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Church of England Primary School

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE



Dear Parents/Carers

Today we all came to school in non-uniform to raise money for the Haiti disaster fund. Along with the sales of our poetry anthology this should have raised quite a substantial amount of money for this cause. Thank you for your generosity in supporting us with this and thank you to Miss Dawson for putting together all the books as this has also been a very big task. Also, many of you may spot an article about this in the Keighley News.

In addition to this two of our children, Gabriel McCarthy and Ruth Drury are also raising money by doing two very different sponsored events. They will also feature in a future edition of your local newspaper.

New teacher

On Monday we interviewed candidates for the post of Macmillan/ Priestley class teacher. I am pleased to inform you that Mr John Parkin will join us after the Easter holidays.

John is a very experienced teacher who has a great deal to offer the school. He will join myself and Mrs Nutting as the third member of the schools Senior Management Team. I know he is very excited to be joining us and is looking forward to meeting you all in the near future.

Football club

May I apologise for the cancellation of a number of after school clubs recently. This has been very frustrating for everyone involved. May I assure you that we will only cancel after school clubs as a last resort and the teachers will all try to ensure that these will be covered if the usual lead person is unable to run the club.

Can I also inform you that Football club will move to Tuesdays after half term. The children will be coached by Liam Dyson from Pro-skills coaching. Many of you know Liam who lives locally and he has been running lunchtime cricket clubs with us for a while now. Due to the change in the day I must ask you to complete another permission slip attached to the football club letter. Sessions will cost £1 each week.

Parent's evenings

These will take place on Wednesday 3rd March and Thursday 4th March. Please complete the slip on the letter attached to this newsletter to be allocated a time to see your child's teacher.

Could I ask you all to complete the short questionnaire and return this to your child's teacher as soon as possible. We will aim to notify you of your time by Friday 26th February.

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Healthy School



Sports report

Our 'House netball competition' is well underway with the second round of matches taking place at lunchtime today. Last week Green beat Yellow 1-0 and Reds beat Blues 5 – 1.

There will be a Cross Country competition for the children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 3:45 to 4:30 pm at Haworth Primary School on Wednesday 24th February. I will be providing all the children who attended running club with Mrs Driver with a letter about his. It would be fantastic to have as many children as possible taking part in this annual event.

Homework

In our recent questionnaire one of the issues raised was homework. Recently we focussed on reviewing our homework policy.

The DCSF recommends that children in Years 1 & 2 spend around 1 hour a week on homework tasks. This increases to 1 ½ hours a week for Year 3 & 4 up to 30 minutes per day for children in Years 5 & 6.

I have summarised our schools agreed approach to homework below.

Reception Class: Weekly activities linked to high frequency words and words linked to phonics work.

Daily reading at home.

A weekly Literacy and/or Numeracy activity for parents and children to share together.

Year 1: Daily reading at home.

A weekly spelling activity.

Weekly 'Learn by heart' maths work.

A weekly topic activity for parents and children to share together.

Year 2: Daily reading at home.

A weekly spelling activity.

Regular 'Learn by heart' maths work.

A weekly topic activity for parents and children to share together.

Year 3: Daily reading at home.

A weekly spelling activity.

Weekly 'Learn by heart' maths work.

Either a Literacy, maths or topic activity on a weekly basis.

Year 4: Daily reading at home.

Weekly 'Learn by heart' maths work.

Either a Literacy or maths activity on a weekly basis. This could be a weekly spelling activity or a topic related activity.

Year 5: Daily reading at home.

A weekly spelling activity.

Weekly 'Learn by heart' maths work.

Either a Literacy or maths activity on a weekly basis.

Topic related homework.

Year 6: Daily reading at home.

One Literacy and one Numeracy activity on a weekly basis.

Weekly 'Learn by heart' maths work or 'times table' work.

A weekly spelling activity.

A topic related research project when appropriate.

SAT's related revision work.

If you have any further questions about homework please see your child's classteacher.

Stars of the week

Bronte - Harry Ellison

Lister - Mia Firth

Hockney - Connor Rouse

Butterfield - Eleanor Vickerstaff

Devonshire - Molly Burns

Priestley - Steven Mercer

Macmillan - Paul Mercer

Attendance Winners - Priestley

Have a great half term break. School reopens on Monday 22nd February

Yours sincerely

Mr D Burns - Headteacher