

## Spring Newsletter 1

### Welcome back!

Happy New Year and welcome back to school for the Spring Term. I hope you had a good break and were able to enjoy some time with your family.

We started the year with our whole school writing project – if you have experienced any more dragon sightings in and around West Bridgford, then do let us know!

The children produced some brilliant work, including poems, stories, non-chronological reports, written descriptions and stunning illustrations. It was also lovely to see different year groups working together on Friday afternoon and sharing the work they had done.

Year 4 have been fortunate enough this week to have Olaf the Viking visit them. What a brilliant way to launch their topic! Next week, Year 6 will be visited by a polar explorer and next Friday, Year 3 are off to visit Cresswell Crag. Year 5 have started their new space themed topic and are exploring potential exciting trips or visitors for later in the term!

### New boiler installed

This week a new boiler has been installed at our Cottages site. This has taken some time to resolve but we are pleased that we have now been able to find a solution. The local authority agreed to fund the cost of the boiler, but needed convincing that it was unable to be fixed before agreeing to this. Because of the Christmas break, this week was the first opportunity the engineer has had to come and fit the new unit. Thank you for your patience while we worked on getting the problem fixed.



### SATs information meeting

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm, Mr Simmonds will be holding a SATs information meeting for parents of children in Year 6. This will be an online meeting and will take place on Microsoft Teams. Mr Simmonds will send out an invite nearer the time via Class Dojo. There will be a short presentation, followed by an opportunity to ask any questions.



### Healthy Snacks

Please could we remind everyone of our suggestions regarding healthy snacks at playtimes and in lunchboxes. We know that a healthy snack at morning break is really important and suggest items such as: fruit, vegetable sticks, breadsticks, cheese, rice cakes, plain popcorn, crackers, or cheddar biscuits. No sugary biscuits, sweets or chocolate bars please. I also want to remind you that school is a NUT FREE ZONE. This is incredibly important and is to keep our children safe. Please don't send your child to school with any products containing nuts. Thank you.

## Key Dates Spring Term

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Careers Day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January at 6pm	SATs information meeting
Week beg 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Dukes Barn Residential for Year 4
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Week beg 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evenings
Week beg 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Art Week
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school