

## SPRING TERM

2<sup>nd</sup> Half-Term March 2016

Issue Number 10



Another very short half term has passed so swiftly and now we are approaching Easter! Due to the 'bumper' newsletter last half term, I intend for this one to be very brief outlining a few key points only.

- Thank you to Mrs Fisher and all who supported her in creating a magical Harry Potter Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Lunch followed the same theme and the school environment also reflected the occasion. Although only about 50 parents attended the film evening, this still created a lovely end to a superb day. The day raised £71.54, which will go towards some new reading books for the library – thank you!
- The new building is progressing very well and we are still on schedule to move our pupils in on the 8<sup>th</sup> June.
- Fairtrade Breakfast was a great success and we owe this to Mrs Knowles and her team. To those families who supported us, thank you!
- Nursery have had several enjoyable moments but the one that seems to have been at the forefront of all is the 'Dough Disco!' Thank you to all of the parents/family members who contributed to this great event.
- Thank you to all those who supported the Scholastic Book Fair at the Infant Site.

### The seeds are back from space!

At 04:26am on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Commander Scott Kelly of NASA and Russian cosmonauts Mikhail Kornienko and Sergey Volkov of Roscosmos landed safely back on Earth in Kazakhstan. The seeds then travelled with Scott Kelly to NASA in Houston on a charter flight from Moscow, Russia and returned to the UK on Thursday. The team are currently getting ready to pack them up so they can be sent to us with our Rocket Science experiment pack in April! Watch out for updates on our website and on Twitter.

### Changes in our Governing Body

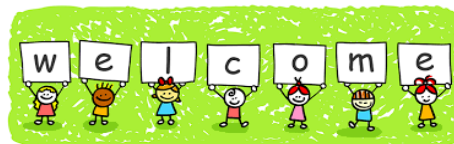
Unfortunately our long serving Chair of Governors has had to relinquish his post due to circumstances beyond his control. He and the school are deeply saddened by this. We thank him most sincerely for all the support and commitment to the school and wish him all the very best for the future ahead. We are fortunate to have Mrs Thompson, who has been a governor in the past, step into his position for the time being. We are appreciative of this. We welcome two new parent governors, Mrs Askem and Mr Ashworth, to the team in the Summer Term and look forward to them contributing to our whole school improvement agenda. Thank you to Mr Fletcher and Mrs Garrod, who have both resigned, for all their hard work and support in moving our school forward. Mrs Hardy leaves the team in her position as staff governor as she retires from school. In her place we have staff interest and will inform you of this in the Summer newsletter.

### Farewell and Welcome!

 In the last newsletter, I reported to you that Mrs Hardy, our long serving School Business Manager, will be retiring at the end of this term. Well, the time has now arrived and as we bid her farewell, we welcome Mrs Sands, who already has Business Manager experience, to bring to our school. She will join us fully on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

To Mrs Hardy, we once again, thank you for all the support, time and dedication she has given to the school including her business acumen and wish her all the very best for the future ahead.

We look forward to Mrs Sands joining our team and know that you will join us in making her feel at home.



## Y6 SATS

It's not long till the Year 6 pupils have to sit the end of Year 6 tests. We hope that you will take some quiet time to revise over the holidays. I know that revision books have been provided to aid you. We want our pupils to be as prepared as they can as this will reduce the nerves that we all experience when sitting any tests – the more prepared one is, the less the nerves, the less the nerves the less the stress and the more confident one is! We, the adults at school, will make every effort to ensure that the process is as stress free as possible. At the end of the day, what we want is the very best for each and every pupil in our care.

### Diary Dates for Spring Term 2016

DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	TIMES
<b>APRIL</b>			
11 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Staff INSET	All day
12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Children back to school	Usual times
<b>MAY</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday	Cycle Check – Year 5	9.15am
5 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	<b>NURSERY CLOSED – Police Crime Commissions Elections</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>
Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Year SATs Week	-----
12 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Swimming – 4I	1.30pm – 2.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Swimming – 4S	1.30pm – 2.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Cycling Proficiency – Year 5	9.15am
19 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Swimming - 4I	1.30pm – 2.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Swimming – 4S	1.30pm – 2.30pm
Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Sports Days – exact dates for each key stage tbc	tbc
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday	Cycling Proficiency – Year 5	9.15am
25 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	School Closes for half-term	Usual times
26 <sup>th</sup> + 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs + Friday	Staff move day – INSET	All day
<b>JUNE</b>			
6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup>	Monday + Tuesday	Staff INSET - moving into new building	All day
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	<b>New building opens to ALL pupils</b>	<b>Gates open at 8.40am</b>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Cycling Proficiency – Year 5	9.15am
9 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Swimming - 4I	1.30pm – 2.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Swimming – 4S	1.30pm – 2.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Cycling Proficiency – Year 5	9.15am
15 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Brake's Giant Walk – Whole school sponsored walk for Road Safety	tbc
16 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Swimming - 4I	1.30pm – 2.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Swimming – 4S	1.30pm – 2.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday	Cycling Proficiency – Year 5	9.15am
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday	Swimming - 4I	1.30pm – 2.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Swimming – 4S	1.30pm – 2.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Cycling Proficiency (ON ROAD) – Year 5	9.15am
30 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Swimming - 4I	1.30pm
<b>JULY</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	Cycling Proficiency TEST – Year 5	9.15am
1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	Swimming – 4S	1.30pm – 2.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Swimming – 4I	1.30pm – 2.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Swimming – 4S	1.30pm – 2.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Summer Fayre	tbc
15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Swimming - 4I	9.30am – 10.30am
15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Swimming – 4S	10.30am – 11.30am
20 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	<b>End of term</b>	<b>Closing time 2pm</b>
<b>Pupils back to school ..... September 2016</b>			





