

#### Welcome back

Happy New Year to all our families. We hope you have all enjoyed the break. It is lovely to have everyone back in school and ready for the spring term.

### **NSPCC Numbers Day**

Numbers Day takes place on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** and is a full day of fun maths activities and tasks. We encourage the children to come to school that day dressed in non-uniform with a number, shape, symbol or pattern to represent the mathematical theme. A £1 contribution to this wonderful charity would be most appreciated.

### **Safer Internet Day**

This takes place on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.** The day begins with an assembly about the importance of internet safety; children will then continue this theme back in class using age appropriate resources throughout the day. Mrs Dundas will be sending further details and links for parents and carers to access at home.

# **Book Week, World Book Day and Book Fair**

The Book Fair will be delivered on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** and collected on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. All children will receive a £1 book voucher that can be redeemed against any of the books at the book fair or alternatively, can be used in book shops across the country. We will be holding our annual Book Week from **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March –Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March** which includes

World Book Day (Thursday 7th March)

#### **Parent/Carer Consultations**

We are holding the consultations **week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> March**. At this meeting, there is an opportunity to view your child's work prior to discussing progress with their teacher. Letters will be sent home with the children in the next couple of weeks so individual appointments can be made.

### **Friends of Westmoor Primary**

Happy New Year from the Friends of Westmoor. We are planning some fundraising activities this term, along with the launch of our new Facebook page! Details will be sent out very soon, so please keep a close watch on your emails.

The <u>5 pence challenge starts from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</u> - each class will have a 2-litre bottle to fill with 5 pence coins. The first class to fill theirs, or the class to have filled it the most by the end of this term, will get 20% of all money raised to spend on what they want for the classroom! All the remaining money will go towards upgrading the IT equipment across classrooms in the school.

Please start collecting and sending in 5 pence coins only, from Monday!! We are having our first meeting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 9am, if you would like to join the Friends, please contact Gemma James via the school office

#### **Eco Warriors**

We will be recruiting 3 children from KS1 as Eco Warriors to join the team. Our hope is be part of the Community Orchard Project which aims to access some of the Kings tree grant money to establish a community orchard here in Killingworth, the idea would be to have a publicly accessible orchard with off shoots in local schools,

We also have the support of our local councillors and expect this to garner public support as well

#### **Reminders**

Please ensure children do not wear jewellery, make-up or nail varnish for school and wear shoes as opposed to trainers on none PE days, as per uniform policy. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Mrs Tennant remains absent from school. Please forward any queries via the school office.

## **Update since Ofsted**

The whole staff have been working incredibly hard in Mrs Trundley's absence to continue to address the points raised within the Ofsted report. I am delighted to report that the curriculum and assessment documentation for all subjects has been reviewed and amended where necessary. As a school we have continued to engage with the governors, Local Authority and National Leaders to ensure that our actions are in line with Ofsted recommendations to secure a Good judgement at the next Ofsted inspection.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan Y6 SATs Meeting 5pm

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Jan Y6 Parent/Carer Consultations

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb NSPCC Numbers Day- dress up in numbers/shapes/patterns £1

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb Safer Internet Day

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Feb Book Fair

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Mar Book Week

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Mar World Book Day- dress up as book character

Tues 19th March Y3-5 Parent/Carer Consultations

Thurs 21st March- Nursery-Y2 Parent /Carer Consultations