



With Safer Internet Day falling last week, each class considered their part in using the internet responsibly and keeping themselves safe. I hope that your child has talked to you about these activities and it has opened up a conversation about online safety. Our website provides a plethora of support for parents from setting parental controls on gadgets to building your child's resilience online. Thank you to those parents who attended the Multi-Agency Team's Parents' Internet Safety meeting at Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School last Monday evening. I will put the documents they referred to on our website when I receive them.

Excite to Write – on Friday afternoon, we had an 'Excite to Write' afternoon with our Buddy Families. We gave the children the theme 'Heroes' and an opportunity to write and illustrate in whatever genre they wished for the sheer joy of writing. The children were very enthusiastic and embraced the chance to write 'with freedom'.

School Disco on Tuesday 13th February – Our school disco is a "Rainbow" Disco. Please note that as our hall is small, we can only accommodate two year groups at a time, therefore the disco for Y3 & Y4 will be 5.30pm-6.45pm and the disco for Y5 & Y6 will be 7.00pm-8.15pm. Entry is £2 per child, payable on the night. Drinks, sweets, crisps and tattoos will also be available to purchase so please bring some change to spend. Y4 children need to come to the main entrance and will be signed in there. Y3 children need to come to the Y3 door and will be signed in there. Y5 children need to come to the main door and will be signed in there. Y6 children need to come to the fire exit from Mr Hands' classroom and will be signed in there. Y5/Y6 children will not be allowed in to the building until all the Y3/Y4 children have left. Y3 and 4 children are to be collected from their classrooms, using their main external door; the children will need to be signed out. Y5 children are to be collected from the main door they entered by and will be signed out. Y6 children are to be collected from Mr Hands' fire door and will be signed out.

On Wednesday 14 February there will be a special Friendship Day menu in School. The menu will be tear and share Pizza, potato wedges, salad selection with pancakes & fruit. This replaces the normal menu of roast dinner. If your child would like this dinner and doesn't normally have a meal on a Wednesday, this can be booked and paid for via ParentPay.

Clubs – please note that any teacher run clubs that were previously hosted on Wednesday afternoon will no longer run as our staff meeting changes to Wednesdays after school, after half term.

Gymnastics – many congratulations to **Libby W** who awarded 'Elite Squad Gymnast of the Year' at the Dronfield Gymnastic Academy Awards Evening on Saturday. What a great achievement – well done!

MAT Easter activities – please see separate attachment detailing the exciting activities that the Multi-Agency Team are offering during the Easter holidays.

World Book Day – World Book Day is on **1st March** and Mrs Ford is busy working hard behind the scenes organising activities to celebrate this day. Whilst we are not going to ask children to dress up for World Book Day, we would like them to bring in a 'prop' to personify / represent a book character. Throughout the day, we will give them the opportunity to share their object and see if the rest of the class can guess the identity of their character. We will also be organising a book swap so you may like to have a look with your children, over half term, to see if there are any books you have that they might like to swap.

TTRockstars – you will know that we have relaunched TTRockstars with Mr Roberts driving its profile in school. It is a Government requirement that children know their multiplication tables by the end of Year 4. In September 2017,

the DfE announced that schools will be expected to administer multiplication tests to their Year 4 pupils from 2019-2020, these checks are aimed 'to aid children's fluency in mathematics.' TTRockstars is a great way to support your child learning their multiplication tables, whatever their age. Your child will have his/her account on this website and a unique log on. We are running different competitions linked to TTRockstars and we have purchased year group trophies to recognise, and celebrate, the children's successes. One of our noticeboards in the main hall is now dedicated to TTRockstars, again to reward, and celebrate success. Please see your child's class teacher if you need any further information.

Lost coat – one of our Year 3 children has lost his coat. It has been missing now for a number of weeks and we have searched the whole school on numerous occasions looking for it, without success. I can only think that someone has accidentally taken it home and has forgotten about it. Please can I ask you to have a look at home for a black Nike puffer jacket with the name 'Harrison R' inside it. We would be very grateful for its return. If you find you have it at home, please could you hand it in to reception – we will just be happy to see it again. Many thanks in advance.

Dinner money – Dinner money next term is £40 which should be paid on Parent Pay. Please can I ask that you keep your dinner money account up-to-date on ParentPay? If you have any difficulties, please see Mrs Myers or Mrs Cooper in the office. Our dinner money policy is on the school website under the 'policies' tab.

Cliffe Park – Cliffe Park in Dronfield is undergoing a facelift. The Town Council are planning some great changes to the park which will enhance it for all. They have set a competition for children who attend the schools in Dronfield. Children have been asked to draw a picture entitled 'Memories of the park', which should include the words '**Welcome to Cliffe Park**'. The winning entries will form a border around a new bespoke Welcome sign which will be erected at the entrance to the park. This is a great opportunity to have your artwork displayed and be part of 'history'. If you would like to take part, your picture needs to be on a sheet on A4 paper and should be bold and colourful. The closing date for entries is **Monday 26th February**. Please give your entry to Mrs Myers or Mrs Cooper in the school office. All winners will receive a small prize, see their picture on the park's Welcome sign and be invited to the grand opening ceremony when the park re-opens.

Thinking of starting your own business? – Following a meeting of Dronfield 2gether last week, I was made aware of support for those thinking of starting their own business. This support is free to access as part of Clowne Enterprise and will 'provide one-to-one coaching support, at your pace, to fit in with your life.' They can help 'to make your business idea a success and support you to remove any barriers.' There is a flyer on our parents' notice board. If you cannot get into school, please contact us and we will give you further details. On a similar theme, please can I draw your attention to a free event called 'Business Start-Up Day' with the amazing micro biz champion Tony Robinson OBE at Loundsley Green Community Centre, Cuttholme Road, Chesterfield, S40 4QU on **Saturday 24 February** (10.30am – 1.30pm). You can book your place at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/business-start-up-day-tickets-41495308585 or bit.ly/startabusinessday. Again more details are on our parents' noticeboard.

End of term - The pupils finish school on **Friday 16th February** at 3.30pm (and start back on **Monday 26th February 2018** at 9am.

Dress Down Day (Friday 16th February) – we are having a Dress Down Day on the last day of this term where children can come to school wearing clothes of their choice and we ask for a £1 donation please. Last term a couple of Governors came into to talk to representatives from each year group about health and wellbeing and we are working on the things they fed back to the Governors. One of things they said was that whilst they felt it was important to raise money for charity, occasionally, they felt it was important to raise money for school too, so with

that in mind, this term's dress down money will go into school funds to support all children. Thank you in anticipation.

As a school, we really appreciate your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely half term and I look forward to seeing you all again next term.

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16 February – School closes for half term

26 February – School re-opens

1 March – World Book Day

w/c 19 March – Parent Consultation week

19 March – Bags2School Collection

23 March – School closes for Easter Holidays

9 April – School re-opens

w/c 14 May – SATs Week

23 May – Sports Day at the English Institute of Sport (EIS)

25 May – School closes for half term

4 June – INSET day

5 June – School re-opens

3 July – Y2 Parents' Meeting

10 July – Bags2School Collection

20 July – School closes for summer holiday

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