



I can't believe we are over half way through this half term already! I'm not sure where the time has gone! I have been so impressed with the children, especially with the additional measures we have had to introduce in some classes this half term. Thank you also to our families for their great communication where children haven't been able to attend school and for their continued support.

## Dates for the diary ■■■

Here are some of our spring term dates. We will update you with any more that we add to our plans!

Multicultural Market Day	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5/6 Pathfinders Project <i>More information to follow</i>	Week beginning 14 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring Term Clubs start (hopefully!)	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closes for Half Term	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February
INSET Day	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March <i>(error on last newsletter!)</i>

## ■■■ Read, Write Inc.



The children have continued to show a great attitude in our new Read, Write Inc. phonics groups. Last week, Mrs Jones and I read with all the children ready to place them in the correct group to start the reading part of these lessons. It was fantastic to see the great progress the children are already making! As staff, we have completed the rest of our Read, Write Inc. training and next week we will be starting slightly longer sessions, which for most groups will include learning to use the sounds we know to read a storybook as well. We will be in touch shortly with more details about the new reading books the children will be beginning to bring home soon.

## ■■■ Spring Term Clubs

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for Spring Term Clubs. Apologies again for the delayed start to these due to us needing to follow advice from Public Health to keep some of our classes separate. We are now seeing a drop in Covid cases and other illnesses in school and if this continues, we planning to start clubs on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February**. These will run for 6 sessions this term - 2 weeks before half term and 4 sessions after half term. They will finish on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. If you haven't already returned the slip for your child to take part in a club this term and they would like to, please do this via the office before Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Thank you ☺





## Mersey Forest Planting Day



We had a great time taking part in planting our very own tiny forest last week, which I am sure you have seen if you enter the school from the main entrance. The children participated fantastically, and in time, we hope for all classes to be able to take part in the upkeep of this area and to use it as part of their learning.

## Safety on the School Site



Please can I ask for your support in keeping our school site safe for everyone during busy times, including drop off and pick up times. We are getting increasingly worried about families and children walking through the car park at busy times when vehicles are arriving on site.

- Please can everyone who enters the school via the main entrance on Ashville Road, use the small gate and pathway to do. Please do not walk through the carpark.
- If children arrive to school on their bike or scooter, they must get off this before they enter the school site and walk with this down the path. They must not ride through the carpark area of the school, as this is not safe.
- Please do not drive onto the school site to drop off or collect children.
- Please use the pram store opposite nursery to store prams. Bikes and scooters need to be taken home or placed in the bike rack at the side of the school please.

Thanks everyone ☺



## Multicultural Market Day

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February, Years 1-6 will be taking part in Multicultural Market afternoon. MEAS (Minority Ethnic Achievement Service) will be setting up different 'stalls' in the school hall, each celebrating a different culture. Each class will have a slot of time to visit, and children should get to visit at least 2 stalls during this time to take part in various activities.

At least one of the activities will involve food tasting (this is planned to be tomato bread). If you do not wish your child to take part in this food tasting, please inform your child's class teacher via Class Dojo before Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February, so that they can let the organisers know on the day. We are really looking forward to this event, I'm sure the children will be too!

Thanks everyone,

Helen Holbrook (Headteacher)