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> Weekly Newsletter Friday 14th February 2014



Following in Jesus' footsteps... We pray together We play together We learn together

















What's happened this week?

Y4 Together Day

Many thanks to everyone who came along for the Together Day on Tuesday. The children had a wonderful time and it was lovely to see so many of you. We hope you enjoyed your time with us.

IPad Day

The children in the Y2 class had a lovely day with Mr Alan Ellis today and carried on their topic work of the local area.

Rainbow Market

Many thanks to everyone who came along and supported the Rainbow Market yesterday. We had wonderful support and will let you know after half term how much we raised towards school funds.

Kingswood & SATs Meeting

Many thanks to everyone who came along to the meeting tonight with Miss Ashdown to hear more about the KS2 tests and the forthcoming trip to Kingswood. I'm sure the children will have a fabulous time and we look forward, as ever, to their tales upon their return.

Football

On Monday a team of Y3 boys attended the Everton football tournament. They scored lots of goals and came in a very successful third place. Well done to all.

Also, on Wednesday, a selected team of Y5 and Y6 boys attended a football tournament at Liverpool Academy. They all gave 100% and had a great time. Well done.

Holidays in School Term

On 1st September, the Education Regulations 2013 came into force changing the rules about term-time holidays. This change was discussed at our Full Governor Meeting on Wednesday 9th October. The amendments specify that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless it is considered under 'exceptional circumstances'.

The Governing Body have agreed to support this process and have asked that all letters asking for permission and detailing reasons why such a request has been made be brought to a small committee so a decision can be made.

In order to support this process, we would ask that parents/carers give at least 1 term's notice so this request can be put to Governors.

Parents/Carers will receive a letter notifying them of the decision made.

Arrangements for collecting children

It is important that if your child is to be collected from school by someone other than yourself, you must inform the class teacher in the morning, or contact the school office. Staff will not be able to allow your child to leave with anyone without prior notice.

What's coming up soon?

Fairtrade Week

The children in Y4 will be organising Fairtrade week commencing on Monday 24th February. More information to follow.

Parent Meetings, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6

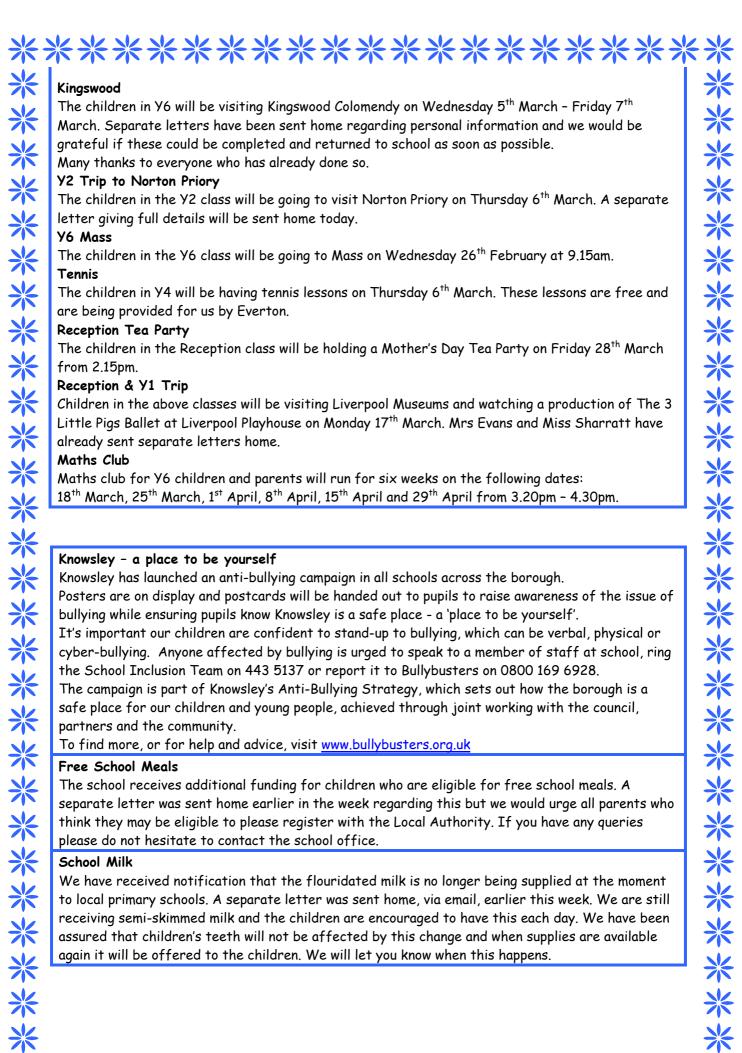
We will be holding Parent Meetings on Monday 3rd March. A separate letter, regarding appointment times, has been sent home today.

Reception Parent Meetings

Mrs Evans will be holding her Parent meetings on Monday 24th February. A separate letter has already been sent home by Mrs Evans with details and you should all have your times for your appointments now. If you have not, please speak to Mrs Evans.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 5^{th} March this year. We will be holding a service in school at 11am for the children.



letter giving full details will be sent home today.

