

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 8th March 2017

**Attendance** Congratulations to Year 6 who had 100% attendance last week. They get to have "Cuddles" the bear in class with them all week. Y6 - 100%, Y2 - 98.5%, R - 97%, Y4 & Y1 - 96.7%, Y5 - 94.6%, Y3 - 94.3%, N - AM - 89.1%, N - PM - 68%

**New Reading Book Scheme at Key Stage 2** A new structured reading scheme has been purchased to cater for the whole of Key Stage 2 to meet the increased demands of the National Curriculum whilst engaging and promoting a love of reading. There are a range of text types including non-fiction, graphic novels, myths and legends and classic fiction.

Each child will be given an ability-appropriate text, which they will take home, as before, alongside their reading record. Please encourage your child to read each night, preferably to an adult, who will sign their reading record and make a comment if appropriate. As well as becoming fluent readers, it is essential that children are able to understand what they are reading and develop new vocabulary and internalise grammatical structures which they will then be able to use in their writing. Please discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary and question your child about what they have read including making predictions about what they think will happen next and their reasons. A list of question stems will be sent home with their new book to support you with this.

Year 4 and 5 will continue with the Accelerated Reader initiative.

It is essential that these books are treated with respect and looked after. If a book is lost or damaged in any way, there will be a charge of £ 5:00 per book in order that we can replace the specific titles. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**Easter Bonnets** As we do each year we will be holding an Easter Bonnet competition on. This year it will take place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. There will be a first and second prize for each class and a participation prize for every child who enters. We do hope you enjoy making the bonnets with your children at home - please do not go to great expense buying a bonnet as the commercial bonnets rarely win the competition. Have fun making your bonnets!

**IXL** As the children are enjoying our new TT Rockstars to help with their times tables we have also now invested in IXL, a new scheme that can support children's learning in all areas of Mathematics and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. All children will today be bringing home their logins for their individual accounts. Please keep these safe. Please encourage them to use this at home. IXL will be used for teachers to set specific tasks for the children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

**Online Safety Poster Competition**

We have been able to extend the deadline for entries until 24<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like your child to enter, this is a perfect opportunity. Children will receive a prize.

## Our New Website

Our website is now live again. There will also be an app available for parents and more information will follow soon. [www.stoswaldsnetherton.com](http://www.stoswaldsnetherton.com)

**Complaints** Please be aware that should any complaints wish to be made your first point of contact is your child's class teacher or Miss Murtagh the Headteacher. If you feel your complaint is more serious and wish to make this formal then please see the school's complaints procedure on the school website.

We are unable to follow up anonymous complaints as there is no-one to gain further information from should an investigation be required and no-one to report back to. They may also be construed as malicious if there is no evidence of the complaint ever happening. This would also be the case should the complaint be made to the school Governors, the Local Authority and OFSTED.

All complaints will be taken seriously when the correct procedure is followed and dealt with in a professional manner.

**Parent Governor Vacancy** A Parent Governor vacancy has arisen due to the end of the 4 year term for a current Parent Governor.

Governors hold an important role in the development of the school and a legally accountable for it's safeguarding measures and standards. It is an opportunity for parents to be actively involved in the strategic management of the school.

If you know a parent who would like this role, has the skills and time to commit to meetings and training for the role, please can you complete a nomination form and return to school by 3.15PM on 15<sup>th</sup> March. If there is more than one nomination an election will need to be held.

**Sainsbury's Vouchers** If anyone shops at Sainsbury's, we will be collecting vouchers for Active Kids for schools until 30.6.17. All donations will be gratefully received.

**Asda Green Token collection** We have been lucky enough to have been granted a green token collection box at Asda Bootle from April until June. We will be collecting tokens for this, so if you shop at Asda, please bring your tokens into school now and we can start collecting in advance. Once the box is open we will let you know when it is live in store.

**Class Assemblies** Year 3 assembly was held today, thank you to all that attended, Year 2 assembly is on 15<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall at 9.15am. All family and friends are welcome. Tea / Coffee and refreshments will be served afterwards and we do hope that you will be able to join us.

## **March 2017**

15<sup>th</sup> March - Year 2 class assembly - 9.15am - school hall

22<sup>nd</sup> March - Class 1 assembly 9.15am - school hall

27<sup>th</sup> March - Last week for after school clubs

29<sup>th</sup> March - Reception Class assembly 9.15am - school hall

Experience Easter (pm year 1 & year 3)

30<sup>th</sup> March - Experience Easter - all day (years 6, 4, 5 & 2)

31<sup>st</sup> March - Last day - End of term/communion (am) Finish at 2.00pm. Please note that Year 3 will still be swimming, and will return to school at approx. 2.20 - 2.30pm.

Yours sincerely,



Miss E. Murtagh  
Headteacher