**Luxulyan School Newsletter**

**Friday 20 January 2017**

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**Please note some activities/events are not connected to Luxulyan School and parents should undertake their own checks as to the suitability of the providers/activities.**

**Ash Class**

Class One have been really enjoying learning about the Polar Regions for the last few weeks. We have looked at the different animals there, and how they have adapted to live in the cold, the Inuit people and how their lives are different (and similar) and finally we have been looking at different ways to describe the weather; both here and in the Polar Regions.

We have been learning the story of Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers, about a boy who finds a penguin at his door and attempts to take it back home to the South Pole.  Now we almost know it off by heart. Next week we will adapt the story to change the animal and the setting.

**Miss Coffee**

**Beech Class**

The children from Beech Class have written invitations for their chosen adults to watch them perform some poetry next Friday, which should come home in their book bags.

Next week they will be going out on Wednesday 25 January in the local environment as part of their topic ‘Through the Keyhole’. They will be exploring and investigating using history detective skills. Please make sure you return signed permission slips. More information to follow.

This week the children have finished the Maths topic on the theme of ‘Time’. They are enjoying ‘the Secret Garden’ book and have been thinking about life for children in the Victorian/Edwardian era.

Year 2 children have really enjoyed composing some music after listening to the Nutcracker Suite.

**Sycamore Class**

Happy New Year to everyone!

Over the past two weeks, Sycamore Class has been really enjoying *Dragons - Are They Fact or Fiction?* (their new topic) which has certainly evoked some interesting discussions and produced some fabulous pieces of poetry and verse. I remain amazed at the amount of home learning the topic has generated and would like to thank all parents and carers for encouraging their children to enjoy exploring and discovering new things at home.

In Maths, we have been concentrating on the times tables; 3 and 4 in particular and gradually we are getting better at solving multi-step problems using our multiplication facts to help us. Times Tables Rock Stars is an ideal way for children to practise their tables in a fun way so I would like to see more children participating in the games. (Log-ins can be found in the front of home- learning books)

Finally, for our Art and Design Technology lessons I would welcome any small egg boxes and plastic water bottles. These will be used by the children to make ‘*Pneumatic Dragons’* next week.

**Mrs Mileham**

**Oak Class**

Every Monday up to half term, Oak Class are having brass music lessons with Mr Howard. Last Monday, we were put into groups and had to make a tune only using eight notes. They were C, D, E and F.

We really like having music lessons with Mr Howard. This Term is going to be very exciting.

**Lily T and Elle M**

**Parent Evenings**

**Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 January 2017 –**

**Class 1 Ash, Class 2 Beech, Class 3 Sycamore**

**Tuesday 31 January and Thursday 2 February 2017 – Class 4 – Oak**

Sign up sheets in reception.

**SEND Meetings**

SEND meeting are taking place soon for parents of children on the SEND register. If you cannot make your allocated appointment, please ensure you speak to your child’s class teacher or Mrs Grubb, to rearrange to a time that suits you. If you have a SEND Meeting arranged, there is no need to attend Parents Evening.

**Suitable Clothing**

Please can parents ensure that their child is dressed in clothing suited to colder winter days. There are a number of children who arrive at school without suitable attire. Thank you.

**Water in Water Bottles**

Please could you ensure that children only have water in their drink bottles rather than juice. This is to encourage healthy eating and drinking during the school day.

**Attendance**

Good attendance is vital if a child is going to make strong educational progress. Every year we have children who cause concern regarding their achievement in school and, often, poor attendance has played a significant part in

this. Whilst we understand illness cannot be avoided and we do not want you to send your child to school if they are unwell, we do want to work with you to continue to improve the attendance of our pupils.

Please can you ensure that you phone the school office first thing in the morning when you know your child will be absent from school due to illness.

**Absence Requests**

If you need to request an absence for your child please note you need to complete an Absence Request Form. These are available from the office and need to be completed in plenty of time.

**Lost Property**

We have a lost property box in the office for clothes/items which have been lost and are not labelled. If your child has lost anything please check with Mrs Grubb.

**Medicines**

Please be aware that we are only allowed to administer medicine that has been prescribed by a doctor.

Any medicine which must be taken during school time must have the correct forms completed which you can obtain for the school office.

**Year 6 National Tests**

**Week Beginning – Monday 8th May 2017**

For your information, the date of the SATs for next year will be the week beginning Monday 8th May 2017. Any absence should be avoided during this very important week.

**Parking Issues**

We have received a complaint from a local resident about parent’s parking at school home time. Please can you be considerate to residents.

**Free School Meals**

Many of our families are eligible to apply for free school meals, but may not be aware of it. If you meet the criteria, you can also apply for Free School Meals if your child is in the infants as it brings more funding for pupils into the school.

Free School Meals are available to any full-time student who is still at school and eligible. This includes nursery children who attend full days and also sixth form students. You can get Free School Meals for your child if you or your partner gets either: Universal Credit

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to free school lunches. Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also eligible to receive Free School Meals.

**Please claim if you are eligible as it brings additional funding for the school.**

[https://www.gov.uk/**apply**-**free**-**school**-**meals**](https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals)

**DATES**

**January**

**Monday 30 and Tuesday 31January**– Class 1,2,3,

Parents Evening

**Tuesday 31 January and Thursday 2 February 2017** – Parents Evening - Class 4

**February**

**Monday 6th February** – Internet Safety Week

Hinduism/Sikhism Workshop Oak and Beech Class

**Friday 10th February** – Last day of half term

**Monday 20th February** – Return to School

**March**

**Thursday 2nd March** – World Book Day

**Friday 24th March** – Red Nose Day – non uniform

**Friday 31st March** – Last Day – Normal finish time

**Staff Training Days – Closed to pupils**

Monday 26 June 2017 **– Please note that Friday 10 February 2017 is NOT a Staff training day**

Friday 20 October 2017

Monday 30 October 2017

Tuesday 31 October 2017

Monday 23 July 2018

Tuesday 24 July 2018

