

7 November 2014

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that we are already half way through the first term of the academic year! We have had a busy yet enjoyable start to the year and I must thank the children immensely for their support in helping me settle in to school life. They have been friendly, hard-working and a pleasure to spend time in the classroom with.

I look forward to seeing you at Parent's Evening over the next couple of weeks. Hopefully, you will find this time informative and useful as it will give us the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and the next steps in their learning journey. I fully believe in the importance of working together when supporting the children to make the best progress they can.

Early in this term, children will be receiving new writing targets to work on, to help them further develop their writing skills.

SATS

Dates for Standard Attainments Tests (SATs) will be the week beginning 11 May 2015. Please put these important dates in the family diary and avoid any planned absences in the build-up to this assessment period. I will be sharing more information with you with regards to the build up and revision for these tests after Christmas.

Visits

What a wonderful time was had by all at Robinwood. I'm sure you've heard many stories about our days spent there! For me, it was great to spend that time with the children and get to know them outside the classroom. I was truly impressed with their high levels of enthusiasm, behaviour and support during the weekend.

Furthermore, a great day was had by all at Dalby Forest and the sun was shining for us. Again, it was lovely to see the children working together to complete a range of fun and exciting activities.

Year 5 and 6 had a tremendous time watching 'Horrible Histories – Barmy Britain' at Hull New Theatre. They were treated to a musical and theatrical extravaganza depicting the history our land.

We have much to look forward to this term also. I have organised for Year 6 to visit South Hunsley and enjoy a Food Technology lesson/morning. We will be going in two halves and this will take place before Christmas. This opportunity will help both the children and staff of South Hunsley to become more familiar with each other, as well providing us with a good opportunity to access their equipment and facilities. More details will follow.

The pantomime visit will be taking place on 18 December.

Homework

Thank you for your support with homework so far. I have been impressed with the clear effort that has gone into various tasks and the pride shown. This term, I will continue to give out homework on Fridays to be handed in the following Wednesday.

Reading

Please continue to hear your child read as much as possible. I'm aware that some children prefer to read independently so I'd suggest questioning them about what they have read. Encourage them to discuss their thoughts and opinions as well as summarising the text. Thank you for your continued support in this.

Year 6 timetable

PE is timetabled for a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday this half term, although it is best that the children do have their kits in school every day in case of any other events or necessary changes to timetables. Children should ideally bring their kits in this week and be able to leave them in their lockers for the rest of the half term. We are studying gymnastics this half term.

As a final note, I am always happy to speak to you regarding queries or concerns. Either make an appointment at the school office, call or pop in after school.

Yours sincerely

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