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Monday 18th January 2016.

Newsletter 8

Dear Parent,

1) SPRING TERM Dates

- **Friday 12th February. Staff INSET.** School closed to pupils.
- **Monday 15th to Friday 19th February. HALF TERM Holiday.**
- **Monday 22nd February.** School Re-opens after Half Term Holiday.

Please note School is only closed on the following dates for Easter.

- **Friday 25th March. Good Friday. School Closed.**
- **Monday 28th March. Easter Bank Holiday. School Closed.**
- **Friday 1st April. END OF TERM.** School closes for the Spring Holiday at 3.30 pm.
- **Monday 4th April to Friday 15th April. SPRING HOLIDAY.**

2) After School 'Clubs.

- **Monday 3.30 - 4.15 pm. Multi-Skills Club.**
This club open to Y2 to Y5 pupils, will be delivered by Staff from 'Jo Joes.' Cost £18 for 6 weeks. The cost to pupils in Y3 to Y5 who receive Free School Meals is £10. The club starts today Monday 18th Jan. Pupils must wear PE Kit/ Indoor pumps.
- **Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm. Y3 to Y6 Guitar Club.**
£5 per session. Mr. Simon Harper runs this Club. Please contact the School Office for further information or simon@simonharper.co.uk
- **Thursday 3.30 – 4.20 pm. Y6 Gymnastics Club.**

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This club for Y6 pupils started on Thurs 14th Jan. There is no cost for this Club. It is being delivered by a teacher from Bebington High School and will take place in the Hall. Pupils must wear PE Kit/Indoor pumps.

3) Spring Term Charity Appeals

This term we are supporting CAFOD and the Diocese of Shrewsbury Children's Fund. The main way we support these charities is by collecting 'pennies and twos.' Each Class has a Class Collection Box. Please continue to donate. Thank you for your generous support.

4) Parents entering school 8.50 – 9.00 am. Safeguarding and Health and Safety.

Parents of Y1 to Y6 pupils are expected to remain on the Playground as pupils enter the building. Please encourage your child to walk into school/their Classroom on their own. This is important as it helps pupils develop their independence and self-confidence.

Thank you to the vast majority of Parents who follow this procedure. Parents who wish to enter school must report to the Reception Desk in the Main Entrance.

5) Attendance

I want to emphasise how vital it is for your child's attendance to be very good. All pupils are expected to achieve 96%+ attendance rate.

Congratulations to Y4C for having the best overall attendance for the Autumn Term, (97.92%)

Please contact the School Office if your child is unable to attend due to illness on the first day of absence.

It is not possible for me to authorise an absence due to a planned holiday unless there is an exceptional circumstance for the holiday. An unauthorised absence may result in Parents receiving a Warning Letter or a Fixed Term Penalty Notice from Wirral LA.

I ask Parents and family members not to arrange holidays during Term Time.

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Parents are requested to complete a form available from the School Office when requesting a planned Pupil Absence. Thank you.

6) School Meal 'Taster Day.'

Pupils who currently bring a packed lunch to school are invited to try a School Meal, this **Thursday 21st January**. Pupils in F2, Y1 and Y2 do not have to pay for this meal. The cost to pupils in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 is £2.30. Please complete attached letter and return it to your child's Classteacher.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher.

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