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Headteacher's Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome back to another exciting half term of learning at Reignhead! It's been a rather cold, wet and snowy start to March but we have planned lots of activities and events for you all to look forward to as the weather hopefully gets a little warmer. As you will know, the Reignhead 'OurSchoolsAPP' has now been launched and is the best way of keeping up to date with what is happening at school each day. Many of our families also like to follow us on twitter as we tweet short comments and photographs of school life at least weekly. As a school, we are continuing to work hard to address the Ofsted priorities which were identified for us in November and we're pleased with the improvements that are being made, particularly in terms of handwriting, spelling and placing reading firmly at the heart of the school. Remember that we'll be celebrating a delayed 'World Book Day' on Thursday 8th March and we look forward to seeing all the children in their book related costumes. We'll also be launching the Reignhead Reading Spine on Thursday ... watch this space!

Carole Stafford, Acting Headteacher

Assembly Themes

This half term we will be focussing on the Core Value of 'Embrace and Believe' which encourages children to seize the day and show enthusiasm for all the opportunities that life has to offer. Sometimes children are afraid to try something new, whether that's enrolling for a new out-of-school activity, eating an unfamiliar food or making a new friend. This is understandable, but we want the children of Reignhead to believe in themselves and work hard to develop a 'have a go' attitude!

Proud Moments

We have a Proud Moments board in the school hall – let us know if your child has achieved something wonderful outside of school and deserves a place on the board.

Healthy Lifestyles

*You will have noticed that we are in the process of introducing healthier options to our Breakfast Club menu. Already, children are enjoying more brown bread and we would welcome any suggestions as to how we can improve further.

*I would also like to remind parents/carers that children's individual drinks bottles in the classrooms should only contain water, not fruit juice or cordial.

*The Children's Food Trust (www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk) provides useful guidance on how to provide your child with a healthy, balanced and nutritious packed lunch. The main food groups which should be included are starchy foods, fruit and vegetables, protein, and milk and dairy foods. Foods such as chocolate, biscuits, pastries and crisps are not recommended and should be kept to a minimum as they are high in saturated fat, sugar and salt.

Reading

The children have been reading some fantastic books recently in school including 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell in Y5/6 and 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes in Y3/4. We were delighted to see so many children join us for our Book at Bedtime at the end of last half term – 47 children from the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 came back to school in their onesies and with blankets and teddy bears to enjoy four bedtime stories and a bedtime snack. We'll be holding another Book at Bedtime in the summer term.

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Uniform

It is always lovely at the start of a new half term to see children arriving in school looking so smart in their uniforms. Let's keep this up! Please be reminded that children should wear plain, black footwear and that heels are not allowed. Jewellery is not permitted apart from small studs in pierced ears (which must be removed for PE lessons).

Reignhead Curriculum

We hope that our recently introduced Knowledge Organisers have proved useful in keeping parents/carers up to date with what your child is learning at school in terms of the wider curriculum. Thank you also to all those parents who have joined us for our Learning Together session recently – we have looked at dinosaur bones, Indian patterns, Greek urns and Mayan masks! They have been very well attended and we've received some very positive comments. The next Learning Together sessions will be held in the summer term.

Junior Science Ambassadors

Four of our Year 5 children have been chosen especially to be 'Science Ambassadors'. They have already received training alongside other children from our Family of Schools and have led two assemblies, amazing their audience with the 'Disappearing Water' trick. Absolutely brilliant work!

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. When school staff have concerns about a child they inform the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Stafford) or the Deputies (Mrs Fairfax, Mr Coy and Mrs Kay). In most cases a member of staff speaks to the parent about the concern although we may ring the safeguarding team first to ask for advice about this. There are some concerns where we have to refer to Social Care. Please be aware that this is our professional responsibility and we always put children's well-being first.

Attendance

Please demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by not taking holidays during term time and by arranging non-urgent medical appointments out of school hours. Please also ensure your child arrives in school on time – children really don't like being late and many find it very unsettling arriving in class after their friends.

Gymnastics

Well done to our Y3/4 gymnasts who competed against teams across the Family of Schools and came in 2nd place. We're very proud of you all!

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Thank you to all involved with the Valentine's disco – an impressive £300.00 was raised.

Important Dates

- Wednesday March 7th:** Work Sharing Assembly – all children in Year 5
- Monday March 12th to Wednesday March 14th:** Year 2 Whirlow Residential (rearranged due to snow)
- Tuesday March 20th:** Parents' Evening
- Wednesday March 21st:** Work Sharing Assembly Y3/4 Mr Adlington
- Wednesday March 21st:** Year 2 Singing Festival at Westfield
- Thursday March 22nd:** Parents' Evening
- Friday March 23rd:** 'Sports Relief' – details to follow
- Monday March 26th to Wednesday March 28th:** Year 2 Whirlow Residential (rearranged due to snow)
- Tuesday March 27th:** Year 5/6 visit to Cadbury World
- Thursday March 29th:** Easter Celebrations, FS/KS1 at 9:15am and KS2 at 2:15pm
- Thursday March 29th:** Term ends at 3:10pm

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