



Newsletter

Spring 2017 - 11th January

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Just a few things to tell you about and also some key dates to share on the back.

We have a new red post box at the front door for Parents Only. We would like you to use this to drop off permission slips, club letters, small amounts of money for school dinners etc please. We will empty the box daily at 9.30am and 3.20pm. In the near future you will be able to pay online through our website and we will let you know when this goes 'live'.

Please take a look at the teachers Curriculum letters which describe some of the children's learning this term. We will have class assemblies later this term to share our learning and there are two dates for parent evenings.

Earrings - just to make you aware that children cannot take part in PE if they are unable to remove their earrings. We no longer accept earrings being covered by plasters or tape. PE is an important part of the curriculum which is statutory and provides the children with various skills and health benefits. We would strongly recommend that if you are planning for your child to have their ears pierced this is done at the beginning of the summer holidays.

There is some talk of snow later this week, although I suspect it will amount to very little, but if there was ever a need to close the school because of severe weather, broken boiler etc please see the attached letter.

We will always try to keep the school open but that will depend on a sufficient number of teachers/adults. In the event of bad weather I will consult with local residents and check the road conditions, making a decision by 7am. If conditions allow us to stay open please think about suitable footwear for your child and spare socks in case of wet feet etc.

Kind regards,

Mrs Harkin

Key dates spring 2017

- 12th Jan Years 4/5/6 to Thurston Community College for sports afternoon
- Clubs start w/c 16/01/17
- 26th Jan Thurston CC visiting Y6
- 1st Feb' 3.30pm Y2 & Y6 SAT's meeting for parents (15 minutes) Birch Homework Club will still be offered
- 6th Feb Birch Class 2.15pm E Safety Parent/child workshops
- 7th Feb' Safer Internet day
- 7th Feb' Willow Class 2.15pm E Safety Parent/child workshops
- **W/C 13th February Half term**
- 21st Feb' Willow trip to Colchester Castle, Lime Class & Birch Class to Colchester Zoo
- 21st Feb' Magical Maths Clubs to start
- 28th Feb & 1st March Parent Evenings
- 7th March 9am Willow Class Assembly
- 9th March 9am Birch Class Assembly
- 14th March Y6 to STEM festival at TCC
- 14th March 9am Oak Class Assembly
- 20th March 9am Lime Class Assembly
- 26th March Mothering Sunday Service at Ilam
- 29th March Easter Service at Church