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19th January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

The term has got off to a flying start with the KS2 children getting involved in drama sessions. The smiles and laughter were contagious and this has really demonstrated the need for us to continue to offer this type of provision as so many children enjoyed the experience and learnt so many new skills. We are currently looking into how we can incorporate far more drama and the opportunities to be part of major productions into the school terms- watch this space.

**Dates for diary**

Just a reminder that 3 dates have been added to the diary. These are all information events for parents and carers. We strongly encourage you to attend. The dates are as follows and have been added to the diary sheets for future reference:

**Thursday 25th January at 4:30pm**- Year 6 Ski trip information session. Opportunity to ask any final questions and to confirm travel arrangements and equipment/kit required.

**Wednesday 7th February at 5pm-** Year 6 SATs information session

**Thursday 8th February at 3:15pm-** Year 1 phonics session. Information in supporting your child with phonics and the statutory Year 1 phonics test.

**Contact details**

Please (please!) update the office with new mobile phone numbers. There are repeated occasions where we are unable to contact parents as numbers are out of date. This can be critical if there is an emergency. We also have a number of outstanding consent forms, this means that some children are unable to participate in certain events or are unable to have photos taken to share exciting experiences such as the drama sessions this week. If you have not returned your consent forms, please do so ASAP.

**E-Safety and safeguarding**

It has come to our attention that a number of children are using or accessing platforms and games that are not suitable for children of primary school age. For example, a number of children have disclosed that they play ‘Call of Duty’, Assasin’s Creed, Grand Theft Auto and many more. These are children as young as 9 years old. We have also heard that some children are playing on ‘fortnite’ which has the ability for children to make contact with other children- this can cause fallings out when children are unkind to each other. In addition to this children are using ‘instagram’ and posting pictures of themselves. We do our uttermost to teach children about being safe online but inevitably some children continue to use these mediums and are possibly vulnerable to exploitation. Some children have also talked about videos that they watch on ‘You tube’ which could be considered sexualised and highly inappropriate for young children. It is sometimes by accident that children stumbled across these sites but we advise that you monitor your child’s activity online very carefully and we will continue to educate them at school. Thank you for your help in safeguarding our children as they are so precious to us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Bromley

Head teacher

Key Diary dates for 2017-18

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| **Macintosh HD:Users:Macmurray:Desktop:King Street Logos:final-white.jpg**Date | Time | | **Macintosh HD:Users:Macmurray:Desktop:King Street Logos:final-white.jpg**Event |
| Monday 8th January 2018 | | 7.45 | Schools Re-Opens |
| Wednesday 10th January | | 12.30 - 2.30 | Year 1 Multiskills Tournament |
| Tuesday 23rd January | | 12.30 - 3.00 | Year 5 & 6 Basketball Tournament |
| Thursday 25th January | | 4:30pm | Year 6 Ski information event |
| Friday 2nd February | | 1.00 – 2.30 | KS2 Swimming Gala |
| Wednesday 7th February | | 5:00 pm | Year 6 SATs information event |
| Thursday 8th February | | 3:15pm | Year 1 Phonics information event |
| Friday 9th February | | 5.45 | School Closes for Half Term Holiday |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY | | | |
| Monday 19th February | | 7.45 | School Re-Opens |
| Tuesday 20th February | | 12.30 - 2.30 | Year 3 Sports Skills Tournament |
| Wednesday 21st February | | 12.30 - 2.30 | Year 4 Sports Skills Tournament |
| Thursday 1st March | | ALL DAY | World Book Day |
| Sat 3rd - Friday 9th March | | Whole week | Y6 France trip |
| Friday 9th March | | 11.30 | Mothers’ Day Afternoon Tea |
| Monday 12th – Wed 14th March | | 3.00 – 6.00 | Parents’ Evening |
| Friday 23rd March | | ALL DAY | Red Nose Day |
| Thursday 29th March | | 11.00  5.45 | Easter Service at St. Andrew’s  School Closes for Easter Holidays |
| EASTER HOLIDAYS | | | |
| Monday 16th April | | 7.45 | School Re-Opens |
| Monday 7th May | | ALL DAY | May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed |
| Monday 14th – Thursday 17th May | |  | Key Stage 2 SATs Week |
| Friday 25th May | | 5.45 | School Closes for Half Term Holiday |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY | | | |
| Monday 4th June | | ALL DAY | CPD Day – School Closed |
| Tuesday 5th June | | 7.45 | Schools Re-Opens |
| Friday 15th June | | 1.00 | Fathers’ Day Event |
| Wednesday 27th June | | 1.00 – 3.00 | EYFS & KS1 Sports Day |
| Thursday 28th June 2017 | | 1.00 – 3.00 | KS2 Sports Day |
| Monday 2nd – Wed 4th July | | 3.00 – 6.00 | Parents Evening (Pre-School to Year 5) |
| Tuesday 10th – Thursday 12th July | | 3.00 – 6.00 | Parents Evening (Year 6) |
| Wednesday 18th July | | 1.45 | Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly |
| Thursday 19th July | | 6.00 | Year 6 Sleepover |
| Friday 20th July | | 5.45 | School Closes for Summer Holiday |
| SUMMER HOLIDAYS | | | |
| Tuesday 4th September | | 7.45 | School Re-Opens |