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A Voluntary Academy

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Unfortunately we had to close school yesterday due to the adverse weather conditions. We were able to open today and I must say a big thank you to all staff and parents who were able to brave the wintry conditions. If we do remain open or decide to shut we will try to give you as much notice as possible so please check your text messages, the school facebook page and the Rotherham school closures section on the internet. It is the responsibility of the head teacher to decide whether to close school or keep it open and a number of factors have to be considered before making a judgement:

1. How many staff can get in and will there be adequate supervision for the children?
2. What is the state of the school site itself and approach roads from a health and safety view?
3. What is the weather forecast as even if school could start by opening if heavy snow is forecast will people be able to get home safely?

Obviously the overriding principle is the health and safety of everyone in the school community. After opening some parents informed us that they simply couldn't get out from where they lived and didn't want to risk travelling on the side roads. This is perfectly understandable and we don't ask anyone to put themselves at risk in trying to get here. We also are well aware of the importance a school plays in the local community and we will always try to stay open if it is safe to do so. School closure can cause major child care problems for many parents. I hope this brief explanation puts the sometimes difficult decision of whether to open or close a school into a wider context.



Our ethos statement for the week

I try to forgive people
when they hurt me

2nd Week of Lent

World Book Day: Well done to everyone for making such a fantastic effort for World Book Day today. The annual celebration was marked in over 100 countries yesterday. It was brilliant to see the children have this opportunity and mark the wonder of reading. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and have a better understanding of other cultures.



Kingswood Y5 Residential: Our Y5 residential is next week and let's hope for some better weather. If parents have any further questions about the trip then please speak to either Mrs Drake or Mr Hickey.

Y3/4 Basketball Competition: Well done Jessica, Caitlyn, Erin, Sienna, Roxanne, Nikodem, Mackenzie, Harley & Henley for taking part in the basketball competition at Dinnington High on Monday. They finished 4th overall in the Dinnington cluster and they all competed and played very well.



Contact details: Can all parents ensure that contact details and phone numbers are up to date so that we can ensure that everyone is updated with texts.

Year 5& 6 Tag Rugby Competition: At the time of writing we are unsure as to whether the Tag Rugby competition will be going ahead at Dinnington High. We would anticipate that due to the weather this will be cancelled.

Parents Evenings: We will be having parents evenings on Wednesday 21st March and Thursday 22nd March. This will be a chance for you to talk to your child's class teacher as well as look at the work they have been doing in school. Appointment times will become available on your child's classroom door to indicate your preferred time and day.

Y4&Y6 at the EIS: Next Thursday 8th March our Y6 & Y4 children will be taking part in a sports competition at the 'English Institute of Sport' in Sheffield. Letters will be sent home and there is no cost for the visit. We will be competing against other Catholic schools in our cluster.

Key Dates

Enrichment Club	Monday 5th March 2:45pm - 3:45pm
Ms Casson's Phonics Workshop for parents	Tuesday 6 th March 10am -10:30am
Primary Stars Club for Maples and Oaks	Tuesday 6th March 3:15pm - 4:30pm
Kingswood Year 5	Wednesday 7 th March - 9 th March
Stay & Play Toddler& Baby group	Wednesday 7 th March - 9 th March 9:30 - 11am
Y6 & Y4 Sports Competition at the EIS Sheffield	Thursday 8 th March
Y3&4 Tag Rugby competition	Monday 12 th March 4pm -5pm
KS1 Sports Competition at The EIS Sheffield	Thursday 15 th March 9am -2pm
Celebration of work afternoon	Friday 16 th March 2pm
Y5/6 Futsal at Dinnington High	Monday 19 th March 4pm-5pm
Mass for the Feast of St Joseph	Tuesday 20 th March 9:30am
Parents Evening	Wednesday 21 st March
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Stations of the Cross in Church	Monday 26 th March 6pm
KS1 Last Supper Assembly	Wednesday 28 th March 9:15am
Break up for Easter	Thursday 29 th March
School reopens	Monday 9 th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 7 th May
Y6 SATs Week	Monday 14 th May - Thursday 18 th May
Good Shepherd Presentation at St Bernard's	Sunday 20 th May 11am

Stay and Play Sessions: A Stay and Play - Baby and Toddler Group, on a Wednesday morning from 9.30am - 11.00am at St Joseph's. If you are interested in joining this then please come along. This will be coordinated by one of our governors Gail Finneran. Please leave your name and contact details at the office if you are interested in joining.

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Joke of the Week..... From Nikodem
What is a cows favourite drink during an earthquake?.....

A milkshake!!!!!!



Thank you for reading this newsletter,
David Hickey