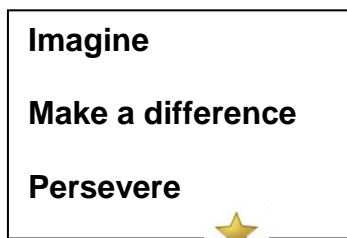


Ingleby Mill Newsletter
January 2017



To anyone who I haven't yet seen this year – Happy New Year! It has been great to see how the children have come back after the Christmas break, refreshed and ready to learn.

Our new School Motto – to start the new year we have introduced a new school motto which describes our learning journey and is based on the initials of Ingleby Mill Primary School:



'Imagine' - is about developing self-belief. Imagining yourself where you want to be and knowing that you can take the steps needed to get there.

'Make a difference' - is taking the steps required to improve.

'Persevere' - is about keeping going even when it gets a bit tough.

'Succeed' – this is about achieving those personal goals and enjoying the moment.

We have linked the new motto to our newly published reward cards and already the children are working hard to collect reward points and to fill up their card.

Nursery – we would like to say a huge welcome to our new nursery children who have started this term. We have increased our nursery capacity from 52 places to 78 places from January this year, so it is busy, busy, busy, in there – we love it. We also love our new outdoor surface. The old surface had become particularly slippery when it was wet or frosty which prevented our children from going outside. Our school business manager has

researched a range of play surfaces and has found this wonderful fake grass which is soft, hard-wearing and non-slip in all but the wettest conditions. Take a look as you pass by the nursery – it looks fantastic.

New doors in upper KS2 – children in years 5 and 6 came back to a bit of a surprise. Having told us in the September pupil survey, that their open plan classrooms were often noisy and distracting, we arranged for doors to be fitted during the Christmas holidays. Children and staff love their new doors and the peaceful working environment this creates. (Year 3 and 4 teachers are completely jealous and have asked for the same)

'Children have the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously' (RRSA Article 12)

Parking – again!!

I can now see why parking came up as one of the main parental concerns in our September survey. I can only remind everyone, yet again, that it is illegal to park on the zig zag lines and to double park. If you park in this irresponsible way, you are potentially putting the safety of our children at risk.

PLEASE PARK RESPONSIBLY

The Family Hub – many of you will have seen the Family Hub post card sent home in book bags on Friday. For anyone who didn't, this is a friendly drop-in and telephone service offering support and advice for families on a Saturday and Sunday. This service is available to anyone in Stockton Borough and has an experienced team on hand to help you and your family with:

- Child behaviour and establishing routines
- Child development
- Family activities and positive play
- Family relationships
- Help to access training and employment
- Housing advice
- Money and budgeting support
- Parenting and advice courses
- Plus other information about services available across the borough

E-safety – it has come to my attention that there may be children in year 6 who have set up Instagram accounts on their home phones and devices. Please be aware that the minimum age for Instagram is 13 years old. I have also been made aware by a parent, of an app called 'Episode – Pretty little liars' which has content which is certainly not suitable for primary age children. Parents may want to check content on their children's electronic devices in light of this information.

Well done to....

- Children who have presented their class assemblies so far this year. We have managed to squeeze three class assemblies into January; Mrs Mellor's year 6 class, Mrs Hamblett's year 5 class and Miss Turner's year 2 class. It is always wonderful to hear about the children's learning so far this academic year. Thank you to all our parents and grandparents who take time out of their busy schedules to support the children.
- Children from across KS2 who took part in the cross country tournament at the beginning of January. The children performed brilliantly well with 16 individuals getting through to the next round. Mrs Outhwaite who accompanied the group also reported back that our children were well behaved and fantastic sports, supporting each other at the finish line.



- Children who came to our 100% attendance parties for their fabulous attendance during the autumn term. Good luck to everyone for this term. With whole school attendance currently above national average at 96.3%, I feel this demonstrates the value you as parents and carers place on the education of your children and the high aspirations that you have for their futures.
- All parents who have signed up to 'Marvellous Me'. I hope you are enjoying the increased communication and celebration about your child's learning. If anyone has not yet signed up, just ask at the main office and they will let you know how to get on board.



- All of year 6 whose great performance in the Stockton Road Safety Quiz took us through to the final. Joe, Luca and Mia from year 6 represented Ingleby Mill in the final in a tightly fought battle which in the end saw us take second place. Well done to everyone involved.

Mrs Hood's Maternity Leave – Tuesday 7th February will be Mrs Hood's last day in school before beginning her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best as she awaits the arrival of her new baby. After half term Mrs Wilkinson will join Mrs Humphreys in teaching year 4. Mrs Wilkinson is an experienced teacher who has taught at Ingleby Mill previously and so knows the school very well. I know that everyone will make her feel very welcome.

DIARY DATES:	
Wed 1 st Feb	Cross country for finalists from years 3-6
Wed 1 st Feb	6pm Year 6 SATS information evening
Fri 3 rd Feb	9.45am Year 1, Miss Scott's class assembly
Fri 3 rd Feb	Y5RH to Conyers School for science session
Thur 9 th Feb	Y5KW to Conyers School for science session
Fri 10 th Feb	PD Day – children not in school
Thur 23 rd Feb	RRSA assessment day
WB 27 th Feb	Parent Consultation meetings
Fri 3 rd Mar	Year 4 visit to Billingham Forum 'Gangsta Granny'
9 th /10 th Mar	World Book Day activities in school
WB 13 th Mar	Science Week

TERM DATES:		
<u>Spring</u>		
Half Term	Close	Thurs 9 th February
	Re-open	Mon 20 th February
Easter	Close	Fri 7 th April
<u>Summer</u>		
Term starts	Mon 24 th April	
Half Term	Close	Fri 2 nd June
	Re-open	Tues 6 th June
Summer	Close	Fri 21 st July
PD DAYS – we have 2 remaining professional development days on Friday 10 th February 2017 and Monday 5 th June 2017.		
THEMED WEEKS:		
Spring	Science/DT	WB 13 th March
	Reading	9 th /10 th March
Summer	Geography	25 th /26 th May
	Health & fitness	WB 26 th June
KS2 SATS TEST WEEK 2017		WB 8 th May
KS1 assessments during May		
Year 1 Phonics screening during WB 12 th June		