

Savile Park Primary School

February 2017 Newsletter



Charity Week 6th February – 10th February 2017



We are all very excited about all the events planned for the forthcoming fundraising supporting the POD Children's Charity. The children will be learning about Nepal throughout the week and thinking of questions they want to ask Mrs Lomas when she visits, at the end of the week. The Key Stage 2 children will also be having a visit from someone who is, soon, off to Nepal to climb Mount Everest. He will be telling us about his planning and preparation for this amazing experience. We are trying to make a giant map of Nepal, out of coins, so the children can start bringing any spare change on Monday. On Friday the School Council will be holding bun sales at both sites, any donations of cakes, biscuits or buns would be gratefully received. There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 10th February, we're asking the children to make a donation to come to school dressed in the colours of the Nepalese flag; red, white and blue. Thank you for your support for what should be an informative, fun week and one which generates lots of money for a very worthwhile cause.

Medication

Please may we remind all parents that no medication will be administered to any child in school until the correct medical form has been completed and returned to the office. All medicine must be prescribed by a doctor and must be correctly labelled with the child's name. We cannot give medicine to any child until proper procedure is followed. Thank you.

Pupil Premium

Pupil premium is a government grant which is allocated to schools based on the number of children eligible for free school meals and the number of *looked after* children. Schools are entitled to spend their allocated Pupil Premium grant in a way they think will best support the raising of attainment and achievement of these children.

If your child does not have free school meals but may be eligible because of your family's income level, please contact our school office (in confidence) for information about how to register them. Even if you do not wish for them to have the meals, this would mean that the school still receives funding which will be used to help your child.

School Dinners



Could we please remind all parents to ensure dinner money is paid regularly and accounts are maintained in credit; if you require any further information please contact the school office at either site.

If your child has packed lunches, please remember that we want the children to have a healthy lunch - so no sweets or fizzy drinks. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Parking Outside School

Parking outside school continues to be a cause for concern; both for the safety of our children and the inconvenience it is causing our neighbours. Please can you ensure that you always park sensibly; not on the yellow hatchings or blocking any driveways. If possible try and park a little further from school and walk the rest of the way. Please encourage others to do the same. Thank you for your cooperation.

Online Safety

We regularly offer advice to support parents with internet safety for their children. Furthermore, we do teach the children some basic rules of internet safety. **You will find links on our school website to some excellent internet safety websites that provide great advice for parents.**

General advice:

- Insist you know your child's username and passwords
- Ensure that when your child uses the internet / social media that they are in a **public space in the house**
- Remind your child of the **rules of the site**, and the location of the **'report abuse' tool**
- **Check the age** of the website / social media app / game – **children should not be on 18 rated games!**
- **Check their 'friends'** - remind your child that on some sites you do not know how old the 'friend' is – they should not have internet adult friends outside of their family group / close friends of family group as they could be putting themselves at serious risk.
- **Remind the children that the rules of respect, politeness, good manners still apply to social media, games, texts** – sadly there have been some national examples of children not being very nice to each other via texts and also on one social media– please check your child's communication on these sites, and help your child to know that **what they 'say' on these is there forever.**

For more information don't forget to come to our online safety presentations for parents on Monday 13th February, 9:15am at the Heath site and 3:45pm at the Moorfield site.

The links below will take you to websites offering you advice on keeping your child safe online:

www.internetmatters.org

www.net-aware.org.uk

www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers

www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-online

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

<http://cyberbullying.us/resources/parents>

www.netsmartz.org

www.saferinternet.org.uk

Sainsbury's Active Kids is back!

With your help, we'd love to try and encourage even more children to eat well, move well and live well this year. What cooking and sports equipment would your children like to get their hands on?

Please encourage everyone you know to collect and donate as many vouchers as possible. The collection box is in the main school reception area.

Vouchers can be collected instore and online at Sainsbury's from 25th January 2017 until 2nd May 2017. Collecting for Active Kids is a great way for parents, children and communities to pull together - so remind everyone to jump into action. Thank you.



Road Safety

On Monday children from both Moorfield and Heath sites were visited by the Calderdale Road Safety team. The children were taken for a walk to put the Green Cross Code into action! They also listened well about keeping safe on the roads and when walking around the local area. The Road Safety Team were impressed with the knowledge and skills of the children and commented on how enthusiastic the children were.



Useful Website:

<http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/pupils/>

<http://www.brake.org.uk/>

<http://talesoftheroad.direct.gov.uk/stop-look-listen.php>

Dates for your diary

- 06.02.17** – Class 6 visit to Yorkshire Viking Farm
- 10.02.17** – Class 4 Art Workshop
- 10.02.17** – Non-uniform day (children to wear red, white and blue) and bun sale.
- 13.02.17** – Online safety training for parents/carers - 9:15am at the Heath 3:45pm at the Moorfield
- 15.02.17** – Class 3 visit to Cliffe Castle
- 16.02.17** – Class 6 Music Festival at Huddersfield Town Hall
- 17.02.17** – School Closes for Half Term
- 27.02.17** – Training Day school closed
- 28.02.17** – School Opens
- 28.02.17** – All Reception to visit Square Chapel
- 28.02.17** – Class 1 at Heath to visit Square Chapel
- 08.03.17** – Class 1 at Moorfield visit to St Jude's Church
- 09.03.17** – Class 1 at Heath visit to St Jude's Church TBC
- 16.03.17** – Parents Evening
- 20.03.17** – All Year 1 to visit King Cross Library
- 22.03.17** – Class 1 at Moorfield visit to Gazegill Farm
- 24.03.17** – Class 1 at Moorfield to visit Square Chapel
- 28.03.17** – Class 1 at Heath visit to Gazegill Farm
- 07.04.17** – School closes for Easter