

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017



### Welcome back!

A very warm welcome back to all our families. We hope you had a fabulous half term holiday and are all ready for the busy term ahead.



### New English novels

Key Stage Two children have been introduced to their new book for the half term and there have been some exciting introductory lessons going on!



Year 3 are reading *The Hedgehog* by Dick King Smith and made hedgehogs out of paper plates.



Year 4 are reading *Charlotte's Web* by EB White. They made spider's webs.



Year 5 were taught their English lessons in the style of a Victorian classroom as they are reading *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens.

The children were not allowed to talk, had to sit in rows and had to stand up each time an adult walked into the room!



Year 6 learnt how to play Quidditch as they are reading *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* by JK Rowling.

They will also be building on their learning by visiting the Harry Potter exhibition at the British Library on 14<sup>th</sup> November. We are also looking for two parent volunteers from each class to help out. Please let Miss Partington know if you are able to help.



### Parent Governor Election

The deadline for the parent governor election is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm. The ballot box is outside the office. Please remember your ballot goes in the smaller envelope and that goes in the bigger envelope along with your eligibility to vote form.



### Value of the Month: Respect

Our Derwentwater value of the month for November is respect.

The Assistant Heads will be leading assemblies in each phase about what respect means and how we can show respect in our daily lives. Children will also take part in assemblies led by the prefects.

We are also going to change the certificates in Key Stage 2. We will no longer have a Maths and English Star of the Week but each teacher will recognise someone who has embodied the value of the month. Children will still receive the pupil to pupil award. We are also introducing a new award for the child in each phase who has truly shown the value each week. This award will be given by the Assistant Head.

In Key Stage 1, we are trying to develop children's independence. We will be giving a certificate to the child in each class who has shown the most independence in the week. This is something you can help your child with at home - perhaps they could remember to pack their things that they need for school in their book bag each night or get their uniform out the night before?



### Tooth brushing

Our Reception and Nursery children are taking part in an initiative to encourage children to brush their teeth more regularly. It is important that children develop good dental hygiene habits when they are young. Children should be going to the dentist for a check up every 6 months.



### Silly sandwiches

Year 3 write instructions for how to make silly sandwiches. They then used these instructions to make their sandwiches.



### Parents' Evening

Next week is Parents' Evening for the whole school. Nursery to Year 3 will be in the Lower Hall and Years 4 - 6 will be in the Junior Canteen. Your child's English and maths books will be available for you to view. Please ensure that you look after any younger children and make sure that they are not distracting other people. Children will not be allowed in the playground unaccompanied.

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### Black History Month

We have extended the deadline for children to complete their entries for Black History Month. All complete entries will be displayed in the foyer on Parents' Evening.



### New football kit

competition.

Our school football team has won a new kit from Premier League Primary Stars. Thank you to the DSA who entered us for the



### DSA update

A huge thank you to the DSA who have funded resources for setting up a Forest School provision in Reception which we will be piloting with a group of 12 children this term. They have also bought 10 copies of The Usborne First Thousand Words in both Arabic and English. These resources will be invaluable for our pupils for whom English is a second language.

Tickets are selling fast for the disco. Make sure you get yours before they sell out. Volunteers are still needed for the evening. Please contact [info@thedsa.org](mailto:info@thedsa.org) if you are able to help.



### Parent Gym

Our popular parenting programme is back next week. There is a taster session on Monday morning. We have run these sessions very successfully for a number of years and parents have found them hugely rewarding. They have found it a great opportunity to meet other parents and develop friendships within the school community. Parenting is the hardest job in the world and it helps to know that you're not alone!



### Tempest photography

Tempest photography will be in on 30<sup>th</sup> November to take individual school photographs. They will be available from 8am for parents who would like photos of siblings together.



### Dates for your diary

**6<sup>th</sup> November** - Parent Gym starts

**6<sup>th</sup> November** - Netball friendly against Berrymede

**7<sup>th</sup> November** - Parent Drop In 9am Junior Canteen

**7<sup>th</sup> November** - Parents' Evening

**8<sup>th</sup> November** - Parents' Evening

**9<sup>th</sup> November** - Arabic speaking parents coffee morning

**10<sup>th</sup> November** - DSA Disco date

**14<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 6 British library trip

**16<sup>th</sup> November** - Governor's Parent Forum

**20<sup>th</sup> November** - Prospective (2018/2019) Reception Open Day 9.30am and 2pm

**24<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 5 DSA Bake Sale

**30<sup>th</sup> November** - flu vaccine Reception - Year 4

**30<sup>th</sup> November** - Tempest photography in

**30<sup>th</sup> November** - 2018/2019 Reception Open Evening 6pm

**1<sup>st</sup> December** - DSA coffee morning

**5<sup>th</sup> December** - Parent Drop In 9am Junior Canteen

**8<sup>th</sup> December** - DSA Christmas Fair

**12<sup>th</sup> December** - Somali Parent's Coffee Morning

**12<sup>th</sup> December** - ½ Reception Christmas Play 2pm

**13<sup>th</sup> December** - ½ Reception Christmas Play 2pm

**14<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 2 Christmas Play 9.30am

**15<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 1 Christmas Play 9.30am

**18<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 3 Christmas Play 9.30am

**19<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 4 Christmas Play 9.30am

**20<sup>th</sup> December** - Last Day of term. School closes at 2pm