

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

Dear Parent /Guardian,

It is lovely to have everyone back in school after the half term break. We apologise for the closure prior to half term, this was due to metal 'bird guards' surrounding the solar panel coming loose during the high winds. These have now been removed to prevent any future problems. Plastic mesh guards will be used to prevent birds nesting under the solar panels.

### **Attendance**

As restrictions around covid continue to be lifted and the cases of covid are decreasing we are hoping for better attendance. **Every pupil with full attendance from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July will receive a gift voucher and be entered into a draw to win an ipad.**

Please do not book holidays during term time as these will be unauthorised (unless there are exceptional circumstances) and may result in a fine from the Local Authority.

### **Assessments**

Teacher assessments will continue as normal this year but national tests will also take place.

Year 6 SATs will take place from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Pupils will be well prepared for the tests, it is their opportunity to show everything they have learned. There is a meeting for parents on 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2:50pm in the community room.

Year 4 multiplication tests – June 2022 pupils will complete an online test to test their knowledge of their multiplication tables.

Year 2 SATs will take place during May. The children will work with staff to complete a 'quiz' and it will be very informal so that children are relaxed and can do their best.

Year 1 will complete a phonics screening test between 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June. They have been working hard to develop their phonic skills and will work 1-1 to complete the test with a familiar adult (usually their class teacher).

### **Parents Meetings**

You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher on the evenings of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – a separate letter will follow to choose an appointment time.

### **Sports Hall**

As mentioned in a previous newsletter we are having a Sports Hall built on the school site. This will be a fantastic facility for our pupils. Preliminary works have been carried out and the building works will commence on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March. The Sports Hall will be built at the top of the Year 5/6 yard so there will be no access to this area during the build.

From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March ALL year 6 pupils will need to enter the school yard via the internal gate near Hylton Avenue (this will be a new gate, a few metres from the current entrance). This gate will be CLOSED to all other pupils. All other pupils will need to enter the site via the main green gates near the nursery. All parents will need to enter and leave the site via these gates at hometime.

The pedestrian gate onto the school site will remain open for parents and pupils at the beginning and end of the school day as normal.

### **Whole School Events**

#### **World Book Day**

We will celebrate World Book Day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils can attend school dressed as any character from a book of their choice.

#### **Comic Relief**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils can come into school in non uniform for a donation of £1 for charity.

We break up for the Easter holidays on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April and return on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **Class Assemblies**

These assemblies will be in the main hall and parents can enter school from 9am. The assembly will last around 15 minutes.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March Y1S

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March Y1B

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March Y5W

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April Y4C

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April Y3S

Hopefully the rest of the spring term and the summer term will bring even more normality, with pupils enjoying trips off site to extend their learning.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs K. Ratcliffe

Head Teacher