



31st March 2023

Dear Parents,

Just like that, another term is completed! It may have only been five weeks long, but we have managed to pack a lot in. We started the half term by becoming famous on BBC breakfast television and since then have gone from strength to strength. Our girls' football team took part in a huge competition and came second (and were on the ITV news), we have had lots of visitors, our children have had the opportunity to take part in Bikeability and have been very successful and finally we have been able to open our library with all of our pupils having the opportunity to take home a book of their choice. Our library is a wonderful resource and we are incredibly proud of it. In the summer term, we will be opening it to parents.

Digital Strategy

This half term has seen a huge leap forward in our use of digital platforms to support the children. Although we use them in school, they are also perfect to use as homework.

Lexia: Every child from Y1-6 now has a log in to Lexia. Lexia is a reading programme that adapts the difficulty levels to the responses that your child gives and so it is always matched to their ability. Children will have time in class to use Lexia (and every child has logged on at least once in school) but the more they can use it at home, the more progress they will make.

Times Table Rock Stars: If you attended Mr Wheldall's maths sessions or coffee morning last half term, you will know just how important it is for every child to have immediate recall of all times table facts. This helps in so many different ways across not only maths, but also the wider curriculum. To help promote this (and make it fun) we have bought into a programme called Times Table Rockstars and will be launching it whole school after the break. If your child is in Year 2 or Year 4, they already have their logins and passwords and have had a trial in school. Please do encourage your child to use this resource – it can be accessed on a phone, tablet, laptop, computer etc.

SATs Companion: Year 6 also have access to a programme called SATs Companion. When we return, there are only 14 teaching days until the SATs begin and we want every child to feel confident as they take these tests. SATs Companion has a range of English, Maths and Science tasks set that will all help to feed into the knowledge and skills that they need, not only for SATs, but as they move into secondary school. The work has been set by the teacher who teaches your child for Maths and Reading and so is accessible for everyone. If they struggle, there are also videos available so please do encourage them to use this resource.

Summer Term

When we return, we are planning lots of events for our school family and the wider community. There will be a Spring Fayre just after Eid followed by a Ladies Night soon after – keep your eyes peeled for further details!

As always, the term is packed for the children too. Week one begins with a trip to the council house and then most classes will be going on a visit or having a visitor in. We will also be holding reading workshops- very similar to the recent maths workshops – we hope to see as many people as possible attending.

Roof Update

As you are all aware, the roof works are a major project. Closing the Conway Road entrance to school has allowed the works to progress much more quickly than expected and as such, we have agreed to keep the gates closed for a further four weeks after half term with the aim being that all works will be completed after that. A big thank you to everyone for their patience as we get this project completed.

Thank You

This term we have been steadily increasing the number of opportunities for our children to take part in assemblies and make presentations. It has been wonderful to be joined by so many of you in-school and to have your collaboration on so many of the curriculum projects and Easter bonnet designs. I am delighted that our school-to-home partnership is ever-strengthening and I look forward to working closely with as many parents as possible in the next term.

Reception Places

If you, or someone you know, has a child who will be starting reception in September 2023 please call the office on 0121 675 0622 to make an appointment to come and look around and ask any questions you may have.

Have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you at 8:30 on Monday 17th April.

Best wishes,

Mrs R Eaton