

March Newsletter 2004

1. Diary Dates for this Term

A number of activities and visits are planned before Easter.

March 15th & 22nd Puppet workshops for Class 2

March 16th Visit from Roop Singh (Sikh Education Centre) to Class 6

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April 5th ? 16th Easter Holidays

April 19th School Re-opens for the Summer Term

2. Headlice

Just a reminder of the importance of checking and grooming children's hair regularly.

3. Family Learning & Valentines Day

This went really well, with more parents wanting places than were available. We are looking to hold more successful courses like this in the future. If you have ideas for the type of course you would like to see delivered in school, please let Miss Bradley or Miss Akhtar know.

We are combining with other schools in West Central Halifax to try and provide a comprehensive range of courses, and to this end, the schools are wishing to employ two people who will help to promote courses in the West Central Halifax Community. Adverts for this post have been displayed around the school, and anyone who is interested in applying for them should speak either to myself or Miss Akhtar for further details.

4. New Building

This is still currently on schedule. The steel frame is fully erected, and blockwork walls are now being built.

5. Nursery School Placements

This is still causing a number of parents concern, and I am exploring avenues both with the local council, and with local groups to assess whether the new school can offer any solutions to the difficulties of finding pre-school places for the coming year. To this end, I would like interested parents to come to a meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday 24th March 2004 at 2.00pm.

6. Secondary School Allocations

All Year 6 parents will have received their secondary school allocations by now. Can I remind those parents who were not allocated a school that the local education authority is holding a drop-in session for parents. This will take place on Wednesday March 10th at Heath Training & Development Centre on Free School Lane from 3.30pm until 6.00pm.

Substantial changes are being planned for admissions to secondary school in September next year, and I intend to do a presentation about the implications of this for all parents at the July open evening.

7. School CD-ROM Library

Mrs. Oldridge runs a CD-ROM library open at Savile Park Primary School for you and your child to use. It is full of over 70 titles of good quality fun educational

computer software.

It is easy to join ? just £1 per term per child. The CD-ROM Library is open on Wednesday afternoons 3.15pm ? 3.45pm in the computer room.

You can come in and choose a CD ? ROM for your child or let your child choose their own.

Please remember to return the CD- ROM the following week and then your child can exchange it for another exciting CD-ROM!

8. Keeping Up With the Children

There are still a couple of spare places on this course for Reception/Year 1 parents, Tuesday mornings at 9.00 ? 11.00am.

9. Year Six Residential Visit

We are now eight weeks away from the visit. A number of parents have asked about the cost. This is not yet finalized, but there will be no direct charge to parents because of recent legislation. Instead, when the final costs are known, I will let parents know, and ask them to make a contribution. In the meantime, I would like to invite all parents to a meeting on the afternoon of Friday 19th March at 2.00pm. This will give parents the opportunity to ask questions about the programme and other arrangements.

10. Tesco Vouchers

The school is collecting the Tesco Computers for School Vouchers. Last year we collected enough vouchers to send for a fantastic colour printer that all the children have access to in the computer room. This year we are hoping to collect vouchers to provide a DVD player that can connect to the school projector. Please send vouchers to Mrs. Oldridge.