

5th January 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great Christmas and new year. The children certainly seem to have been keeping themselves busy and Father Christmas has been very generous. Below are some notices relating to the start of the term. We will continue to use the online 'Signhills News' and the playground notice boards to share information; I would urge you all to use these to stay up to date. The Signhills News site can be found at signhillsblog.wordpress.com (there is also a link on the school website) and you can 'follow' the site to have updates automatically sent to an email address. For Twitter users, you can follow us at @signhillsblog. We will also continue to use paper letters and texts as appropriate.

Parents' Evening

This term's parents' evenings will take place on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th February. Your child will bring a letter home to arrange the appointment.

Open Numeracy Lessons

You, or other family members, are invited to work alongside your child in a 'normal' numeracy lesson. Please limit participants to a maximum of two adults per child and do not bring younger siblings.

Year 3	Monday 22nd January	09:05 – 09:45
Year 4	Tuesday 23rd January	09:05 – 09:45
Year 5	Tuesday 23rd January	09:05 – 09:45
Year 6	Thursday 25th January	09:05 – 09:45

Please use the main entrance to attend your child's open numeracy lesson.

Class Assemblies

We have moved some school sessions around to improve the flow of the school day. As part of this, assemblies have moved to an afternoon. The assemblies, which are a brief opportunity for the children to share their learning, will take place at 2:50pm this term. A list of the class assembly dates are shown below. I realise that, for childcare reasons, it is sometimes necessary for younger siblings to come to the assemblies. Could I ask that, to avoid disrupting the assembly, if they become unsettled they are taken into one of the wings / corridor. Please come through the main entrance if you are able to join us.

Thursday 25 th January	2:50pm	Dolphins, Miss Thompson
Thursday 1 st February	2:50pm	Lobsters, Mr Scott
Thursday 8 th February	2:50pm	Sharks, Mrs Chapman
Half term		
Tuesday 27 th February	2:50pm	Swordfish, Mrs Abbott
Thursday 1 st March	2:50pm	Turtles, Mrs Hollamby
Tuesday 6 th March	2:50pm	Manta Rays, Mrs Ibbotson
Thursday 8 th March	2:50pm	Starfish, Mrs Willett
Tuesday 13 th March	2:50pm	Barracudas, Miss Farr
Thursday 15 th March	2:50pm	Jellyfish, Mr Funnell
Tuesday 20 th March	2:50pm	Sea Lions, Miss Clarke
Thursday 22 nd March	2:50pm	Seals, Miss Treadgold
Tuesday 27 th March	2:50pm	Sea Horses, Miss Mortimer

Year 5 Production

Year 5 are hard at work preparing their production - 'Keymaster'. There will be 3 performances for adults taking place on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday 30th January and the morning of Wednesday 31st January. We are excited to be able to use the new auditorium seating for the first time. We will be using the Eventbrite website / app to allocate tickets for the event. More details will follow in a separate letter for Year 5.

Term Dates

Just to remind you that we break for half-term on Friday 9th of February and the children return on Tuesday 20th February. The last day before the Easter break is Thursday 29th March.

Enrichment Opportunities

We are continuing to offer children the opportunity to attend sporting and performing arts events around the country. We are currently arranging visits to the 2018 British Gymnastics Championships in Liverpool on the 9th March, Hairspray in Hull on 26th April, Gangsta Granny in Grimsby on the 7th June and the T20 Blast Cricket in Derby on the 8th July. Eligible children who express an interest will bring letters home nearer the time for each event. If you are aware of any events that you think would be suitable for us to add to the list, please get in touch.

If you have any questions about any of the events, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Carr
Headteacher