

NEWSLETTER 2 – FEBRUARY 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good half term holiday.

Please can I ask that you ensure that all the children keep off the grass before school to avoid mud being trailed into school and also to protect the bulbs. Thank you.

Parents' afternoon/evening

I hope you can attend the parents' afternoon or evening on Thursday 5th March. To make an appointment, please complete the slip below and return it to your child's class teacher. The requests are dealt with on a 'first come first served basis.' If you are unable to attend please contact your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative date.

Medical appointments

The Education Welfare Officer, who monitors children's attendance in school has noticed that an increasing number of children are having to access medical appointments during the school day. Wherever possible appointments should be kept to a minimum and made out of school hours. If there is no alternative then please can you ensure that you show the office staff the appointment cards/letters to the office so that this absence can be authorised. Thank you for your cooperation.

Uniform

The Uniform company will be in school on Thursday 12th March from 3.00 pm. If you are unable to attend and wish to place an order please collect an order form from the office. Orders and payment must be in school by the Thursday morning.

We will be holding a 'New to you' uniform sale before and after school during the week commencing Monday 16th March in the entrance hall.

World book day – Friday 6th March

On World Book Day the children are allowed to come to school dressed up as a character from a book (preferably NOT super heroes). We will be doing some work specifically on stories throughout the day.

48 hour rule

Could I please remind you that, if your child has been sick and/or has diarrhoea, they **must** be off school for a full 48 hours from the last episode. If you leave a message on the answerphone regarding absence, could you please tell us what is wrong with your child. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parking

Parking around school is a huge issue and can put children's lives at risk and inconvenience our neighbours! Remember the Tap pub, at the top of Dimple Well Lane, and the Cricket Club are happy for you to park your car there and walk the rest of the way. Please think carefully before you park, and please do not park in front of the back school gate at lunchtime or home time as members of staff often have meetings and courses to attend.

PTA Rag Bin

Just a quick reminder - the Rag Bin is available, just inside the Healey Road school gate, for unwanted clothes, bedding and shoes. The rags generate a steady income for the PTA so please mention to family members too. Thanks you.

Sports Relief Day – Friday 13th March

On Friday 15th March the children may come to school dressed in sports clothes in exchange for a £1.00 donation to the appeal.

Severe weather

Should we have severe weather conditions, necessitating **closure of the school** we will send a message via Parent Hub, include a message on the **school website** <http://dimplewell.wakefield.sch.uk> and a list of school closures is also on the **Wakefield MDC website**: www.wakefield.gov.uk so please check all of these first.

It would be helpful if telephone calls to the school are kept to a minimum as staff may be delayed getting to school. If the phone is not answered it does not necessarily mean we will be closed. Closure is rare and the decision not to open will only be taken if insufficient staff can reach school, without putting themselves at risk.

If the weather is bad during the school day, parents should use their discretion about coming to collect their children early. If conditions on local roads seem to be deteriorating we may start to telephone parents and ask them to collect their children.

If you are unable to collect your child at 3.10pm because of the weather, they will be cared for until someone picks them up. However, if possible, **please phone** to let us know you are delayed so that we can reassure your child that you are safe. As ever, our main concern will always be the safety of the children, parents and staff.

Punctuality

Can I remind you that school officially starts at 8.55am. That means all the children should be ready to line up and enter school as the bell rings. A child arriving even 2 or 3 minutes late disrupts their learning and the learning of others, as learning begins as soon as the children enter the classroom.

Please do all you can to be at school on time, the Education Welfare Officer carries out regular punctuality checks.

Holiday dates

Attached is the holiday list for this year and next year. Please note that there is a zero tolerance to family holidays during term time and all will be classified as unauthorised. Year 1 take a statutory Phonic test in June and Year 2 complete their SAT tests in May. It is **IMPERATIVE** that your child attends school at those times. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Clubs

All clubs will start next week – Monday 2nd March 2020

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| • Wake up and shake up | Wednesday and Friday mornings prompt 8.30 start. |
| • Choir | Tuesday 3.15 - 4.00pm |
| • Football club | Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15pm (separate leaflet to follow, open to classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 only) |
| • Cookery Club | Wednesday 3.15 - 4.30pm (restricted to Year 2 only) Please note that children MUST be collected from the NURSERY door. |
| • Taekwondo club | Thursday 3.15 – 4.15pm |
| • French Club | Thursday 3.15 - 4.00pm (separate leaflet) |
| • Yoga for Children | Friday 3.15 - 4.00pm (classes 3-6 only) |

Please note places are limited but you can presume your child has got a place unless you hear otherwise.
All slips must be sent to your child's class teacher.