Y6 Mass

The children in the Y6 class will be going to Mass on Wednesday 26th February at 9.15am.

Tennis

The children in Y4 will be having tennis lessons on Thursday 6th March. These lessons are free and are being provided for us by Everton.

Reception Tea Party

The children in the Reception class will be holding a Mother's Day Tea Party on Friday 28th March from 2.15pm.

Reception & Y1 Trip

Children in the above classes will be visiting Liverpool Museums and watching a production of The 3 Little Pigs Ballet at Liverpool Playhouse on Monday 17th March. Mrs Evans and Miss Sharratt have already sent separate letters home.

Maths Club

Maths club for Y6 children and parents will run for six weeks on the following dates: 18th March, 25th March, 1st April, 8th April, 15th April and 29th April from 3.20pm - 4.30pm.

Knowsley - a place to be yourself

Knowsley has launched an anti-bullying campaign in all schools across the borough.

Posters are on display and postcards will be handed out to pupils to raise awareness of the issue of bullying while ensuring pupils know Knowsley is a safe place - a 'place to be yourself'.

It's important our children are confident to stand-up to bullying, which can be verbal, physical or cyber-bullying. Anyone affected by bullying is urged to speak to a member of staff at school, ring the School Inclusion Team on 443 5137 or report it to Bullybusters on 0800 169 6928.

The campaign is part of Knowsley's Anti-Bullying Strategy, which sets out how the borough is a safe place for our children and young people, achieved through joint working with the council, partners and the community.

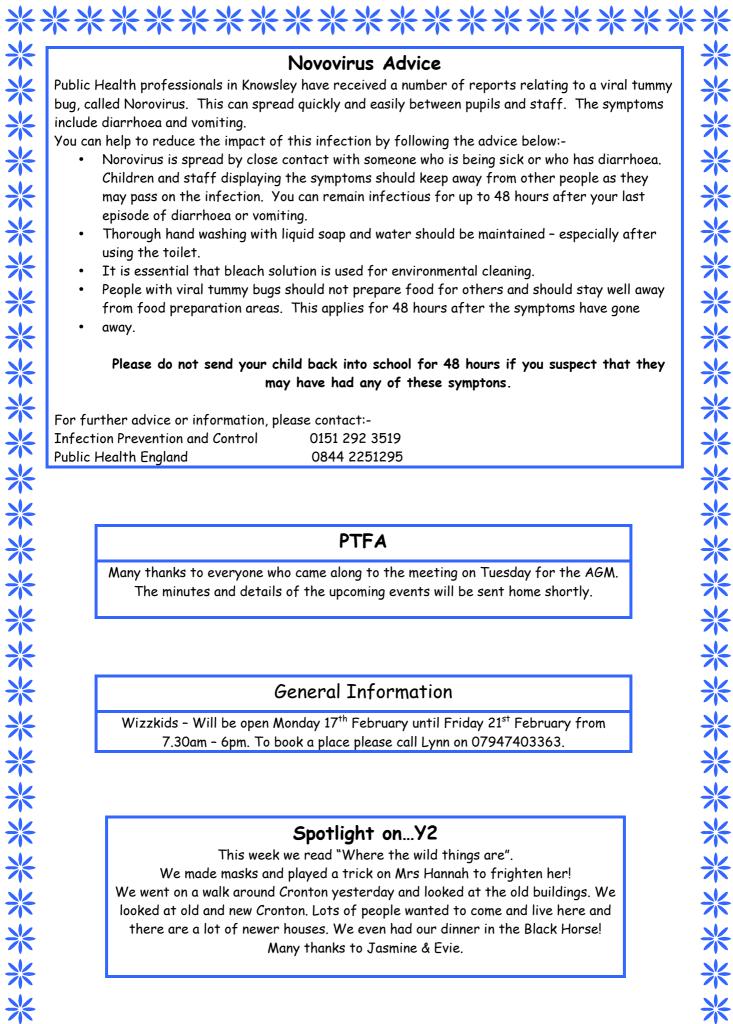
To find more, or for help and advice, visit www.bullybusters.org.uk

Free School Meals

The school receives additional funding for children who are eligible for free school meals. A separate letter was sent home earlier in the week regarding this but we would urge all parents who think they may be eligible to please register with the Local Authority. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

School Milk

We have received notification that the flouridated milk is no longer being supplied at the moment to local primary schools. A separate letter was sent home, via email, earlier this week. We are still receiving semi-skimmed milk and the children are encouraged to have this each day. We have been assured that children's teeth will not be affected by this change and when supplies are available again it will be offered to the children. We will let you know when this happens.



Novovirus Advice

Public Health professionals in Knowsley have received a number of reports relating to a viral tummy bug, called Norovirus. This can spread quickly and easily between pupils and staff. The symptoms include diarrhoea and vomiting.

You can help to reduce the impact of this infection by following the advice below:-

- Norovirus is spread by close contact with someone who is being sick or who has diarrhoea. Children and staff displaying the symptoms should keep away from other people as they may pass on the infection. You can remain infectious for up to 48 hours after your last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.
- Thorough hand washing with liquid soap and water should be maintained especially after using the toilet.
- It is essential that bleach solution is used for environmental cleaning.
- People with viral tummy bugs should not prepare food for others and should stay well away from food preparation areas. This applies for 48 hours after the symptoms have gone
- away.

