

# Risdene Academy Weekly Newsletter

9th February 2018

Here we are at the end of the first half term of 2018 and what a busy term it has been. The children (and staff) have been working incredibly hard and have produced work they should be incredibly proud of. The disco last night was a huge success, attended by nearly 200 pupils. A massive thanks to all the staff that gave up their evening so the disco could go ahead. Please keep an eye on the dates for next term so you don't miss out on the events taking place. Wishing you all a lovely half term break.

**New Arrival** It is with absolute pleasure we can share the exciting news that on Saturday February 3rd at 5.45pm, Kerry Mills gave birth to a beautiful baby girl named Macey. We are absolutely delighted for her! Please keep an eye on the dates for next term so you don't miss out on the events taking place. Wishing you all a lovely half term break.

## **Attendance**

Our current whole school attendance week ending 9th February 2018 was 94.95% and our target is 96.5% or higher at the end of the year. This week's results were:

1<sup>st</sup> place - Rabbits with 97.78%

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Owls with 96.07%

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Red Kites with 96.00%

Attendance rewards took place yesterday. The children enjoyed a cupcake and a cup of squash. These attendance rewards are organised for the end of every half term, so if your child has not had 100% this

## **Forest Points**

Everyone has been working hard in lessons this week and have earned lots of forest points for their teams. Forest points are given out for a range of reasons including use of manners, positive behaviour choices and learning behaviour choices. This week's results were:

1st Place — Salcey with 1293, 2nd Place — Thetford with 1185, 3rd Place — Sherwood with 1131 and 4th Place—Rockingham with 789

## **Foundation Stage**

We had a very exciting start to our week, we were visited by two police officers and their police car. The children learnt lots about the role of a police officer and even got to sit inside the police car. We set off the siren which was very loud! In Mathematics the children have practised their addition skills and learnt about the symbols used in a number sentence. In Literacy we have continued using our phonic knowledge to write about fire fighters. We would like to say a big well done to all the children during our shopping trip to Lidl last week, their behaviour was exemplary. We hope you enjoy the half term holiday.

## **Year 1/2**

The children have worked hard this week showing off their comprehension and handwriting skills, each week the children are improving and trying so hard to get green ticks for their work. The children have really impressed us with their imaginative writing and we are putting this together to create a wonderful story and some art work to go along side this. The children have had great fun showing us how clever they are dividing and sharing, the children had active challenges and had to work in a team to problem solve the answers. We are looking forward to our trip that will generate some super learning. If not already done so please do make your payment to the office.

## **Year 3/4**

What a fantastic term we have had in Year 3/4 full of investigations! From studying our fingerprints with an analyst to studying chromatography, we have had an amazing time working as detectives to solve mysteries and crimes. We have concluded our learning journey by staging our own court, with a judge and jury for the 3 Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf. Our work on unit and non-unit fractions has been incredible and blown our socks off! We cannot wait to dive deeper into fractions after half term.

### Year 5/6

A fantastic end to Spring term 1. All the children have shown our values in one form or another. They are working hard in all areas of the curriculum and to end an amazing term we had the pleasure of looking (very closely) at rainforest animals. A massive thankyou for your contributions in allowing this to happen. We are all very much looking forward to what the next term will bring.

### Sporting Success:

Following on from my high praise last week for each classes attitude towards PE this term, I am excited to announce on the **2nd March** we will be having a visit from David Smith, the Scottish National Champion and Commonwealth Athlete for high jumping. The visit's purpose is to inspire the children to lead a more active lifestyle and raise money for the school's PE and sport provision. Each child has been asked to raise as much money as possible for taking part in a sponsored circuit with David on 2nd March, when they will participate in a variety of athletic and fitness challenges. A letter and sponsorship form has been sent home with your child today and we ask any money raised to be returned in an envelope to either the office or class teacher before the event. I am thoroughly looking forward to it. Mr Butler

### Key Notices and Reminders

**PE KITS:** Please remember PE Kits should be in school for the whole term! Can we also remind you that earrings must be removed for PE.

**OUTDOOR COATS:** With the unpredictability of the British weather, we politely ask parents to make sure that their child has a coat in school everyday as we would like the children to be outside at playtime and lunchtime as much as possible. Without the correct clothing this is not always feasible.

**PARKING:** Please can we politely ask that when dropping off and collecting your child/children you are not parked illegally and are mindful of where you are parking. Please do not park which would cause a hazard for our school children, residents, other road users and pedestrians. Thank you.

**SCHOOL DINNERS:** Please remember to order your school dinners for after half term by **midnight on Tuesday 13th February.**

### Key Dates for Your Diary for Term 3

<b>Friday 9th February</b> - Last day of term	<b>Monday 19th February</b> - School re-opens
<b>21st and 22nd February</b> -Parents Evening	<b>Thursday 1st March</b> - World Book Day
<b>Friday 2nd March</b> - Sponsored Circuit Event (See separate letter and sponsor form for more details)	<b>6th and 7th March</b> - Year 6 Bikeability
<b>Monday 19th March</b> -Year 1 &2 Hamerton Zoo Trip (Please make payment as soon possible)	<b>Thursday 29th March</b> - Last day of term
<b>Monday 16th April</b> - School re-opens	<b>Monday 7th May</b> - Bank Holiday (School Closed)
<b>Friday 25th May</b> - Last day of term	<b>Monday 4th June</b> - School re-opens
<b>Thursday 7th June</b> -Year 3&4 Warwick Castle Trip (Please could payment be made by Friday 29th March)	<b>Wednesday 18th July</b> - Last day of term