

# **PARENT INFORMATION BULLETIN**

## **JANUARY 2016**

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Learning Together Event - Wednesday, 3 February 2016**

**Break Up for February Half Term Holiday - Friday, 5 February 2016**

**School Inset Day (NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN) – Monday, 15 February 2016**

**Parent Evenings - Tuesday, 1 March 2016 and Thursday, 3 March 2016**

### **Learning Together Event**

We are pleased to tell you that there will be a 'Learning Together' event on the evening of Wednesday, 3 February 2016, to which all parents and carers are invited. It will involve our entire team of classroom practitioners and is organised in response to parental requests for ideas to support learning at home. Workshops will run from 6.30 pm (repeated every half hour up to 8 pm) and will focus on the teaching of Maths, English (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar – SpaG) and Phonics. In addition, Learning Support Assistants will be available to discuss interventions where children need some additional support.

### **Adverse Weather Conditions**

As we move deeper into that wintery time of year, there is always the possibility of disruption to school caused by snow. It is our prime aim to remain open, but there are occasions where a decision to delay opening or to close may occur despite our determination. Health and safety is always of paramount importance and the main consideration when reaching a decision – both to ensure there is a safe, legal ration of adults to children when the transport network is disrupted and of the school environment. A decision can only be made on the day and this will be communicated to parents as soon as possible via text message, local radio and the website.

### **Census Day**

Thursday, 21 January (tomorrow) is Census Day for all schools, where a snapshot of information regarding many aspects of school is collected for the Government. One of these aspects is how many children access a school meal. Our Universal Free School Meals budget is based on how many children access a lunch on this day. We would encourage take up of the special 'All Day Breakfast' menu which is on offer!

### **Labelling Clothes**

We have a big plea for parents/carers to label their child's school clothes. You can imagine the mix ups that can occur following PE for example, with 30 children wearing very similar uniform! There are permanent ink pens available in the office for anyone who would like to access them, or name labels can be ordered via our School Uniform Supplier (order forms can be collected from the office).

### **Closing the Gate**

We would like to remind all visitors to school during the day to ensure that they close and bar the gate when they leave.

### **Hometime**

We would like to thank those parents and carers who vacate our site in a timely manner at the end of the day. We really appreciate your swift exits as the yard is then free for use by our clubs.