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## FEBRUARY 2018

### THANK YOU!

Thank you for your patience and understanding during the school closure before half term. I am pleased to inform you that the school is lovely and warm once again.

### CHURCH NEWS

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Years 2 - 6 will be attending Church for our Easter Service, Year 4 will be leading the service which begins at 10:45am. All welcome.

### EASTER SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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| Palm Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March     | 10.30pm Eucharist & Blessing of the Palms                   |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March       | 7.30pm Eucharist  |
| Maundy Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March | 8.00pm Eucharist & Watch                                    |
| Good Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March     | 10.00am Good Friday Liturgy<br>2.00pm Stations of the Cross |
| Easter Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> March | 9.00pm Easter Liturgy                                       |
| Easter Day 1 <sup>st</sup> April       | 10.30am Easter Eucharist                                    |

### ATTENDANCE INITIATIVE

The Barn Dance will now be held on **THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY** as we were unable to hold it at the end of last half term due to the heating problem. Children are invited to wear their own clothes on this day. There will be no need to send a donation to school. We will also reward pupils with special bronze, silver and gold certificates as requested by School Council on Friday Celebration assembly.

We will continue awarding a 'raffle ticket' every single week to all pupils who are in school 100%. This way, all children will have plenty of chances to win a prize at the end of term. Every child's named ticket(s) will be going 'in the hat' for the last week of term. Mrs Beatson has been working hard and gathering lots of goodies and donations for the raffle at the end of term when we break up for Easter which will be drawn on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

## WEAR BLUE FOR BOBBY

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March we are inviting the children to wear something blue; a blue ribbon, hairband, t-shirt, jumper, tights or socks with their uniform to support the Bobby Collieran Trust.



To donate please Text **Bobb06** followed by either £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10 to **70070**

## SAFETY ALERT!

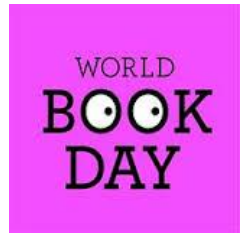
Please ensure that you park your car with due care and consideration for our pupils and families. I urge you all to work with us and the police in continually ensuring the safety of the family of SMA.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day.

On this day, children can come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book if they wish.

This event has been highly popular in recent years, but I know children (and parents!) need plenty of time to plan their outfit. If your child **does not** wish to dress up as a special character, then school uniform **must** be worn. There will be no need to send a donation in to school on this occasion.



## OLD £10 NOTES AND £1.00 COINS

From Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March we **cannot** accept old £10.00 notes or old £1.00 coins as this is the last day they are legal tender.

## BIRTHDAY TREATS

We all know how excited children are about their birthdays and how much they want to share the celebration with classmates. If you choose to send in treats to celebrate your child's birthday, we will ask that pupils take them home for consumption. We suggest no more than a small packet of soft sweets, or something comparable.



Please remember that some children in SMA have allergies, medical conditions, religious and ethical beliefs so certain foods might be difficult for everyone to enjoy. (This is taken from page 7 of the Food & Nutrition Policy on our Website.)

## EASTER EGG RAFFLE

We will be selling Easter Egg raffle tickets from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February (20p each or £1.00 for 5). The Grand Easter Egg draw will take place in Celebration on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

## PARENT / TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

This term we will be holding our Parent/Carer Evening rescheduled from last half term. All meetings will take place either in the Sports Hall (Junior children) or Infant Hall (Infant children).



**The date is: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm – 6:30pm**

Appointment letters will go out again this week, please liaise with your child's teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss your child's progress. We will do our best to accommodate your original arrival time slot if this is still your preferred appointment time.

**Please do not arrive more than 5 minutes before your appointment time as we anticipate that we will be very busy and seating/waiting areas will be full.**

## CLAIRE HOUSE DOES STRICTLY

Mrs Whitfield, our School Business Manager, has been selected to take part in the 'Claire House Does Strictly' dance competition over the Easter holiday. The competition supports the superb work of Claire House.

To celebrate dance and to support this worthy cause, I invite children to wear their 'dancing gear' on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and bring in £1.00 donation for Claire House. I look forward to us all getting our dancing shoes on and learning some new moves!

## SCHOOL PROCEDURE IN EVENT OF BAD WEATHER (SNOW)

Every attempt will be made to open the school as normal during adverse weather conditions. Where it is impossible to ensure the Health and Safety of the children, a decision will be made by myself and the Governors to close the school until conditions improve.

In such a case you are advised to:

- Check SMA website and Parent App.
- Check your mobile phone for "school closure" text messages.
- Listen to local radio stations or check their websites for school updates. They are invaluable sources of information on such occasions.

## PROCEDURES FOR DETERIORATING WEATHER THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY

Should the weather deteriorate as the day progresses and you are concerned about picking up your child(ren), please contact the school. Please note that **SCHOOL DOES NOT CLOSE EARLY WITHOUT NOTICE**. It remains open until the last child safely leaves the building.

## SCHOOL GROUNDS

In very bad weather, it is **not** always possible to use **all** of the paths around school. On such occasions we may limit access for the children to enter and exit the building. If this is the case the staff will be

on duty to guide the children safely to their classes. May I take this opportunity to thank you for supporting our school procedures which ensure the Health and Safety of all in school.

Please ensure we have plenty of phone contact numbers should we need to contact you during the day. Mobile phone numbers, landline numbers, work numbers and other family member numbers, the more the merrier!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018                       | World Book Day  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018                       | Theatre Production of "The Railway Children" in school (for children only)  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2018                      | Parent/Carer Evening 3:30pm - 6:30pm  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018                      | Easter Service at Church 10:45am (Y4 leading, Years 2-6 attending)          |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018                      | Nursery finish at normal time   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2018                      | School finishes at 1:15pm for Easter holiday (office open)                  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2018                       | Children return to school   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018                         | Bank Holiday - school closed  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2018                        | Ascension Day Service 10:45am in Church (Y5 lead, Years 2 - 5 attending)    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> / 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018     | SATs Week - Year 6  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> / 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018     | Y5 Colomendy  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> May / 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018 | HALF TERM (office closed)   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018                        | Enterprise Selling Week (information to follow)                             |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> June                            | Y6 Leavers' Service at the Anglican Cathedral (pm) Parent/Carers welcome    |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> / 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2018    | Assessment Week for Years 1,3,4 and 5                                       |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2018                       | Y6 Leavers' Service in Church at 10:45am (Y2 - 6 attend) Y6 Parents welcome |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018                        | Y6 Graduation 9:30am - 10:30am (in school) Parent/Carers welcome            |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2018                       | Family Fun Day (weather permitting) more details to follow                  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2018                       | Nursery finish at normal time   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018                       | School finishes at 1:15pm for Summer holiday                                |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018                       | INSET DAY   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2018                       | INSET DAY   |

Many thanks for your continued support,

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