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NEWSLETTER No 4

FUNDRAISING

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated, attended and supported us in our fundraising events over Christmas. We managed to raise a fantastic £2183 at our Christmas fair which will go towards our school fund. £705 was raised for the children's hospital through donations at our nursery Christmas play.

OPEN EVENING

Letters recently went out about our upcoming parents open evenings. The evenings are being held on Tuesday 14th February and Thursday 16th February from 3:30-6:15pm - if you haven't already made an appointment, please make sure you do so soon.

SPORTS TOURNAMENTS



It's been a very busy month in school, with the children attending lots of different sporting competitions and events. We have taken part in an SEN sports festival, a football tournament, a 'Change 4 Life' workshop and we look forward to attending an athletics tournament and a dodgeball tournament later this half term.

FUN TO COOK

Taylor Shaw, the company that provide our school meals have been running 'Fun to Cook' sessions with Y4. This has been a great success and staff hope to carry this on until July. The children enjoy cooking with Debbie and Lesley and receive a certificate after the 4 week course.

LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost any item - please have a look in the lost property drawers which are located under the TV screen on the ground floor (opposite the main office desk). Please can you also make sure that you write your child's name inside their belongings so that we can try to return them to their rightful owner.

ON-LINE SAFETY

We will be holding some more online safety workshops for parents in the near future - watch out for further information! Our online safety leaflets are available in the reception area of school, please help yourself if you haven't already got one.

WEBSITES

We will try to put some good websites for children into each newsletter. This month's websites are:

- Topmarks (maths website)
- Phonics Play (has a section for parents with some free games)

We already use Phonics Play in school so the children are familiar with it.

ATTENDANCE

Please ring school on 0114 2551704 before 9.30am if your child is absent from school because of illness. Please also try to make doctors and dentist appointments outside of school hours. We understand that sometimes this is not possible and if you do have to take your child out of school - please see the office staff for an authorisation slip.

TERM TIME LEAVE



Please remember, the current law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time. Any application for leave can only be given in exceptional circumstances. If you are considering taking your child out of school in term time you **must** come in to school and discuss it with Evelyn **BEFORE** you book tickets. Parents can be fined for taking their child out of school during term time.

HOLIDAY CHILDCARE

Childcare is available during the half term holidays for either £5 per hour or £9 for a half day session (morning or afternoon). For more information or to book a place please speak to Debbie or Waeeda.

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

Please note that school will be closed for a curriculum day on **Friday 17th February**.

The children will break up from school on **Thursday 16th February** and return to school after the half term holidays on **Monday 27th February**.