



# INGLETON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent / Carer,



### **Exciting News! KS2 results for 2017/18**

We have received a letter from the Department for Education today congratulating us on "the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in the mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year. 100% of pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in mathematics meaning your school is in the top 1% of primary schools in England".

Well done everyone! What an amazing achievement!

### **Cold Weather**

We will try to remain open wherever possible, unless it is unsafe for us to do so. In the event that school would need to close we will update the Durham County Council website, our school website, ourschoolsapp and our school Facebook page. If in doubt, please check one of these streams before setting off on a morning. It is extremely important that we have your current contact details. Please contact school if you have a new mobile number or have changed address. Many thanks.

### **Attendance**

We have noticed an increase in the number of requests we have received for Holidays during term time. The law states that a Head Teacher is unable to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. The local authority suggests that "**exceptional circumstances**" are:

- Parental employment circumstances (service personnel, other work commitments).
- Compassionate circumstances (significant family illness, bereavement, funeral, family crisis).
- Other 'one off' unusual circumstances / events (prison visit, wedding).

We ask that parents complete a leave of absence form and include any evidence of "exceptional circumstances" otherwise the request could not be considered.

Unauthorised absence on your child's attendance records could result in you receiving a penalty notice from the local authority. 7 days unauthorised absence in a 12 week rolling period **must now be referred** for enforcement action. Parents who continually opt to pay the fine will face legal action.

More information on the new legislation will be sent out in due course.

### **Staffing / School Funding**

I have previously written to you regarding the state of school funding in our area. As you may be, aware schools are having to make difficult choices on how to spend their limited funding as their income has not kept pace with the rise in costs since 2010. We have been working very hard to 'make ends meet' but this is becoming increasingly difficult and the Governors and I have had to make the difficult decision (due to a decline in pupil numbers and budget cuts) to undertake a staffing reduction process. Following consultation with the Local Authority, we have had to go through this process and the outcome is that Mrs Ray will be taking voluntary redundancy / early retirement and Miss Nichols has had to be sadly made redundant from her Teaching Assistant role. These staff members will be leaving towards the end of the Spring Term. We will be extremely sad to see them go and would like to thank them immensely for their hard work and dedication to our school over the years. These staffing reductions mean that the school is now in a stable position moving forward.

**Vacancy** - Due to the redundancy of her TA role, unfortunately Miss Nichols feels she is no longer able to undertake her role as Childcare assistant in Scoolkids as she will be seeking full time employment elsewhere. We are therefore looking to fill her current 'Scoolkids' Childcare Assistant post from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please get in touch with the Office. The post is for 12 hours per week for After School Club cover / 4 nights 3-6pm.



### **Healthy Packed Lunch Policy**

We have introduced a Healthier Packed Lunch policy, which can be found on our website, and we have discussed with the children suitable and non-suitable items that should be included. We will continue to monitor and support children with this over the next few weeks.

### **Kitchen Inspection**

Following a spot check Food Hygiene Inspection, our school has achieved the top rating of 5. Well done Gillian and Maxine in the kitchen.

### **SATS**

We will be offering SATS Booster sessions for **Year 2** and **Year 6** pupils to give them additional support leading up to taking their SATS. We would really appreciate it if children attend these sessions. The teachers will provide more information to you nearer the time. A parent meeting has been set for Y6 parents for **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm** and Y2 parents **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 3.15pm**. It would be extremely beneficial if you could attend.

### **Uniform**

Just a reminder that girls should not wear leggings / black jeans to school as an alternative to trousers. Black or grey trousers or a skirt should be worn - thanks.

### **Tapestry (EYFS Parents Only)**

Letters have been sent to Early Years parents to provide your email address to activate Tapestry accounts (online learning journey). Please return as soon as possible - thanks.

### **E-Safety – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 @ 2pm**

All pupils will be undertaking an e-safety assembly for parents on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm**. I have then invited Pauline Stewart (a representative from the LA) into school to talk to you about how to keep your child safe online and she will also give you useful handouts on how to set up your child's devices. This will be extremely beneficial and I would like as many parents to attend as possible. It is paramount importance that our children are kept safe online. Please help support us in getting this message across. Many thanks.

### **School Council**

Our School Council wanted to organise something to help the homeless and have been in contact with the Salvation Army. They have organised a clothing pick up for **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** in school. Any donations would be greatly received.



### **Taylor Shaw –VEGPOWER**

Taylor Shaw are on a quest with The Food Foundation and ITV to get children to eat more vegetables. For 10 weeks, a different vegetable will feature each week linked to this campaign. For further information please see <https://vegpower.org.uk/>

### **PARENTS EVENING – SPRING TERM**

Parent's Evening will take place this week on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** Appointments will be sent home soon. Please let us know if you have not received your appointment, as it is essential that you attend - thank you.

### **Stars of the Week**

**EYFS:** Eliza, Hunter & Freddie

**Class 1:** Oliver & Ralph

**Class 2:** Joab, Kian, Freddie & Lincoln

**Class 3:** All of Class 3, Violet, Ashlea & Callum





## TERM DATES

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Spring half-term 2019	Friday 15th February 2019	Monday 25th February 2019
Easter 2019	Friday 5th April 2019	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
May Day 2019	Friday 3rd May 2019	Tuesday 7th May 2019
Summer half-term 2019	Friday 24th May 2019	Monday 3rd June 2019
Summer 2019	Friday 19th July 2019	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13.02.19	Y5 & Y6 Netball Competition @ Alun Armstrong Centre (pm)
14.02.19	Y1 & Y2 Multi Skills Festival @ Staindrop Academy (pm)
25.02.19	Reception & Year 6 Height & Weight Checks with the School Nurse
27.02.19	Whole School E-Safety Assembly @2pm <b>PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND PLEASE.</b>
28.02.19	Y6 Parents SATS meeting @ 3.15pm <b>Y6 PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND PLEASE</b>
01.03.19	Salvation Army Clothing Collection
05.03.19	Y2 Parents SATS meeting @ 3.15pm <b>Y2 PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND PLEASE</b>
07.03.19	World Book Day
15.03.19	Red Nose Day
26.03.19	Reception Multi Skills Festival & Staindrop Academy (pm)
27.03.19	Y1 & Y2 Football Competition @ Alun Armstrong Centre (pm)
28.03.19	Y5 & Y6 Multi Skills Festival @ Staindrop Academy (pm)
28.03.19	Spring Term Parents Evening
03.04.19	Teesdale Football League Matches @ Staindrop Academy
04.04.19	Easter Service @ St John's Church @ 1.30pm
05.04.19	End of Spring Term