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Healthy School

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Hello everyone,

As you know, Mrs Marsh is retiring at the end of the term. Her last day with us will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. She thoroughly enjoyed her special assembly and it was good to see the children sharing their gifts and cards with her.



It was lovely to see the children with red noses and red costumes today. Our Comedy Assembly was a real success and gave us all a good sense of fun for the day. There are some definite comic stars in our School! One of our builders donated £20 for the day and Mrs Rennie is busy counting the non-uniform and cake sale money.

As you know, one of the key aspects of the education for your child is to ensure that they develop the characteristics of a good learner. Each class has a good learner display which features the characteristics and serves as a prompt for all children and staff on a daily basis. Our work in this area helps us to promote a growth mindset which enables children to believe in themselves, demonstrate resilience and keep going and to value their own opinions. There was a good article in Headteacher Magazine this week, by Ross McWilliam, and I wanted to draw your attention to the top tips in it for talking to your child after school. He provides us with 5 good questions that adults can ask to encourage growth mindset themselves:

1. What did you learn today that surprised you?
2. Did you make any good mistakes today?
3. How did you learn from them?
4. What did you do today that made your brain grow?
5. How did you help someone else stretch their brain power?

If you are interested in this aspect of our work and want to find out more about how it works for your child please do contact me.

**Rainbow Flag Award** – Our preliminary work towards this award has just begun and staff and all Year 4 pupils have completed their surveys to find out how we are doing with tackling issues such as homophobic bullying. We will have a team of three trained Staff and Governors by the end of this academic year and then will be using our training to ensure best practice across the curriculum and throughout the school to continue to build on our strengths as an inclusive school. You can find out more about the Rainbow Flag Award here: <https://www.theproudsttrust.org/training-and-education/projects-for-schools/rainbow-flag-award/>



## Holiday Dates 2018

Thank you to those who noticed our error on the 2018 holiday dates. We can confirm that the February term finishes on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018**, with Friday being a Staff Development Day. We all return to School on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018**. You can view dates up to Summer 2018 on our website.

## Notes for your diary:

Raffle tickets are still available for our mega Easter Egg Basket. £1 per ticket from Mrs Spain or available at the gate in the mornings. The raffle will be drawn on our last day, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March during assembly.



Final entries for our Spring Show need to be brought in by the end of the day on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March** please. Judging takes place at 3.30 pm.

If you have already booked your place, don't forget Family Lunch on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. The menu for that day will be Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding or Jacket Potato.

**Coffee Morning – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April** – We will be holding a fundraising coffee morning on the 21<sup>st</sup> April at 9.15 am to 10.30 am, in support of the Eve Appeal. The Eve Appeal is the only UK national charity raising awareness and funding research in the five gynaecological cancers – ovarian, womb, cervical, vaginal and vulval. We would very much appreciate your support and any donations of cake or biscuits would be much appreciated, so long as they are shop-bought and nut-free.

**Year 3/4** trip to Beeston is next week, from **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. We are all looking forward to it and know that the children will enjoy this enriching and rewarding experience. Please help your child to put their suitcase in the hall on Wednesday. You are then welcome to join us on John Street to wave them off at approximately 9.30 am. Parents waiting to collect their children on Friday are welcome to sign in and wait in the hall to give their children a big hug when they arrive back at approximately 3.00 pm.

**Year 2** – trip to Tattenhall 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June - £30 to be paid before the end of May please.

**Year 5/6** – trip to Conway 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June - £70 to be paid before the end of May please.

**All our After School Clubs have now started back as follows:**

- **Science Club for Reception and Year 1** (Mondays)
- **Cookery Club** - (now on Mondays) this club is a book on only – please speak to the Office for more details
- **Study Support Club for Year 6** (Mondays)
- **Homework Club** (Wednesdays)
- **Study Support Club for Years 2 & 6** (Wednesdays)
- **Enrichment Club** (Thursdays) - the final Enrichment Club session before Easter will be on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March and the Club will start back after Easter on the 27<sup>th</sup> April. Children will be given a letter to take home on the 30<sup>th</sup> March

We have enough Breakfast Club food until after the holidays. Your generosity has been very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

*Sue Finch*

**Sue Finch (Head Teacher)**

**Lunch Menu 2 w/c 27<sup>h</sup> March 2017.** (Menus can be viewed on the school website).