

11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and happy New Year celebrations. We were excited to welcome you back to school in 2019 with a bang – starting with a great Sublime Science Day followed by a fantastic morning of ‘Learning with your Charter child’. Now we have received the wonderful news that the recent Ofsted visit has confirmed us as continuing to be a **good school**, an outcome which justifies the pride we feel in our school and lovely children. The report also highlighted the positive impact and contribution of the work towards the Rights Respecting School Awards.

#### **Staffing**

Mrs Weston has taken the decision to start her maternity leave earlier than originally planned, and will be leaving us on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019. Mrs Bowater will cover for the two weeks from 4<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February and then, after the holiday, Miss Costello and Mrs Bowater will share the teaching in Rainbow as planned.

#### **Updates**

Thank you to all the parents who supported our many lovely Christmas events this year, including the CSFA Christmas Bazaar (which raised a fantastic £1100 for the school), the KS1 production and the KS2 Carol Service. We were so proud of the effort and performance of all the children and your support was fantastic and really appreciated. Thank you also for the generous donations to our school charities – we have already “twinned” with toilets in Afghanistan and Central Africa and with the money raised by Christmas activities, including a generous donation by St Andrew’s church from the carol service collection, we can now select two more countries with which to “twin” a toilet.

#### **Events**

We still have plenty to keep us busy in terms 3 and 4, despite getting off to such an active start. Please see the list of dates over the page, which includes significant events such as Year 6 residential, Unicef Day for Change, Creative Arts week and Mother’s Day lunches. There are also a number of CSFA activities planned which are always popular with our children, including a disco and Bunny Bingo. Please also note the important dates for adults including the Year 6 meeting, the parent consultation meetings and the parent workshop. More information will be provided on all the events and also on the school trips being planned by classes.

#### **School Lunches**

We are continuing to look into the benefits of different online payment systems for school trips and school lunches, which we understand many parents would appreciate. This is quite a big decision for both the school admin team and the catering manager, so it is important we make the right choice. We will do our best to select and implement a system over the next few months. In the meantime we have come to an arrangement with our Chartwell’s Catering Manager, Mrs Lethaby, that she will take over the daily notification to parents on each occasion that a child does not have the money to pay for lunch. Prompt payment of this is required. If payment has not been received by the end of any week, no lunch will be provided for the child during the following week until payment of the outstanding debt has been made.

#### **Ping’s challenge**

You will have received information that I have set another piece of Ping’s Challenge homework to be completed by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January based on our whole school ‘Different children, same planet’ topic. We hope you want to participate and enjoy!

#### **Mobile Phones in school**

When in school please ensure that your mobile is switched to silent and is not used in the presence of children. If you need to take or make a call please do this in the Reception/School Office area of the school.

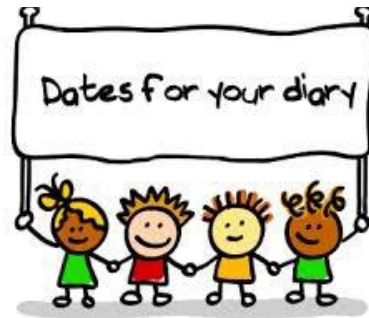
Our final request for this newsletter is please remember that it is important we all respect our neighbours in our local community, so please park considerately and do not block our neighbours’ drives or inhibit their access.

With thanks

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Flack, Headteacher

Please see the next page for important school dates for your diary



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ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/19

**Term 3: Tuesday 8th January 2019 —Friday 15th February 2019**

Monday 14th January—Y6 Practise SATS Week Tues to Fri

Tuesday 15th January—Y6 Parent Meeting

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January — CSFA Year 4 & Lancaster Cake Sale**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Ping’s Home learning Challenge due in**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9th February—Year 6 Residential Trip

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Unicef Day for Change

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day, associated Parent workshop 2.30 -3.00 pm

**Tuesday 12th February —CSFA Year 3 Cake Sale**

Friday 15th February—End of Term 3

**Term 4: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

Monday 25th February—Start of Term 4

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Parent workshop

Thursday 28th March—Coffee and Cake Parents Drop In

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – School Disco**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultation meetings

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Scholastic Book Fair

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Creative Arts Week

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Year 5 Taster Day at Hardenhuish

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – KS1 Mother’s Day lunch

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – KS2 Mother’s Day lunch

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Bunny Bingo

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – TD Day (school closed to pupils)

**Remaining TD Dates for 2018 /19**

Friday 5th April 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019