

February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your continued support and understanding this half term, particularly with the Circle Open Mornings, Parent Reading, Cake Sale, Raisin Challenge, Valentine Discos and the Snow Day. The children have been busy throughout enjoying their daily lessons, topic launch activities and the Design Technology and Geography Super Learning Days. Our school values of Honesty and Responsibility have been revisited throughout the half term with the focus moving to Tolerance and Fairness after the holiday.

Our Super Learning Days give the children and staff a day to focus on a specific subject, developing key subject related skills whilst using knowledge already learned from other subject areas. Coming up next half term we have three Super Learning Days planned:

- World Book Day, 7th March, where the children will be focussed on the skill and enjoyment of reading while dressed as a favourite animal character from a book.
- Music Super Learning Day, 8th March, where as a school we will 'Start the Day the Hallé Way' with musicians from Manchester's Hallé Orchestra.
- Religious Education Super Learning Day, 1st April, where the focus will be Easter.

Look out for the Tweets that show the children's learning and the progress that they are making.

Following parental feedback, in order to meet changing demand, we will be amending the charging policy for After School Club beginning after half term, 25th February. The charges will be as follows:

£10.00 Registration Fee.

£4.00 3.15pm to 4.15pm (includes snack). Please note that pick up after 4.15pm will incur an additional £2.00 charge.

£3.50 From 4.15pm onwards if your child has attended a paid Sports Club.

£6.00 Full Session (3.15pm to 5.30pm Monday to Thursday or 3.15pm to 5.20pm on a Friday).

£5.00 per 15 minutes for late pickup (after 5.30pm Monday to Thursday or after 5.20pm on a Friday).

The one-off, non-refundable registration fee must be paid when registering your child at the club.

We have received complaints that not all parents are adhering to the 'No Mobile Phone Policy' which we have in the school building. When you attend an event in school during the school day please would you keep mobile phones on silent and out of sight. The exception to this would be when you are attending a performance or the Year Six Leavers' Coffee Morning when you are permitted to take a photograph of your child for personal use, not to be uploaded to social media. Your support with this is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

During these challenging economic times we are pleased to inform you that as a school we are able to issue Food Bank Vouchers to families. A family may receive up to three vouchers in any one year and there is a facility, in some situations, for this to be extended if exceptional challenges continue. If this could help please speak in person or by telephone to Mrs Bommer, Pastoral Manager, or myself.

Well done to the 201 children whose attendance is at or above the Government's target of 95%. Unfortunately, attending school regularly continues to be a challenge for some children and families. 127 children's attendance for this academic year is below 95%. We are currently reviewing our

Attendance Policy to see if there is anything further we can do to support you in getting your children into school more regularly.

Many thanks to those parents who do not smoke near to the school gates. We have a number of children who suffer with asthma and it is most appreciated that you refrain from smoking near school.

We are currently advertising for lunch time staff. If you wish to apply, the advert can be found on the Stockport Council Job Vacancies site.

And finally, please see the 'Be Active, Be Healthy' Family Challenge 2018-2019 flyer in the letters page of the school website. The challenge has been set by Life Leisure and once registered, resources are sent to you to record the activities you take part in. The half term holiday may be a time when you wish to get started!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any member of staff if there is something that we can help you with. Have a great break and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school from 8:45am on Monday 25th February 2019.

Yours sincerely

Claire E Lee
Head Teacher