

the newsletter @Pott Shrigley School

Friday 2nd February 2018





A Moment for Reflection

The real act of discovery consists not in finding new lands, but seeing with new eyes.

*Marcel Proust,
1871—1922: French novelist, critic, and essayist*

Lunches from Kettleshulme Primary School

There was a great deal of positive feedback regarding the lunches which were provided by Kettleshulme Primary School on our return in January. I have passed the feedback onto Mrs Ford, who cooks the meals at Kettleshulme and she was extremely pleased.

KS2 SATs

The KS2 SATs takes place during the week of 14 May. These tests have to take place during this week, at specific times—we have no discretion to alter any of the arrangements. To support the children between now and May, no absences will be authorised for children in Year 6 from this point.

Governing Body Meetings

The next meeting of the full governing board will be on Tuesday 13th March. The meeting is in two parts. Part one is open to members of the public and part two is confidential and only for members of the governing board.

NSPCC

It's important to keep children safe on-line. Please have a look at the linked website for some tips on how you can help.

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online

Supporting Mental Health

Mental health problems can affect up to 1 in 10 children. Some of these problems are caused because children worry about the world in which they live. The link below helps deal with some of the scary news we see on TV or hear about on the radio.

www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/talking-to-your-children-scary-world-news

Staffing

Last month we interviewed a strong core of candidates for a teaching assistant & mid-day assistant post. Mrs Mia Bradley was the successful candidate and will be joining the staff team from next Monday. We hope you will welcome her to the school. A letter was sent to parents last month to remind you that Mrs Sinclair will leave the school at half-term and Mr David Parkinson will join us for the remainder of the academic year.

RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch

The children are taking part in the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch which involves counting the number of birds in the school grounds. The results will be entered online and the results will contribute to the Big Garden Birdwatch—the world's largest wildlife

PTA Meeting and Film Night

The PTA are meeting this Friday 2nd February at 5.30 pm in the Village Hall bar. There will be a film and pizza for the children. The film showing is 'The Emoji Movie'. All welcome.

Family Service

The next Family Service is on Sunday 11th February 2018 at St. Christopher's Church at 10.45am. All families welcome to join us.

Celebration Assembly

On Friday 16th February we are holding a Celebration Assembly followed by tea/coffee. The assembly starts at 9.00am and tea and coffee will be served afterwards up to 10.30 am.

All parents and grandparents are very welcome to attend.

Half-term

We finish for half-term at the end of Friday 16th February. Monday 26th February is an INSET day and children return to school on Tuesday 27th February.



Dates for the Diary

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| Friday 2nd February | - PTA Meeting and Film Night |
| Tuesday 6th February | - Fidler Music Lessons |
| Tuesday 6th February | - No swimming this week |
| Thursday 8th February | - Road Safety Talk Y5 & Y6 |
| Sunday 11th February | - Family Service 10.45 a.m. |
| Monday 12th February | - Class 2 Trip to Legoland |
| Tuesday 13th February | - Fidler Music Lessons |
| Tuesday 13th February | - Swimming Lessons Y3—Y5 |
| Friday 16th February | - Celebration Assembly 9.00 a.m.
followed by tea, coffee and cake
All parents, grandparents welcome. |
| Friday 16th February | - School closes for half-term |
| Monday 26th February | - INSET day |
| Tuesday 27th February | - School re-opens for pupils |
| Tuesday 27th February | - Thinking Day
Uniform day for Rainbows/Guides
& Beavers/Scouts |
| Tuesday 27th February | - Fidler Music Lessons |
| Tuesday 27th February | - Swimming Lessons Y3—Y5 |
| Weds. 28th February | - Parents' Evening Classes 1 & 2
Details to follow. |