

Welcome back to another exciting half term at The Mill!



Please continue to collect as many as you can for play time equipment for our school. Closing date: 5th May 2015

### Traffic problems

We have had a number of 'near misses' around the entrance of the school due to people double parking and driving carelessly. We do appreciate how difficult parking is but there is no solution other than to park further away, walk or get the bus.



Additionally it has been reported that a number of people are coming on to the school site at the start and end of the day without a permit to do so. At these busy times of the day there are many children from both the school and nursery and increased traffic on the site means further risk to the children.

Our priority is the safety of the children on and around our school site. We appreciate your support in this matter.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### World Book Day

Thursday 5th March—dress as your favourite book character and help us to become a 'community of readers'

#### Non-Uniform Day

Monday 9th March— Please bring £1 or any donation towards the Mothers' Day Sale.

#### Friends of The Mill Mothers' Day Sale

Thursday 12th March—Children can bring £1.50 to purchase gifts for their mums.

#### Parents Evening

Tuesday 17th March 3.20-6.00 or Wednesday 18th March 4.00-6.30.

Please see the letter with further details to follow shortly.

#### Year 2 SATs Meeting

Wednesday 25th March 3.10

#### Easter Assemblies

Tuesday 24th March 9.00—Yr 3/4/5/6

Wednesday 25th 9.00 am— Reception, Yr1 & Yr 2

### Year 6 SATs Meeting

Thank you very much to all those who attended the Year 6 SATs meeting this week. It was really great to see so many of you there to find out how best to support your child at this crucial time.

If you were unable to attend this meeting and require further information please complete the reply slip overleaf and return to the boxes outside the school office.

Mrs Bono and the Year 2 Team will also be holding a Year 2 SATs meeting on Wednesday 25th March at 3.10pm.

We encourage as many of you as possible to attend.

## World Book Day

Thursday 5th March

Reminder: This year we will be celebrating World Book Day with an exciting visit by MP Robertson who has written many wonderful books such as *The Egg* and *The Sandcastle*.

Children are also invited to come in costume dressed as their favourite book character.

A letter will follow shortly which will outline this year's theme of 'a community of readers'.



## Staffing News

*Mrs Scott*

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Scott who is returning to Northern Ireland. This is a very exciting opportunity for her and, while she will be missed here at The Mill, we wish her all the very best for the future.

*Mr Whiting*

We are very sad to say that Mr Whiting will be leaving the school at the end of this term. I am sure you would like to join us in thanking Mr Whiting for his tireless efforts in ensuring our site is safe and best meets the needs of our children.

Please be assured that recruitment arrangements are in hand and we will let you know as soon as we have confirmed appointments.

## Concerns

Please be aware that your concerns are very important to us. We have an 'open door' policy and staff go the extra mile to listen to parents when concerns arise. There are certain times of the day, however, when it is not appropriate to have an unscheduled meeting with the teacher, e.g. at the beginning of the day when children are present. Please make an appointment after school if you need time to speak to your child's teacher about concerns. If there is a serious issue your teacher needs to know about, please alert the school office who will pass this on to your child's teacher and the Senior Leadership Team if appropriate and we will respond as soon as possible.

## Year 6 SATs Information

I was unable to attend the Year 6 SATs meeting and would like further information regarding how best to support my child.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return to the school office via the post box