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## **Word of the Month - Respect**

Dear Parents and Carers,

A fundraising jumble sale is being held at 74<sup>th</sup> Oak Street Scouts hut on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 10.30 – 1.30 pm. The funds raised are for the George Parson's Touchstone memorial. George's loss, as a past pupil, has been felt keenly by the school and the local community. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please take them to the scout hut on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April between 1pm and 4.30 pm. Alternatively, bring them along on Saturday morning before the jumble sale opens.

Any cakes or buns received will be more than welcome for the jumble café. Many thanks for your support. There will also be raffle tickets on sale in the school playground – keep bringing your change!

### **Disco Thanks:**

Many thanks to the Carfield Friends who organized the Spring disco. The children had a superb time and really enjoyed the forest theme and the popcorn! The parents also enjoyed the opportunity to relax in the modular while they waited for the event to finish. Thanks to everyone who supported the event. It is a real bonus for the children to have opportunities such as these.

### **STEM Week:**

The Science Technology Engineering and Technology Week was excellent. The children had creative opportunities to explore all manner of subjects across the school. Each class elected STEM Ambassadors to describe their learning and the children explained their learning very well! The enjoyment of the event was obvious in every classroom and we shall ensure that we hold a STEM week every year. Many thanks to the staff for their enthusiasm and additional commitment.

### **Mermaids and Pirates Y3/4 Production:**

The Y3/4 children performed their production brilliantly – it was very good fun. The songs were memorable and catchy while being sung with gusto and enjoyment. As the children performed three times, they were very accomplished and we would like to congratulate the children and the staff for their enthusiasm. We could have taken it on tour!

### **Curriculum Development Update:**

Our Governing Body take a keen interest in how the subjects of the new curriculum are delivered. This year we have been focusing on our maths teaching and using a new resource in school called Numicon. The children use the Numicon as a visual resource to help them with their calculations. Our Maths Link Governor, Dan Heller visited the classes in KS2 to see the children's work and how they were responding to our new methods. His report to Governors is very positive. We have also been improving our PE provision and varying the children's experiences following a teacher training day in January. The children and teachers have been very enthusiastic in all of the lessons observed and we hope that we will soon have inter – year challenges and tournaments. We are also focusing on presentation and handwriting with a view to our children taking a pride in their work. The children's books and classrooms are looking impressive. We plan to refurbish parts of the KS2 building over the summer and the outdoor area of the middle playground.

**Our Class Assemblies are held on Friday mornings at 9.15 am:**

**Next term we have assemblies from:**

**22/4/16 – Y1LD**

**29/04/16 – Y1SG**

**13/05/16 – Y1SB**

**20/05/16 – Y2HC**

**16/06/16 – Y2 NA (Thursday)**

School Photographer:

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – Class

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 - Individuals

**3 more Training Days 2015/16**

**27<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**Training Days 2016 -17**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**SATS WEEK – 9<sup>th</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – English Reading**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – English Grammar Spelling and Punctuation**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Arithmetic and Reasoning Paper 1**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Reasoning Paper 2**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Showroom Film Outing!**

**Yippee!**



**Last half term the whole of Year 5 prepared for and sang at the Spring-themed concert at the University of Sheffield. They were great ambassadors for Carfield, as always!**

#### **Farewell:**

We congratulate Miss. Malcolmson who has supported Key Stage 1 who leaves us next Friday for a Post at Mundella School. We hope that she will be very happy in her new school and we will miss her!



**The Nursery children enjoyed building bridges to rescue the animals on the flooded farm inspired by the story of Dora's Eggs.**

Q: There are a lot of children playing football in the Y3/4 yard in the mornings and sometimes their balls come close to where parents wait.  
A: We have reminded all the children that if they are playing football on the yard in the morning they need to only kick it at the bottom end of the yard (near the modular) and to be respectful towards adults and other children in the yard. We also limit football to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday so that other games can be given space on the playground.

Q: My child doesn't seem to have brought any homework for a while/Does my child still have a weekly learning log task?

A: All children have a letter inside their learning logs explaining the expectations for their year group. Weekly tasks are reading (4 times), spellings and My Maths. Learning log tasks are now handed in fortnightly, some year groups give a suggestion list to choose tasks from, other year groups give a set task.

If you have any further questions please speak to a member of staff or use one of our communication boxes (main entrance and outside staff room). Thank you.

