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## February Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents

Some good news! I am a firm believer in growing future leaders from within school. A prime example is Mrs Smith in Years 5/6. Recently she has guided the children and staff through a highly positive Mock Sats process and the children responded admirably! With this in mind I am pleased to announce that Mrs Liz Hinks will be taking on a new role in our admin team, now being responsible for finance. This is fantastic news as her experience of school practice and unquestioned professional capability is a huge asset to the school.

### Parents Evening

Please ensure you have booked an appointment time for parents evening, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, to see your child's learning base teacher. This term it is important the **children also attend** if possible, so their progress and targets can be discussed on an individual basis. The children will also be able to show their work to you. You will also be given a **new Mid-Year report** which will give you more information on current academic attainment, progress, attendance to date and learning attitudes. This can then inform next steps in learning and guidance towards the end of the academic year in July. As this is a new reporting process it would be good to get your opinions on this new reporting process and how we could possibly adapt it next year.

### Roving Books

The Roving book shop will be open all day on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Your child(ren) will have the opportunity to visit the book shop during the day with a teacher. Last term we raised over £200 in commission from book sales which is great news for the school library. What is most important is the children have access to a real book shop which has a huge range of books. The office will hold any money brought to them with families using the envelopes sent home for book money (or your own envelopes – making sure they are named) and we give the money back on the day.

### Writing workshop for parents: 9:15 – 10:15am Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Parents are invited to attend a writing workshop on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. This workshop is a chance to see how your child is taught writing, how we use assessment to further their progress and to find out how you can help your child at home. After the workshop, there will be an opportunity to go into class and work on some writing with your child. Tea and coffee will be served on arrival. We hope to see you there.

### World Book Day – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

We will be celebrating World Book Day again this year. It is a fabulous opportunity for the children (and staff!) to dress up! Throughout the day they will take part in a range of fun book-related activities and will also be given a £1 book token to spend in any high street book shop.

The theme this year is the books of **Harry Potter**.

**We look forward to seeing their amazing costumes. Thank you for your support.**



### **'Drox' electric kit car – 2018 season!**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting and the subsequent safety briefings. The 2018 crew is now full, organised into specific teams and ready for another successful racing season!



The health and safety briefing has been completed on our school site.

The Drox has been moved to its new garage and is being prepared for the 2018 race season.

### **After School Clubs**

Please will you make sure your child has their PE kit in school. Sometimes children go home in their PE kit after a club and forget to bring it in the next day. The school cannot provide lots of spare kit and children should not be disrupting other lessons borrowing kit which is also not entirely fair on those who clean it! Children who are found without kit on repeated occasions will be asked, as per school policy, to sit out and observe the teaching and learning and complete an observation form which they return to their class teacher. In this way – not having the correct clothing to participate, won't stop their learning of important skills being taught.

### **Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers**

Unfortunately Sainsburys have decided not to continue with this promotion which is a shame as it helped the school with much needed resources.

The next edition of the School Council newsletter has more views on this announcement.

Have a great half term break – thank you again for all your thoroughly appreciated support!

Yours sincerely,



Matthew Dampier  
Headteacher

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Child's Name ..... Learning Base .....

Name of parent: .....

I will be attending the workshop for parents

Signed:..... Date:.....

