

Savile Park Primary School

March 2017 Newsletter



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POD Children's Charity Day - Friday 10th February

As you know, this year we are supporting the POD charity. In order to see where the money goes and the impact it is having on children's lives, it was fantastic for us to have Mrs Lomas visit school to do an assembly for the children on 10th February. We had a non-uniform day and all the children wore red, white and blue to represent the colours of the Nepalese flag. Mrs Lomas showed the children of Savile Park all the schools where the money will help in Nepal. She showed them what their money has already paid (£60 has been used to buy rope, wood and hinges to repair a broken piece of a swing in one of the schools). Mrs Lomas also talked about what future money will be used for. It was really good to see that the money raised is making lives better for the children of Pokhara and enhancing their education. We also held a bun sale on the day and so far we have raised a grand total of £534.59 for the POD charity. Thanks to everyone for their support.



World Book Week – 20th March & Red Nose Day 24th March



We are celebrating the 20th World Book Day fully in our Book Week beginning Monday 20th March when we will have a visiting author, Conrad Burdekin, who will give children ideas about writing stories. We will hold our annual poetry performance competition and will have a paired class story-round with children from different classes sharing favourite stories with each other. We are also going to have a class competition to try and read as many stories as possible in one day. To support Red Nose Day we will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 24th March**. Please can children come into school either dressed as their favourite book character or dressed in red and bring a small donation for Comic Relief.

Thank you.

Medical Appointments / Absences

Please could we ask that wherever possible medical appointments are made either out of school hours or in the holidays. You will need to let the office know of any appointment and provide a copy of the appointment where possible.

Medication **can** be administered in school **if** it is prescribed by a medical practitioner and only once you have completed a medical form, available from the office.

Your child should attend school until appointment time and wherever possible should return once the appointment has finished. It is not acceptable for a child to be absent for a full morning / afternoon for a potential 15-30 minute appointment.

If your child is going to be absent from school, it would be appreciated if you could telephone the office as soon as possible that morning, giving a **specific** reason for the absence. Thank you for your support.

Savile Park Playgroup



Just a reminder that we have now launched our very own playgroup which is held on Mondays. The playgroup is located at our Heath site between 9:00am-10:45am (just turn up by 9:15am) and there is a nominal charge of £1 per family. We look forward to seeing you there. Many thanks for your support.

FOSP

We will be trialling an evening meeting at Moorfield on Thursday 9th March at 6.15pm for those unable to attend our meetings held during the day. All ideas and contributions will be welcome.

Online Safety



Following e-safety week the children spent a week looking at how to stay safe online and why it is important. We are currently running a competition to design a new "e-safety" desktop image for all the computers in school. It has come to our attention that some children have access to their own Facebook account which is in breach of Facebook's terms and conditions. You need to be 13 years old to have your own account. Can parents / carers please make sure they are monitoring children's internet use at home and change restrictions if necessary. Thank you for your support.

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Year 6 Viking Trip

On 6th February Y6 had a fabulous day at the Yorkshire Museum of Farming. They learnt what Viking life was like through practical activities including: being dressed as a Viking all day; grinding wheat to make flour; making lamp dishes from clay; Viking battle tactics; and participating in a Viking banquet. All of this took place in a purpose built Viking village.



Planetarium Day – 14th February

We had a fantastic Planetarium Day at Heath which the children all enjoyed. Watch this “space” for a link to the video which will soon be on the school website.

Cashless Money System

The School Money payment system went live in January, thank you to those who have provided their details and are now making payments online. From 27th April we are intending to go completely cashless, so please, if you haven't already provided your details, send them in to either office so we can text you logging on details. Many thanks for your continued support with this.

Football Team at the Shay

On Saturday Mr Piper and Miss Sutherland took our Year 5 and Year 6 school football team to play against Rawson Primary at The Shay Stadium. The children performed brilliantly. They managed to win the game on penalties and now progress through to the semi-finals in a few weeks' time. A big well done guys!

Contact Details

Please ensure school has your most up to date contact details at all times. This is really important, should school wish to contact you in an emergency.

Children's Safety

Some parents have voiced their concerns about the dangerous driving they have witnessed around both of our sites. Please remember the 20mph speed limit and not to drive on the pavements. Also please be considerate to our neighbours and park carefully at all times. Thank you.

Pocketful of Grimms – Tuesday 28th February

Reception at Heath and Moorfield visited Square Chapel where the children watched a performance of a 'Pocketful of Grimms.' All the children really enjoyed seeing the fairy tales they already knew come to life, and we learnt some new stories too!



National Media Museum Visit – 23rd January

Last term year 5 visited the National Media Museum to learn more about the techniques used when making films. They watched a film about dinosaurs while wearing 3D glasses in the IMAX cinema; made an old fashioned animation in a workshop and explored some of the galleries in the museum.

Artworks Trip – 10th February

Class 4 had a wonderful visit to the Artworks to work with an artist (Beth Dawson) to design and make puppets. Beth led a paper doll/puppet workshop inspired by Quentin Blake's most famous characters. The puppets will be displayed in the gallery at the Artworks.



Staffing Changes

Congratulations to Miss Adams who gave birth to a baby girl, Florence Summer, on 6th March. Mr Smith is teaching class 2 at Moorfield whilst Miss Adams is on maternity leave.

Mrs Fitzpatrick will be leaving Savile Park at the end of this half term to take up a teaching position at Calderdale College. We wish her every success in her new role. Happily, Mrs McCombe has agreed to teach Class 4 full time during the summer term.

Dates for your diary

- 14.03.17 – Parent Forum Meeting
- 16.03.17 – Parents Evening
- 24.03.17 – Red Nose Day (Non-uniform)
- 07.04.17 – School closes for Easter
- 24.04.17 – School Opens
- 01.05.17 – School closed for May Day
- 02.05.17 – School Opens
- 8th May – 11th May – KS2 SATs (It is **very important** that **all** Y6 children are in school during this week)