

## Ingleby Mill Newsletter October 2018



A month into the new academic year and this is my first formal opportunity to welcome everyone back to the new school year. It is great to see our nursery and reception children already settled into the routines of school and exploring all that their new class has to offer. I always love the start of an academic year when children come into school so proud of their new uniform, shiny shoes and new haircuts. I have been particularly impressed by our year 6 children in their fabulous jade green polo shirts making them instantly identifiable to our younger children as a source of help and support as well as to staff as they carry out their invaluable monitor roles around school. Well done year 6 – you have made an excellent start to your final year at Ingleby Mill.

### **New this term.....**

Things have been very busy in school during the summer holidays. Our caretakers have painted, fixed, cleaned and cleared in order that the school looks fantastic for our children's return. The flooring in nursery and reception has been replaced making a much lighter and brighter space for our youngest children. You may have heard children in years 1-6 talking about the new school library areas. The Castle, where the library books used to be housed has been emptied of books and transformed into an amazing sensory area by Mrs Coverdale. This is a wonderful resource supporting children's sensory and emotional needs across school. Library books are now housed in each team area so that children can access our range of non-fiction books as and when they need them throughout the day. You may have been shown some of these areas if you attended the September '**Meet & Greet**' session. I hope you agree that these are very much improved learning spaces.

Also new this term are a few adult faces around school. Mr Frank is our new teacher in year 6 USA class and Miss Hogarth is our new reception teacher in Thornaby class. Mrs Rose has started her new position as teaching assistant in years 1/2 Cardiff class, and Mrs Gallagher briefly left us at the end of the summer when the child she was supporting moved to secondary school, only to be called upon again as school started in September. Mrs Dent our team leader in year 5/6 is certainly not new to school

but has now begun her new role as Assistant Head Teacher. Welcome and good luck to all.

### **Sporting Success**

We don't hang around at Ingleby Mill and already this term we have had teams of children achieve success in the tag rugby and cross country tournaments.

### **Celebrating our children's talents.**

We want to create a display in one of our new meeting rooms celebrating our children's hidden talents. If your child has achieved success in an out of school activity or club and you would like them to be part of our display, please email us a photo and a couple of lines about what it is that they do [inglebymill.school@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:inglebymill.school@stockton.gov.uk) I look forward to finding out more about some of the great things our children get involved with.

### **Harvest Collection**

Reverend Charlton is coming to lead our Harvest assemblies on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October during which we hope to have a wonderful display of non-perishable goods which we have collected as donations to the Trussell Trust Food Bank. Donations of tins, packets etc can be brought into school until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October and will be most gratefully received.



### **Packed Lunches and Snacks**

Could I remind parents that we ask that there are no nut products included in packed lunches at Ingleby Mill. We have several children with serious nut allergies. Can I also ask that all grapes, tomatoes and small fruit be sliced lengthways to prevent them from being a choking hazard. This is particularly important for children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1.

### **Parking**

Well the good news is that the railings were installed around the roundabout during the summer holidays and the early signs are good. The vast majority of drivers are now finding a safer place than the roundabout to park. Unfortunately I have still seen the occasional driver parking there, but at least our children walking on the pavement in this area just outside school are now protected from irresponsible parking on the pavement. I have heard from parents that the public car park outside school still suffers from poor parking. If anyone would like to report any

issues to the parking enforcement team at the council then the number to ring is 01642 528439

### I'm worried about.....

If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's **class teacher**. Appointments can be arranged via the school office or via the teaching assistants on the doors each morning.

You can also speak to one of our team leaders:

**Mrs Dent:** Years 5 and 6

**Mrs Wilson:** Years 3 and 4

**Mrs Brown:** Years 1 and 2

**Mrs Outhwaite:** Nursery and Reception

And of course **myself** and **Mrs Coverdale** (SENDCO, Deputy Headteacher) are also available; just ask at the office.

### Christmas Dates!

It is ridiculously early to be thinking about Christmas but I know that many parents appreciate early notice for upcoming events so these are the dates we have decided so far and I hope it helps:

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Y3 Snappy Christmas Performance at Pavilion - parents will be invited

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 1.30pm - Year 3 Christmas Craft Afternoon – parents will be invited

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 1.30pm - Year 4 Christmas Craft Afternoon - parents will be invited

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 10am - Christingle for Y5 at St Francis Church - parents will be invited

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 2pm - Y1 Nativity Performance - parents will be invited

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 6pm – Y1 Nativity Performance – parents will be invited

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 9.30am – Rec and Nursery Christmas Performance – parents will be invited

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 2pm – Rec and Nursery Christmas Performance – parents will be invited

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Jumper day £1.00 donation

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas dinner

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** – EYFS Christmas Party in school

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec**- Christmas Pantomime in School for years 1-6 'Dick Whittington'

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 9.30am - Y6 Christmas Singalong – parents will be invited

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 2pm - Christingle for Y2 at St Francis Church – parents will be invited

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Y3/4 Christmas Party

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Y1/2 Christmas Party

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Y5/6 Christmas Party

### Summer Date!!

A big thank you to everyone who came along to support our summer fair in July. It was a fantastic event with nearly £2000 being raised for school. I had a couple of parents ask if we could return to holding the fair on a Saturday as working parents had to take time off work or arrange for someone else (family or friend) to take their child to the fair. As a working parent I completely understand this feedback although I also know that working parents are not confined to just those that work Monday to Friday and that we have a fair number of parents who work evenings and/or weekends. Talking to staff who remember fairs being held at weekends, they particularly remember difficulties in getting enough support from parents and staff in order to run the event and have in fact had to cancel one fair due to lack of support. The consensus of opinion (and I understand that we cannot please everyone) is that having the fair on the afternoon allows the most staff, children, parents and family to attend. With this in mind and to allow parents the most possible notice to make arrangements, I have already set the date for next year's summer fair as **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm.**

### TERM DATES 2018/19

#### Autumn

Term starts	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Half Term	Close Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2018
	Re-open Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018
Christmas	Close Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018

#### Spring

Term starts	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Half term	Close Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019
	Re-open Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019
Easter	Close Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### Summer

Term starts	Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019
Half Term	Close Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
	Re-open Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
Summer	Close Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019

#### Professional Development Days 2018/19

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 2018
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2018
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun 2019
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019

#### Year 6 (Key Stage 2) SATS week 2018/19

WB Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
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