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This newsletter is an important link between school and home. I hope you will find it useful as it gives news of forthcoming events and a list of dates for your diary. Please ensure that we have your current email address and mobile phone numbers so that we can keep you up-to-date by e-mailing admin@southotterington.n-yorks.sch.uk

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great half term working on our 'A Night At The Museum' Topic and are very much looking forward to sharing our work in progress with you next Wednesday at our after school open evening.

Sports events:

We have had a great start to this year's Sporting Calendar. The Year 5 & 6 team qualified for the Sports Hall Athletics finals this year and came 3rd out of 11 schools which was a great achievement! We have many more events planned and we look forward to more success!

Music for life:

This year's Music for Life event will now take place on Wednesday 15th February - please note this is a change to the original date. Two musicians will visit school to work with the children. You are warmly welcome to join us for the performance at 2.55pm.

Sainsbury's Vouchers:

We are currently collecting the Sainsbury's vouchers in school, and would be grateful if you could send them in with the children. There is a collection box in the main entrance.

Parking:

Please can ALL parents take extra care when parking at drop off and collection times. Please note that the School driveway should not be used by parents and that cars must not be parked opposite the junction.

Parents' Consultations Evenings:

Wednesday 22nd March & Wednesday 29th March
from 4 - 6.20pm.

We will be holding our parent consultation evenings on the above dates. You will be invited to make an appointment to see your child(ren)'s teacher to look at their work and discuss their progress. We will be using the online system again and we will send the link out to you shortly. As always please contact the office if you are having difficulty accessing this system.

Friends and Family Family Lunches:

The Family lunches for this term will be held on:

Tuesday 14th February at 12 noon.

Please book your adult meal on the school gateway by 9am on Monday 13th February and join us at 12 noon on Tuesday 14th February. Payment is £3 per adult meal. If you would like a meal for younger siblings please book a "toddler" meal at £1.60 per serving. This will help Mrs Smith cater for everyone. You may, of course, bring a packed lunch for the younger ones if you prefer.

Indoor Shoes:

We continue to struggle with the muddy weather. Please do send your child with a pair of indoor shoes to wear in school and a pair of outdoor shoes to wear at playtimes. This should to help to keep our floors clean! Do remember that we need two sets of shoes for PE too - one for inside and one for outside.



Year 2 and Year 6 Assessments:


As you may know, the Year 1, 2 and 6 children are required to complete national assessments in the Summer Term. We try to keep these fairly low key, so that the children remain relaxed and do not become anxious. If you have any questions regarding these assessments, please do not hesitate to contact your child(ren)'s class teacher or myself. The children regularly complete assessment activities in school, so they should not see these as particularly different.

Holidays in Term Time:

Please remember that there are very strict guidelines with regard to taking holidays in term time. Do check the guidance on the website as I am only able to authorise leave in exceptional circumstances.

Do remember that we have an open door policy at our school. If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child(ren)'s class teacher. We genuinely value the support that we receive from parents and hope to see you in school soon.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs K. Williamson,
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Date	Event
1.2.17	Collective Worship ~ Jim Wilkinson Netball after school Club
2.2.17	3.45pm Year 6 SATS meeting in Red Class
3.2.17	Purple Class Forest School am First Aid Training in Orange 3.45pm Year 6 SATS meeting in Red Class 7.30 - Village Hall talk and Quiz
6.2.17	Year 4 Hockey After School Club
7.2.17	Swimming for Year 3 and invited others. Parent Pupil support with Mrs Stamp Football after school club Chess Club after school club
8.2.17	Collective worship ~ Father Robert Open Evening 3.30pm - All welcome to look at what the children have been working on this half term. Netball after school Club
10.2.17	Purple Class Forest School am Film Night - Pete's Dragon 3.30 - 5.30pm Years 1-6.
13.2.17	Please book by 9am today for Friends and Family Lunch tomorrow. Year 4 Hockey After School Club
14.2.17	Swimming for Year 3 and invited others. Year 5/6 Hi 5 Netball tournament - small team. Friends and Family Lunch - Cottage Pie Join us at 12 noon. Parent Pupil support with Mrs Stamp at 3.30pm Football after school club Chess Club after school club
15.2.17	Music for life visit - NEW DATE Join us at 2.55pm for performance. Netball after school Club
16.2.17	Year 4 Robotics Workshop at Ainderby Steeple school - Please sign up via the gateway.
17.2.17	World Book Day tokens given out 6pm Purple and Orange Classes Bedtime stories! School Closes for half term
27.2.17	School reopens at 8.45am
28.2.17	Parent Pupil support with Mrs Stamp at 3.30pm French After School club restarts £42.60 for 6 sessions Football after school club - TBC Chess After School Club - TBC
1.3.17	NO SWIMMING THIS WEEK Collective Worship ~ Hayley Liversidge Netball After School Club - TBC
2.3.17	World Book Day - Dress up as a Roald Dahl Character Shared Reading 9-9.30 - Parents welcome!
3.3.17	Village Hall Talk & Quiz at 7.30pm
22.3.17	Parent Teacher Consultations - Details to Follow
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