Easter celebrations

Egg rolling - We are holding our annual 'egg rolling' competition in school on Friday 5th April. Please can your child bring to school a hard boiled egg so they can take part in the competition. They may like to decorate their egg at home with paint or felt tips.

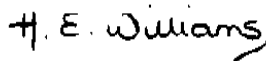
Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3 rd March	Class 4 school trip
	Nursery Parent Afternoon 12.30-5.15 pm
Wednesday 4 th March	Class 3 school trip
Thursday 5 th March	Parents afternoon and evening
	Nursery Parent Morning 9.00-10.15 am
	Nursery Parent Afternoon 12.20-7.00 pm
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day – dress up day
Friday 13 th March	Sports Relief Day
Thursday 12 th March	Uniform company in school
Friday 3 rd April	Egg rolling competition

And finally.....

School closes for Easter on Friday 3rd April 2020. School reopens on Monday 20th April 2020.

Thank you for your continuing support.
Yours sincerely,



Mrs H. E. Williams,
Headteacher.

If you have any comments on issues raised in this newsletter, or wish further information or clarification please fill in and return the slip below.

Child's name _____ Class _____ Parent's signature _____
Parents Afternoon/Evening - Please return to the class teacher as soon as possible.

Child's name: Class teacher

Please indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of time slots

2.30 – 3.15

3.15 – 4.00

4.00 – 4.30

6.00 – 7.00

7.00 – 8.00

Please return to the class teacher as soon as possible.

Child's name: Class teacher: **Mrs Southwell**

Please indicate your choice of time slots:

TUESDAY 3RD MARCH

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

12.30 - 1.30

9.00 – 10.15

1.30 – 2.30

12.20 – 1.30

2.30 – 3.30

1.30 – 2.30

3.30 – 4.30

2.30 – 3.30

4.30 – 5.15

3.30 – 4.30

4.30 – 5.30

6.00 – 7.00

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SCHOOL TERMS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020

Autumn Term

School Opens	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019
School Closes	Friday 25 th October 2019 for Half Term
School Re-opens	Monday 4 th November 2019
School Closes	Friday 20 th December 2019 for Christmas Holidays

Spring Term

School Opens	Monday 6 th January 2020
School Closes	Friday 14 th February 2020 for Half Term
School Re-opens	Monday 24 th February 2020
School Closes	Friday 3 rd April 2020 for Easter Holidays

Summer Term

School Opens	Monday 20 th April 2020
School Closes	Friday 22 nd May 2020 for Half Term
School Re-opens	Monday 1 st June 2020
School Closes	Friday 17 th July 2020 for Summer Holidays

Inset Days and Other Holidays

May Day	Friday 8 th May 2020
Inset Days:	Monday 2 nd September 2019
	Friday 15 th November 2019
	Thursday 7 th May 2020 (Election Day)
	Monday 15 th June 2020
	Monday 20 th July 2020

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Autumn Term

School Opens Tuesday 8th September 2020
School Closes Friday 23rd October 2020 for Half Term

School Re-opens Monday 2nd November 2020
School Closes Friday 18th December 2020 for Christmas Holidays

Spring Term

School Opens Monday 4th January 2021
School Closes Friday 12th February 2021 for Half Term

School Re-opens Monday 22nd February 2021
School Closes Friday 26th March 2021 for Easter Holidays

Summer Term

School Opens Monday 12th April 2021
School Closes Friday 28th May 2021 for Half Term

School Re-opens Monday 7th June 2021
School Closes Friday 23rd July 2021 for Summer Holidays

Inset Days and Other Holidays

May Day Monday 3rd May 2021

Inset Days: Monday 7th September 2020
Monday 26th July 2021

No Elections expected.

3 Inset Days still to be arranged.