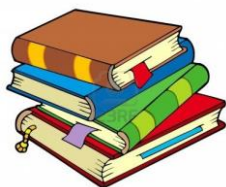




As we head rapidly towards the end of the Spring term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Easter and to thank parents and carers for their support and involvement in school during March/April.

Marvellous costumes galore helped to celebrate **World Book Day** on the 2nd March. There were a huge range of favourite characters representing a lot of thought and effort by children and parents.

To run alongside World Book Day, Mrs Brown organised a fantastic **book fair** which was very well supported by our parents and children. Thank you for helping us to raise £720 in commission which we receive in the form of books for school. This means that children across school can look forward to some exciting new titles on our bookshelves.



Thank you to everyone who came along to join in **science week** activities as well as families who supported children in their science projects at home. The range of science projects was amazing and it was almost impossible to choose trophy winners for each year group. We managed in the end to narrow it down to:

Sebastian T in Reception for his melting wax crayons investigation

Lauren E in Y1 for making a can move by creating static electricity with a balloon

Ben S in Y2 for his great presentation of a balloon expanding using vinegar

Sadie S in Y3 who investigated which wax crayon melted the fastest in the oven

Eve C in Y4 who investigated what happened when you baked cakes missing out one ingredient each time

Olivia R in Y5 for her taste and smell experiment

Rohan B in Y6 for his 'lemon' electricity circuit

Well done to everyone who took part and a special well done to our winners. Trophies will be engraved and then displayed in the trophy cabinet in the main reception.

I am always impressed by hard work and effort from our children but have to make special mention of our **year 6** children (and their teachers) who couldn't work any harder than they are at the moment as they get closer to their SATs tests. We can see their practice test scores going up and up and this is the result of hard work and determination to succeed. Well done to all and keep it up – not long to go now!!



Year 6 SATs week – WB 8th May.

Ingleby Mill's Got Talent: class auditions for our talent show have been happening all week in preparation for Friday's finals. There are two winners from each class who have been chosen by the class teacher alongside our school councillors.

Tomorrow, the voting is out of our hands and over to the audience. This is a money raising activity organised by the school council to raise funds for additional playtime equipment – and so all the children will be able to watch the finals on Friday and for just £1.00, they will be able to vote for their favourite act and will receive a glow stick wrist band. We also plan to have lots of fun and end the term by all coming together to watch the winning acts from each team.

It has been lovely to see the preparation and practice the children have put into their auditions and it is wonderful to see children with talents we never knew they had! Well done to everyone who has taken part – we hope you have had fun – and good luck to our finalists.

Easter Hat Parade – reception classes are organising their own big send off for the end of term, with their Easter Hat Parade. This will take place on Friday at 2.45pm.

Sporting Success:

Cross Country – well done to our finalists: Casey B, Katie H, Matthew S and Brooke P. No medal winners this time but fantastic sporting attitudes and effort by all involved.

Swimming – well done to the following children who got through to the finals of the swimming tournament:

Lily G
 Leo M-A
 Kayden R
 Oliver M
 Joel I
 Joe P
 Luca O
 Lewis M (silver medallist, individual back stroke Y5)
 James H (silver medallist, individual backstroke Y6)
 Phoebe W (bronze medallist, individual freestyle)
 Y5 boys medley relay team (Lewis M, Oliver M, Kayden R & Joel I) were silver medallist winners for their event too.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN YEARS 5 & 6 – do you know what your child does on the way to school? – I know that many parents want their children to develop more independence skills as they get older and so allow them to walk to and from school on their own. This is excellent preparation for when children move on to secondary school. I just want to bring to parents attention the fact that many of our older pupils, especially those who come by bike, are coming earlier and earlier to school, dropping their bikes off in the bike sheds and then going to the park before the school bell. You may well be aware of this fact and have given your child permission to do so. I want to make parents aware just in case you have not given permission and believe that your child is coming straight to school. The park next to school does not belong to school and so is not supervised by school staff and this term there have been two accidents in the park before school, one resulting in facial injuries and the other a broken arm. Before school supervision by Ingleby Mill staff begins at 8.50am when the doors open (or 8.30am for KS2 children who are registered to attend Early Starter club). Please make sure your child knows what your expectations are when they travel to school on their own.

Barrier warning – I notice that a few parents, particularly of nursery children, choose to walk with their child through the car park, often past the raised barrier, instead of using the pathways. Be aware that there is a pause after a car has been allowed through, before the barrier comes down. Use the pathways to avoid the barrier coming down onto someone's head.

And finally – I have lots of dates for you which I hope you find useful in planning ahead.

SUMMER TERM DIARY DATES:

Tues 2 nd May	Parents E-safety workshop with Mr Rix 6pm – letter to follow
Mon 22 nd May	Show Racism the Red Card workshop for Y5
Fri 26 th May	Show Racism the Red Card workshop for Y6
22 nd – 24 th May	Y6 residential visit to Robinwood

Thurs 15 th June	Reception new starters parents information meeting 6pm
Thurs 22 nd June	Nursery new starters parents information meeting 6pm
WB 3 rd July	Stockton agreed transition week. Most secondary schools are running their induction days during this week (please check with secondary schools if you are unsure)
Mon 17 th July	Y5 children to Conyers school for a Languages and Creative Arts day
Tues 18 th July	Y6 Leavers disco 6.30-8.30pm
Fri 21 st July	Y6 Leavers assembly 9.30am – parents invited

SUMMER TERM TEST AND ASSESSMENT DATES:

Year 2 statutory assessments take place throughout May
 Year 6 SATS test week take place during the WB 8th May
 Year 1 phonics screening takes place during WB 12th June

Parents/carers of children in years 1, 2 and 6 will receive written confirmation of their child's outcomes in statutory tests and assessments at the end of the summer term.

Annual reports go home to parents/carers of children in all year groups on Friday 7th July.

TERM DATES 2016/17:

<u>Spring</u>		
Easter	Close	Fri 7 th April
<u>Summer</u>		
Term starts	Mon 24 th April	
Half Term	Close	Fri 26 th May
	Re-open	Tues 6 th June
Summer	Close	Fri 21 st July

PD DAYS – we have 1 remaining professional development day on Monday 5th June 2017.

THEMED WEEKS:

Summer	Geography	25 th /26 th May
	Health & fitness	WB 26 th June

TERM DATES 2017/18

<u>Autumn</u>		
Term starts	Tues 5 th September 2017	
Half Term	Close	Fri 20 th Oct 2017
	Re-open	Mon 30 th Oct 2017
Christmas	Close	Friday 22 nd Dec 2017
<u>Spring</u>		
Term starts	Mon 8 th Jan 2018	
Half term	Close	Fri 9 th Feb 2018
	Re-open	Mon 19 th Feb 2018
Easter	Close	Wed 28 th Mar 2018
<u>Summer</u>		
Term starts	Mon 16 th April 2018	
Half Term	Close	Fri 25 th May 2018
	Re-open	Tues 5 th June 2018
Summer	Close	Fri 20 st July 2018

Professional Development Days 2017/18

Friday 1st Sept 2017
 Monday 4th Sept 2017
 Thurs 29th Mar 2018
 Mon 4th Jun 2018
 Mon 23rd July 2018