



# FISHBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PARENT / CARER NEWSLETTER



January 2020

### Welcome Back and Happy New Year

Wow, what a term we have had! Last term was a busy term full of proud moments for our children and their families too, from Secret Star Awards to various Christmas Performances. Thank you for joining us to share in the celebrations.

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break together with family and friends and feel well rested and ready to take part in a new spring term ahead.

### Important Dates for your Diary

From 10th January up until Easter 2020	Fridays (PM)	Year 4/5	Swimming Lessons at Broom Cottages
WB 9th March 2020	Monday— Wednesday	Reception, KS1, KS2	Targeted Parents Evening
Spring Half Term 2020	Friday 14th February 2020		Monday 24th February 2020
Easter 2020	Thursday 2nd April 2020		Monday 20th April 2020
VE Day Anniversary	Thursday 7th May 2020		Monday 11th May 2020
Summer Half Term 2020	Friday 22nd May 2020		Monday 1st June 2020
Summer 2020	Friday 17th July 2020		Wednesday 2nd September 2020

**Staff Training Days— Friday 3rd April 2020. Monday 20th July 2020.**

### Holidays during Term Time

Can we please remind you that everyday in school matters and we would ask you to carefully consider when booking a holiday that it does not fall in school term time. The Head teacher can only authorise leave of absence in exceptional circumstances.

### Contact Details

We kindly ask that if you are changing your phone number or address you let us know as soon as possible, we usually find these have changed when we need to call you to let you know your child is unwell or to arrange a parent meeting. **Please ensure we have your up to date details at all times.** If we cannot get in contact with you we will work our way through the contact list you have provided the school with, especially when your child is unwell. This also applies to any medical information too. It is important that key information held on file is accurate to safeguard our children. If you are in doubt of anything, please contact the school office. Thank you.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We have one vacancy for a Parent Governor. Governors do not have to be experts or have experience in Education; what they need is to have an interest in the school and in the achievement and welfare of our children along with time and commitment to get involved. All Governors are required to have an enhanced DBS check.

### **Christmas Singing Performance at Stockton on 19th December 2019**

A big thank you and a very well done to all our children in Key Stage 2 who participated in the Christmas Singing Performance in Stockton Town Centre on Thursday 19th December 2019. All children were amazing and impeccably behaved throughout the evening. Also thanks to all the parents who came along to support us, it was lovely to see you all!

### **Parents Evening in March 2020 (Targeted)**

As most of you will have already met with your child's class teacher in October 2019. The purpose of this Parent's Evening is where the parents will be specifically invited in by the teacher should the teacher wish to discuss any specific concerns.

For Year 3/4, all parents will be invited to an appointment due to their Parents Evening being cancelled back in October 2019.

### **Electronic Communication**

In addition to sending out our newsletter in paper form, we are looking to also send it out via email.

We will send you out a link via text message, by responding to the text message with your email address, we will record your email address on our system and will start sending out our future newsletters to you electronically.

### **School Meals**

If you wish to change your child's dinner to or from school meals to pack lunch and vice versa, please contact the school office to give 2 weeks notice. School dinners cost £10.25 per week and should be paid for in advance on ParentPay. When dinner debt exceeds over £20.00 children will be required to bring in a packed lunch until the debt is paid. Unpaid debt will be reported to the local authority team and will result in official debt collection processes.

### **Communication Updates**

**Text Messages**—will be used to remind parents / carers of school wide events / activities. Will also be used to inform you of urgent messages.

**Class Dojo**— will be used by class teachers to inform and remind parents / carers of class specific messages. Updates of what children have been learning in class etc. If you don't have access to Class Dojo, please see your child's class teacher.

**Facebook**—will be used to promote and share good news stories and to publicise school achievements. Our Facebook page is Fishburn Primary School.

**School Website**—includes school policies and downloadable school forms.

**ParentPay Letters** - will be used to inform you about school trips or activities that require payment.

**Half Termly Newsletters** - will include important key dates.

### **After School Care Club**

Our After School Care Club is available to all school years from Reception to Year 6. The club runs Monday to Friday from 3.15 pm – 5.30 pm. The cost of After School Care Club is £3.50 from 3.15 pm to 4.30 pm or £4.50 from 3.15 pm to 5.30 pm.

### **Breakfast Club**

Our School Breakfast Club also runs on a daily basis during term time. Cost of Breakfast Club is £3.50 from 7.30 am or £3.00 from 8.00 am. For further information please contact the school office.

**For those who use our Breakfast Club/After School Care Club we ask that payment is made in advance via ParentPay. It is important that your Parent Pay Account remains in credit, where arrears of £25.00 is incurred, services maybe suspended until such debt is cleared.**

### **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding in school is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns, no matter how small, please inform us. Safeguarding leads are Mr D Eason (Head Teacher), Miss G Ferguson (Deputy Head), Mrs M Storey (Teacher) and Miss M Hockaday (School Business Manager).