



18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## Newsletter 11

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Year 3 Singfest Concert

Thank you to all of the parents who have ordered tickets for the Singfest concert on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. We have a coach booked and everything is in place for the children. After discussions with parents, a further letter will be sent out to outline any support/provision for siblings in school while parents are watching the concert.

### Valentine Disco

A fabulous time was had by all of the children last night at the Valentine Disco. It is lovely that the children are able to mix, play and dance together in the hall. Thank you to all of the support from staff and MPSA parents. We even had children sharing flowers and chocolates with each other. Super cute!

### Bikeability

Many of our Year 4,5,6 children took part in level 1 and level 2 bikeability sessions last week. The children learned many vital skills about riding a bike safely in the community and also information about bike safety. We had our fingers crossed that it was dry and not too cold! Well, it was dry but it was VERY cold. The children were brilliant, as were the staff who joined them on their training.

### Playground Pals

Our Year 6 Prefects have an added responsibility after half term. We have re-introduced our playground pals at lunchtime. This was suspended due to the Covid outbreak but we are now in a position to reintroduce it. The children will be available every lunchtime for children from Year 5 and below to talk to and explain any problems that they might have.

All of the Prefects have received support and training on how to support other children and also what to do if they feel that they cannot help or they are worried that it needs an adult involved. This is something that we have introduced previously and it was very successful.

### Staffing update-

Mr Wilding has recently left the school, he has retired after being our site manager for nearly 15 years. We wish him well.

Also leaving us just after half term is Miss Holden. We are sad to see her go as she has been an integral part of the school team a number of years as a parent, member of staff and governor. Miss Holden is changing her career and is moving into the NHS and supporting adults with their mental health. She will be missed by all of the staff, children and parents. I am sure you will join us and wish her well.

### Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)-

Keep an eye out for our latest developments next half term. We plan to introduce scooters for the children to play on. They will have their own storage area with cones and tyres so children can create their own circuits/tracks. We will also be offering different ball games for the children on the MUGA. Children will be able to play games such as netball and dodgeball.

We would like to ask parents for support with a plea for resources. If you can bring in any old boxes, crates, pipes, guttering, suitcases, pots and pans that would be wonderful.

### Diary Dates Ahead

18-2-22 SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM
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28-2-22 SCHOOL OPENS AFTER HALF TERM
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1-3-22 Knutsford school council meeting
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2-3-22 Spring term Parents evening 1
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9-3-22 Spring term parents evening 2
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15-3-22 Schools to visit MP to observe our
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OPAL provision
16-3-22 Spring term SEND parents evening
25-3-22 Year 3 Singfest Concert
(28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> )-3-22 Year 4 residential to Menai
1-4-22 SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER

19-4-22 SCHOOL OPENS AFTER EASTER
9-5-22 KS2 SATS week until 12-5-22
(16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> )-5-22 Year 6 residential to Menai
20-5-22 (Saturday) OPAL play festival
26-5-22 (Thursday) SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM- a day early due to Queen Jubilee

Yours Faithfully,  
 Simon Cotterill - Academy Principal