00-1.30</p>	<p>Sports Club Y3/4 12.30-1.00 Y5/6 1.00-1.30</p> <p>Games Club (Art Room) Y3/4 12.30-1.00 Y5/6 1.00-1.30</p>	<p>Sports Club Y3/4 12.30-1.00 Y5/6 1.00-1.30</p> <p>Games Club (Art Room) Y3/4 12.30-1.00 Y5/6 1.00-1.30</p>

Diary Dates

March	
Monday 12th	Southdown 'Horrible Histories' performance to Y4 and Y6
Wednesday 14th-Monday 19th	Scholastic Book Fair 3.30pm
Thursday 15th	School nurse drop-in session 1.30-3.00 (book with school office) Upper School Disco 6.00pm
Monday 19th- Friday 23rd	Sports relief week (details to follow)
Monday 26th	Parents Evening
Thursday 29th	Last Day of Term
April	
Friday 30th-Friday 13th	Easter Holidays
Monday 16th	Inset day
Tuesday 17th	Back to School

Inset Days 2017/18

16 April

4 June

Did You Know?

The world's tallest snowman was built in Maine, USA and was 122ft 1 inches tall- almost as tall as the Statue of Liberty!



