

## March Newsletter 2020



### Forest Schools

Just a quick reminder that KS2 children (Years 3-6) are on one of their Forest school sessions tomorrow with Keswick Canoe and

Bushcraft. The weather forecast is for heavy rain and a moderate breeze so please ensure children come prepared with adequate waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear.

### Donations please

If you have any spare children's magazines, comics or newspapers that you no longer require we will gladly take them off your hands. We are looking to expand our reading materials for the children in addition to the wonderful books we already have in school.



### Year 6 Revision

Year 6 SATs revision will take place as a breakfast club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (starting tomorrow Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 8:15am) and will run until Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. This will give ample opportunity for the children to revisit any tricky areas prior to the tests.

### SAT Dates

The Year 6 SATs will take place the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Optional SATs for Year 3 to 5 will take place the same week.

The Year 2 SATs will take place throughout the month of May. Please note that no holidays will be authorised for this period.

### Family Holidays in Term Time

A reminder that there is no entitlement for children to absence for holidays. Absence for holidays should be avoided as it can have a serious effect on your child's educational progress, and can create difficulties for them on their return to class, particularly if they are receiving extra help with their learning. There is a common misunderstanding that parents are entitled to 10 days term time holiday. This is not the case.

If, after careful consideration, you still propose to take your child away from class, only the Headteacher can authorise the absence. The request will be considered and will take into account the child's stage of education and progress and overall attendance record. If the request is deemed acceptable a holiday form will then be sent home.

### Fairtrade Assembly

We will be welcoming Simon Cougan from the Co-op into school this Wednesday (11<sup>th</sup> March). He will be holding an assembly for the children on the theme of Fairtrade.



### Sports Relief

We will be raising money, as usual, for Sports Relief this year. Children may come to school wearing sporting clothing on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. We ask that children bring a donation of up to £2 to school that day and proceeds will go to Sports Relief.

### John Muir Award

Congratulations to all our junior children who successfully completed their John Muir awards recently. They will be presented their certificates in an assembly on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Parents' Evening**

If you haven't already please sign up for parents' evenings which are to be held in the last week of term.



### **Ravenglass Visit**

EYFS and KS1 children will be visiting Ravenglass on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March for a trip on the steam train to

link in with their topic "Transport". Miss Lyle has sent out relevant information separately.

### **Tennis Competition**

Year 4 children will be taking part in a tennis tournament at Threlkeld School on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. If your child is involved in this they will be sent further information shortly.



### **Easter Service and Easter Bonnet competition**

We will be having an Easter Service at school at 10:30am on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. It

would be lovely to see you all there. This is our usual

assembly slot with the Binsey team. If children would like to make a decorated Easter bonnet, please have these in school by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

### **Parking**

A polite reminder that parents should not be parking on the school car park and in particular not blocking the turning space at the school gates. As you are aware drop off and pick up times are extremely busy and space very limited. It only takes one car to cause a blockage and the whole area outside school comes to a standstill. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **End of Term**

The Spring term will finish at 1pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March for the Easter holiday. The Summer term will commence on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 9am prompt.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of this action packed half term.

Sara Royle