

## Newsletter - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Over the last couple of weeks we've been doing some lesson observations, as well as a curriculumfocused learning walk with a colleague from Burton Road. We are so pleased with the work and progress we are seeing in all subjects as well as the fantastic behaviour, engagement and enthusiasm of the children! The staff have worked really hard over the last few years to make sure our curriculum remains wide-ranging and interesting, and the work we've seen in computing (with children writing and de-bugging code), Art and French among other subjects shows how much the children enjoy their learning. We have a parents evening coming up during the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> March, where you will be able to look at a selection of your child's books, and I am sure many of you will be amazed by the progress made!

Today has been a really busy one, with a group of Y5/6 children visiting the library for a history talk, some other children visiting Barnsley College for a Panathlon event, and our Y3/4 boys football team playing in a tournament at Reds in the Community. Next week is equally busy, with a Y5/6 STEM experience and a Y4 basketball event on Friday, and a 'Circleball' event on Thursday afternoon.

Next Friday we are also supporting the NSPCC in their Numberday. We are asking children to come to school wearing something with numbers on (please do not buy anything specially for this – if you don't have anything suitable, non-uniform is fine). To help the NSPCC with their invaluable work, we are also asking children, if you're in a position to do so, to bring in the number of coins which match their age (eg if the child is 6, they can bring in any 6 coins) which we will send on to the NSPCC.

Now that after-school clubs are up and running again, can we ask that parents DO NOT use the staff car park when picking up children as we have had a few near-misses in the past. Parents picking up children, could you also walk up and back down the path as well, so there are no pedestrians in the car park when staff members may be leaving.

We are having a special school lunch for the Chinese New Year, please see the attached poster.

As always if you need to speak to us please feel free to get in contact either by email or talk to us on the gate.

Finally, can we also remind you that Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February is an INSET day, so children finish on the 8<sup>th</sup> and return on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb.