

Dear Parents/carers,

This has been a super-fast half term, short but sweet! It has been lovely to have all the children back. They have coped really well and routines are as they were in the autumn term. We have yet to receive permission for organising trips but I have reserved a couple of visits to Bradfield Woods and workshops with the Suffolk Wildlife Life in July. We know we cannot go swimming this summer and sadly Y6 will miss out on a residential trip this year. We hope that later on in the summer term we will be able to do more things together, watch this space! Meanwhile we must follow the guidelines and we require parents to play their part please.

Red Nose Day – thank you for all your donations, we will be sending the £93 raised to Comic Relief. Any stray £1 coins still owed need to come in by Friday please.

Lime Class lunch Wednesday – having won the best behaved class around school, before Christmas, Lime Class have chosen the menu for the day, hot dogs and chocolate donuts!

FOCSA events – please support the latest fundraising event, a sponsored fitness challenge fitness of your choice which will provide essential funds for the school. We are looking to re vamp the playground with new markings, which we will use at play, in math and in PE. Something that all children will benefit from.

Can I remind parents of children who **travel by school transport** to apply soon for September otherwise your child will not have a seat on the bus, this is for transport to Cockfield and High School.

We still have two parent **vacancies** on the Governing Body. We are keen to recruit new governors this summer. Please get in touch with the school or Dr Norman Kelly our Chair of Governors if you would like more information about the role.

Clubs- clubs will re-start the 2nd week back, w/c 19th April at a subsidised cost of £2.50 per session, with the school using the sports premium to pay the extra £1 per child per week. Children in Willow and Birch who are in receipt of free school meals will be offered free sports club places. Breakfast and After School care are available for those who need it.

Next term we will be delivering lessons in accordance with the **new Relationship and Sex Education** curriculum. A letter will follow detailing the learning your child will receive and when. This is very different to the coverage in the past and is now statutory.

Questionnaire – after Easter I will be asking for your help and I will be sending you a questionnaire for completion relating to our Christian character and mission statement. Your help will be very valuable.

A Prayer

Lord, give us the constancy and the courage
of the snowdrop,
as it remains strong and beautiful throughout all
kinds of weather.

Give us the optimism and trust of the spring bulbs,
pushing through the soil to welcome the future.

Give us the joy and spontaneity of the robin,
singing to welcome the warmer lighter days.
Give us the daffodils' message of hope, bursting forth
each day, to greet us with their beauty.

And guide us too, through this difficult and
uncertain time,
Knowing that, like nature, we can trust in You.

Amen

Have a lovely Easter break,

Best wishes,
Mrs Harkin

Key dates

12th April summer term begins

Half term 31st May

7th June PD Day