



17th January 2007

Dear Parents,

As January moves forward we begin to consider some of the key events that are planned to take place later this term.

Parent Consultations (Open Afternoon is on Monday 5th February 2.30pm)

These are due to take place directly after half term:-

Monday 19th February – 5.00 – 7.30pm **Tuesday 20th February – 2.30 – 5.30pm**

The appointment request sheets will be on display in the school entrance from Monday 29th January.

Reading

We are committed to providing every child with the opportunity to develop their reading skills, as a central and integral part of their learning. We are beginning work on a review of the reading scheme and the teaching and learning related to reading and its cross curricular links. While the standards of reading are a strength of the school, we feel that reviewing and building on that success is vital if we are to enable every child to achieve their potential.

As part of this work we are also reviewing our library provision and plan to update many of the books and resources we offer. We are very grateful to the PTA who have pledged to raise £5000 to help support this initiative.

During the next few weeks we shall be seeking parents and pupils views in order to take all perspectives into account. We will keep parents updated on the progress we make with this initiative, which we aim to implement ready for September 2007.

Book Week

We are planning to hold a Book Week during the week 5th – 9th March. The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school during the week prior to and during book week. The book fair will be open from 27th Feb – 12th March. If any parent can help with this before or after school we would be very grateful. Please leave your name at the school office with details of when you would be able to help. Thank you

Brain Awareness Week

As part of our continued work on promoting and developing Children's Thinking Skills we are holding a Brain Awareness Week during the week beginning Mon 12th March. During this week the children will learn about their brain and how it works, as well as a wide range of strategies for thinking and improving learning. The activities are designed to be fun, informative and engaging enabling the children to recognise the different ways in which they learn. Further details about this event will be available nearer the time.

Year 1 Mrs Willis/Mrs Mozley

I am pleased to report that Mrs Mozley has undergone her operation and is now on the road to recovery. However this looks like taking longer than originally thought. Mrs Thompson is currently providing cover on Thursdays and Fridays and will continue to do this until Friday 26th January, she is unfortunately unable to carry on due to family commitments and so from that point I shall provide cover for this class on Thursdays and Fridays from this point. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Willis or myself.

Tesco Vouchers

We have now received the ICT resources from Tesco Computers for school. We were very fortunate to be able to order such super resources for classes. Thank you to every one who helped us.

Templefield Website

Visit our website at www.templefield-lower.co.uk where you will find the latest newsletters and details of forthcoming events.

Yours sincerely

Lynne Birch