Please do not send your child back into school for 48 hours if you suspect that they may have had any of these symptons.

For further advice or information, please contact:-

0151 292 3519 Infection Prevention and Control 0844 2251295 Public Health England

PTFA

Many thanks to everyone who came along to the meeting on Tuesday for the AGM. The minutes and details of the upcoming events will be sent home shortly.

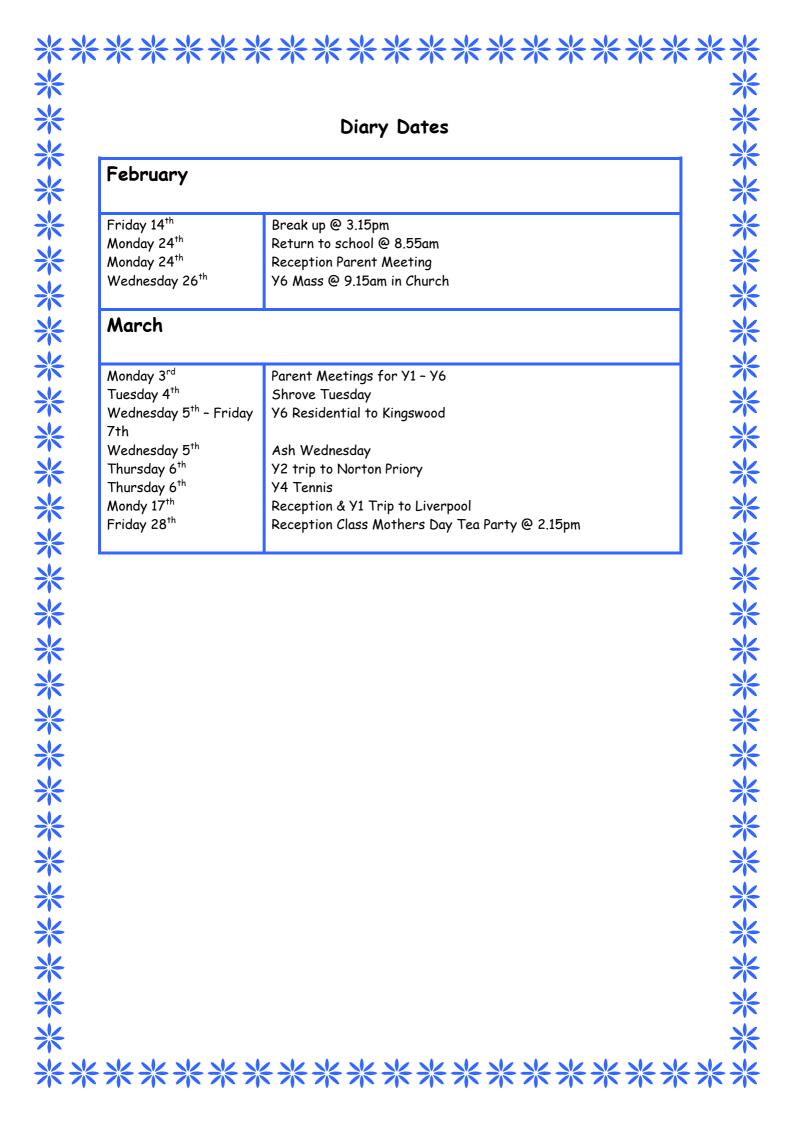
General Information

Wizzkids - Will be open Monday 17th February until Friday 21st February from 7.30am - 6pm. To book a place please call Lynn on 07947403363.

Spotlight on... Y2

This week we read "Where the wild things are".

We made masks and played a trick on Mrs Hannah to frighten her! We went on a walk around Cronton yesterday and looked at the old buildings. We looked at old and new Cronton. Lots of people wanted to come and live here and there are a lot of newer houses. We even had our dinner in the Black Horse! Many thanks to Jasmine & Evie.



************* ****************** After School Clubs ***************** Mon Tues Weds Fri **Thurs** ICT Club У1 Craft/Sewing Club У2 ICT Club Handwriting Club У3 Rugby ICT Club Handwriting Club Football Eco/Gardening Club Choir **Y4** Rugby Handwriting Club Football Homework Club Eco/Gardening Club Choir **Y5** Choir Homework Club Eco/Gardening Club Dance Multi Skills У6 Eco/Gardening Club Choir Homework Club Dance Multi Skills Clubs end at 4pm except Rugby and Football which will finish at 4.15pm. £1 voluntary contribution per club would be greatly appreciated. Please note that due to a lack of numbers the football for Y5 & Y6 has now changed to multi sports and is open for boys and girls. We will review this for numbers over the next few weeks.

 Please note that the netball club for Y5 & Y6 will now be cancelled for the next few weeks due to the Y6 maths club.

If your child is coming to Rugby please ensure that they bring boots, kit and warm clothes - they may get muddy!

If your child is coming to Football they will need boots and shin pads and again - they may get muddy! Please also ensure that your child brings trainers in case the practice takes place in the school hall.

