



Crookesbroom Primary Academy NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2

March 2017

Already, we are half-way through the school year. Let's hope the weather realises that it's now Spring! This is a relatively short 6-week half term.

Holidays During Term Time

The government has still not issued guidance for schools so we continue to follow the guidance below from the local authority:

If a parent removes their child from school for a holiday, unless there are exceptional circumstances the holiday should NOT be authorised and the parent advised that an FPN may be issued. If attendance is less than 92.5% then you can refer to us for an FPN. We will check whether attendance remains below 92.5% at the point of issue and at the point of considering prosecution. We will consider the level of attendance over the last 3 terms.

Please note: an FPN (Fixed Penalty Notice) is a fine of £60 per child per parent.

Attendance

We continue to monitor attendance very closely in school. If your child is going to be absent, please telephone school first thing to inform us. Also, please, where possible, try to make dentist and doctor appointments out of school hours. Just a reminder that if your child arrives after 9:30am, this is classed as an unauthorised absence so they lose their morning mark. This will result in them **NOT** having 100% attendance at the end of the year.

Spring Term Diary Dates

Spring Term 2 dates for your calendars! If any of the dates have to change, we will inform you as soon as we know.

Friday 24th March Red Nose Day – School Council are currently organising this and will send a letter out once details are finalised.

Parents/Carers in School – save the date

Classes will be continuing to invite parents into school for various activities this term. Class teachers will send out letters nearer the time for each class' activity.

Ducklings –Mothers' Day Morning - Thursday 23rd March 9am - 10:15am

Rabbits – Topic Crafts - Thursday 23rd March @ 2:15pm

Hedgehogs – Afternoon at the Oscars – Wednesday 29th March @ 2:15pm

Deers – Ukulele Performance – Thursday 30th March @ 9:45am

Easter Extravaganza

Easter Egg Raffle

Friends of Crookesbroom will be organising Easter Discos on Wednesday 5th April and also an Easter Egg Raffle for each class the last few weeks of term. More information will follow nearer the time however, they would be very grateful of any donations of Easter Eggs to add to the ones they provide. Thank you.



Thank you for your Sponsors

On Wednesday, we had an absolutely fantastic afternoon with the elite athlete, Caroline Buckle. All the staff and children have commented on what a great event it was. We had lots of fun taking part in physical activities and the children demonstrated many important skills such as teamwork and perseverance. Also the assembly by Caroline Buckle, where we found out about her life and her sporting success, was extremely inspirational and showed what could be achieved by showing determination and hard work. We would appreciate it if you could return your sponsor form and any money raised to the school office by Thursday 9th March 2017. We will let you know the final total raised as soon as possible.

30 hours provision for 3 and 4 year olds

You may be aware that in September, Doncaster Council will introduce the 30 hours free childcare for working parents of 3 and 4 year old children. Currently, free early year's education entitles your child up to 15 hours of free provision per week for 38 weeks of the year. In September 2017 the government will give an additional 15 hours a week free childcare to working families that meet the eligibility criteria. Crookesbroom Primary Academy are currently exploring the possibility of being able to offer 30 hours provision to all eligible families within our nursery and are consulting parents of those who have already been allocated a nursery place in September. If you or anybody you know has a child not yet currently on our nursery list for September but would be interested in 30 hours, please ask at reception for a letter and questionnaire.

Uniform

Thank you to the majority of parents/carers who always follow our school uniform policy. Just a reminder that trainers are NOT part of our school uniform. Please ensure that children are wearing black sensible shoes for school (unless an alternative has been agreed with Mrs Hillyer due to special circumstances). 5 reward points can be earned each week for correct school uniform and can't be given if trainers are worn. Thank you.

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Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all of those parents who completed a parent questionnaire this term. We were delighted with the positive responses. The questionnaire can be viewed on our website under the 'Academy Profile' tab and then 'Views of our Academy'.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

www.cpacademy.org.uk

If you have any suggestions for what else you would like on our website, please let Mrs Ali know.

Y1 Phonic Screening

This year the test week commences Monday 12th June. During this time your child will be asked to read 20 real words and 20 made up words or 'alien' words with Miss Black. It is really important the children are in during this week as we are unable to carry out these activities at any other time.

Y6 SATs week

Just a reminder that Y6 will be taking their SATs week commencing Monday 8th May. It is really important they are at school for the tests as tests have set days/times and these cannot be changed.

Y2 SATs

As discussed at parents evening, the children in year 2 will complete maths and reading booklets during the month of May, to help inform our teacher judgements. It is important that the children are on time during this period.