



# Signpost

Dear Parents and Carers

Thanks to everyone who has bought a red nose for Comic Relief this year. We sold 200 red noses in four days! Unfortunately we have now totally sold out, but they are still available from Sainsbury's. On Red Nose Day (24<sup>th</sup> March) we will wear red and during the afternoon there will be a disco in the Junior hall.

We began the Parent Sharing sessions for the half term last week, as children in Reception invited their parents in to school. Lots of mums and dads enjoyed the activities so much that they really didn't want to leave at the end of the session! This week, children in Year Two shared their learning with parents and grandparents. This was followed by a session to explain the statutory assessments for Year Two, which take place during the summer term. Mrs Taylor distributed handouts of the presentation at the meeting and these are available on our website. Next week sees the turn of children in Year One to share their learning.

When we return from the half term break, parents are invited to attend a consultation meeting with their child's teacher. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's learning and progress. Meetings will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Appointment times will be available the week after half term – please ask your child's teacher or teaching assistant.

Before the half term break your child will be given a National Book Token for World Book Day. This can be swapped at Waterstones or WHSmith for a free book. There are some good ones to choose from this year! Look at the WBD website for more information: [www.worldbookday.org](http://www.worldbookday.org). On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day by wearing pyjamas or onesies to school and bringing our favourite bedtime story to share.

Recently we have noticed a number of children are arriving at school after 9am and missing the start of the school day. Even a few minutes missed each day means that your child may fall behind in their learning, as many classes start phonics or maths lessons at 9am. After half term, doors will open at 8.50am and will be locked at 9am (there will be a bell). Children arriving after the 9am bell will be required to sign in at the office and will be marked in the register as 'late'.

Next Friday we will say goodbye to one of our longest serving teachers. Mrs Funnell has taught children in every year group over the years, and has made the school look great with her creative artwork. Mrs Funnell is taking a break from teaching to focus on her art, and we wish her every success.

We break up next Friday (17<sup>th</sup> February) and return to school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Have a lovely half term break.

Allie Majer

**Class Attendance** – The percentage attendances for the week ending 23/01/17 **94.0%**

The 100% attendance sticker and certificate was not awarded this week.

Blue Class 93.8%, Yellow Class 91.6%, Red Class 85.3%, Orange Class 99.7%, Silver Class 97.7%, Purple Class 95.3%, Rainbow Class 99.3%, Green Class 95.9% and Pink Class 87.4%

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w/c 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017



**School dinner/packed lunch** – Please could we ask that one full week’s notice is given if you wish to change between school dinner and packed lunch.



**School Office** - Please note that the school office and telephone is staffed between 8.15am and 3.45pm. An answerphone service operates outside these hours.

**Cold weather** – As the weather is changeable and we are having increasing spells of cold and wet conditions, may I ask that all children have appropriate footwear and coats.

**Leave of absence** - If you need to take your child out of school (other than medical appointments), please complete a Leave of Absence Form (available from the school office). If the absence request is for a holiday, evidence of it being an ‘exceptional circumstance’ **must be submitted with the request.** Please return forms with a minimum of six weeks notice.

**The Signhills Blog** - The Signpost Newsletter is usually published on a Friday every two weeks. It will be available by email, on our school website and the Signhills blog. Paper copies will be available from the school office. We have established a Signhills blog - signhillsblog.wordpress.com – and we use this to let you know about events and activities in school in between each edition of the Signpost newsletter. Signpost will also be published here. There is a link on the website and blog so you can ‘follow’, and it is also linked to a Twitter feed - @signhillsblog. This is a good way to receive information to a second email address.

**Appointments** – If your child needs to attend an appointment for doctor, dentist, opticians or hospital during school time – I would be grateful if you could bring in the appointment card/letter to the School Office for us to copy for our records. Where possible these appointments should be made outside school hours.

**Pastoral Advice and Support** – If you have any concerns regarding your child’s academic, emotional and physical wellbeing, please see your child’s class teacher in the first instance. If you would like to speak to our learning mentor, Mrs Barrett, please make an appointment at the school office.

**PARKING** – When coming to or collecting from school, please can you ensure you park in a safe and appropriate place. **DO NOT** block dropped kerbs, stop/park on zig-zag lines or park on the corner of a road, all of which are an offence.

**Dogs** – Could we please remind you that dogs are NOT to be brought into the school or grounds, except for guide dogs. (This includes carrying your dog) If dogs are left outside the school, could we ask that for Health and Safety reasons they do not obstruct the pavement or entrances. Thank you.

**Sainsburys Vouchers** – we have once again registered for this scheme. If you or your family receive any vouchers with your shopping, would you be kind enough to send them into school with your child; there is a collection box in the school office.



**School Crossing**



Mark does an excellent job of helping us all to stay safe on the way to and from school. Could we ask that you demonstrate safe crossing to your child and use Mark to cross the road each day. We are very lucky to have him.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – TERM 3 AND 4**

**Please keep a note of these dates in your diary.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>FITC – Year 1</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 27 <sup>th</sup> March (10 weeks) Collect from Hall <b>4.20pm</b>	<b>Yoga – All Year Groups</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 4 <sup>th</sup> April (10 weeks) Collect from Hall <b>4.10pm</b> No session on 7 <sup>th</sup> March due to Parent Consultations	<b>Martial Arts – Year 1 &amp; Year 2</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar (10 weeks) Collect from Hall <b>4.10pm</b>	<b>Recorders – Year 1 &amp; Year 2</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr (9 weeks) Lunchtime club No session on 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb
<b>Lego Club – Year 2/Group 1</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb (5 weeks) Collect from Year 1 door <b>4.10pm</b>			<b>Choir – All Year Groups</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr (10 weeks) No session on 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb Collect from Year 1 door <b>4.00pm</b>
<b>Lego Club – Year 2/Group 2</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar (5 weeks) Collect from Year 1 door <b>4.10pm</b>			<b>Fit n Fun – Year 1 &amp; Year 2</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar (9 weeks) Collect from Hall <b>4.10pm</b> No session on 9 <sup>th</sup> March due to Parent Consultations



DIARY DATES

<u>February</u>	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Parent Sharing Session 2.30pm – 3.10pm
	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Celebration Assembly Year 1 Super Hero Dress-up Day End of Term 3. - 3.10pm
<u>March</u>	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 4
	Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photographs
	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Book Day – wear pyjamas or onesies to school
	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2 Celebration Assembly Year 1 Multi-skills
	Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations 2.00pm – 6.00pm
	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations 2.00pm – 5.30pm
	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Celebration Assembly
	Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Singing Festival
	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Celebration Assembly
	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Celebration Assembly Red Nose Day
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Easter Play – more details to follow	
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Easter Play – more details to follow	
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Easter Play – more details to follow	
<u>April</u>	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 4



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