

Friday 9th February 2018

Even though this has been a really short half term, it has certainly been one packed full of activity, not least because we have finally had our well over-due Ofsted inspection. On that matter, you will be sent a letter in about 3 weeks informing you of the outcome; until then it is officially confidential I'm afraid. My lips are sealed!



High vis products

Just to remind you that our high vis products remain on sale at the school office. They are displayed in the school entrance if you wish to have a look.

Performances in school

You will probably have seen on the DJS app that the children have been lucky enough to have been treated to two excellent performances this half term.



Firstly we had Snake Davis, a world renowned saxophonist, giving us an amazing performance plus workshop for some of our musicians. **Snake Davis** has played with some of the biggest names in contemporary music. He's had a long collaboration with Heather Small of M-People, toured the world with Lisa Stansfield, Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart and played with James Brown, Paul McCartney, George Michael and Tina Turner to name but a few.

Secondly Image Musical Theatre performed their version of Robin Hood to the whole school, which was an excellent Friday afternoon treat.



It's fantastic that we are able to bring in to school such high quality performances; these are experiences that children will remember forever and form part of the wider school experience that DJS offers.

Parents' Evenings – Wed 21st/Thurs 22nd February

Thank you to those parents who have already made an appointment to see their child's class teacher the week after half term. If you haven't done so yet, please get in touch so a time can be allocated to you.

As always, we recognise that it is sometimes difficult to attend parents' evening. On these occasions it is possible for the class teacher to arrange another time with you, or even have the discussion over the telephone if that is more convenient.

Year 3 Read and Stay

Once again it was fantastic to hear that this important event was so well attended. Thank you for taking the time to come along and I do hope that the information was useful for you, giving you some support when reading with your child at home.

SEND coffee morning

A drop-in coffee morning has been planned for Wednesday 28th February. It will be held in the Activity Attic from 9am to 10.30am and parents are welcome to pop in at any time during the session to chat with other parents and/or talk in an informal and relaxed setting to Mrs Foxton (SEND co-ordinator) and Mrs Potter (ELSA lead).



If you wish to attend, please sign in at the school office and you will be escorted to the Activity Attic by a member of staff. Thanks.

Dates (other than sporting events)

Wed 21 st Thurs 22 nd Feb	Parents' Evenings
Wed 28 th Feb	SEND coffee morning for parents
Wed 28 th Feb	Year 4s – The Deep visit
Thurs 1st March	Word Book Day (no dressing up) – further info to follow
w/b Mon 5th March	Year 3s – Murton Park visits
Mon 12 th – Wed 14 th March	Year 6 residential visit to Dobroyd Castle
Wed 21 st March	9.15am – year 4 Easter assembly to parents – all welcome.
Thurs 22 nd March	Egg Decorating Day
Thurs 22 nd March	PSA Easter Bingo – details to follow
Fri 23 rd March	Egg Rolling
Fri 23 rd March	School closes for Easter break
Mon 9 th April	School opens - this is NOT a training day

Finally, as always, I would like to thank you all for your continued support for the school and I wish everyone a very happy half term break. Rest, relax and have fun!



School re-opens on Monday 19th February at the usual time.

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