


13th January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers



SPRING 1 NEWSLETTER

Spring term is well underway, although Spring still feels like a distant promise. I hope your child has settled well into the new term and is enjoying their time in school.

Dates for Diary				
TERM 3				
	Year 3AL Class Assembly	Tuesday	24.01.2017	9.30 am
	Year 2 and Year 6 Parents SATs Meeting	Thursday	26.01.2017	Y2 - 5.15pm Y6 - 6.00 pm
	Year 5HR Class Assembly	Tuesday	07.02.2017	9.30 am
	Iman to visit Nursery and Reception classes	Wednesday	08.02.2017	
	TTT (Thoroughly Thrilling Thursday) EYFS/KS1/KS2	Thursday	09.02.2017	2.00 pm - 3.15 pm
	Principal's Tea	Friday	10.02.17	2.45pm – 3.15pm
Spring Half Term: Close Friday, 10 February 2017 – Re-open to pupils Monday, 20 February 2017				



Curriculum Letters

To ensure you are aware of what your child is learning and the key focus within each subject area this term, every year group has received a curriculum newsletter. This will help you to support your child by engaging in conversation with them about what they are learning at school.



Open Door Policy

I strongly believe in close partnership with parents/carers and the importance of this to ensure every child achieves the best they can in all areas of school life. I would therefore like to remind you that if you have any concerns, please do always come in and discuss them with staff. If you would like to speak to any member of staff or me, and you cannot get hold of us directly, please call the office. You can also email me on head@stimpsonave.northants-ecl.gov.uk.



Attendance and Punctuality

At Stimpson our **attendance** figures are really positive and are currently at 96.69% for this academic year, which is above the National Average of 95.8%. To continue to promote attendance, 100% and high attendance (99% and 98%) certificates will continue to be rewarded in celebration of the achievement of these children (and their parents/carers). Thank you for all working so hard to ensure your children regularly attend school. Please can I remind you that holidays are not permitted during school term and will be unauthorised.

Punctuality, however, is a target for us at Stimpson Avenue Academy and I would therefore appreciate your support in ensuring your child arrives to school on time. The school doors open at 8.45 am and the gates will close by 8.55 am. School starts promptly at 9.00 am and any child arriving after this time will be marked as 'late'. Children who arrive late into class lose valuable learning time as well as disturbing an already settled classroom. Parents/carers of those children who are persistently late will be contacted directly by the school office.

If you are having difficulties getting your child into school on time, please do contact the school and we will endeavour to do all we can to support you to ensure your child can arrive on time.

Thank you for your continued support on such an important matter.



Years 2 and 6 SATs evening

There will be a Year 2 and 6 SATs (Standard Attainment Tests) Information Evening held on Thursday 26th January. This will commence at 5.15 pm for Year 2 and at 6.00 pm for Year 6. The key aim of this evening is to provide you with key information about the examinations and how you can help support your child. I hope you can join us.



ICT & Internet Safety

Did you know we have school Facebook page? We currently have 77 likes. We would appreciate more. It is a great way to keep informed about what is happening at Stimpson Avenue Academy. Please join us.

E-Safety is becoming increasingly important in the modern world and at Stimpson Avenue Academy, we take the responsibility of promoting safe use of technology very seriously. We are currently in the process of organising an Internet Safety Day on 7th February. After school on that day there will be an Internet Safety Presentation to parents/carers in the hall. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. More information to follow. In the meantime please find below useful websites for more information:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.childnet.com

www.getsafeonline.org

www.bbc.co.uk/onlinesafety

May I remind you that if you wish to upload images or videos of your children and other children are present, please ensure you have the permission of their parents or carers before doing so.



Principal's Afternoon Tea

At the end of this term, I shall be introducing Principal's Afternoon Tea. Pupils will be nominated by class teachers for their hard work and excellent behaviour. They will have a cold drink and cake with me in my office. I am very excited that my first invitations in their gold envelopes will be posted to 7 pupils across the primary phase at the beginning of February.



Looking Smart and Being Ready for Learning

Thank you to all the many parents who send their children into school looking smart and ready for learning. We want children to grow up knowing what looking smart means and also to have pride in their appearance. Uniform is an important way of showing that you belong to your school community. Please ensure your children attend school wearing their school uniform, including jumper (and also tie for children in years 1-6).

Health and safety guidance advises that children should not take part in PE or swimming whilst wearing jewellery. Please may I ask that pupils do not wear earrings on these days. Staff are unable to help pupils to remove jewellery.

Home School Agreement

A reminder to please return signed copies of the Home School Agreement to the school office if you have not already done so.

Snow Days

In the event of snow, please check the school website in the first instance.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continuing support and encouragement – it is much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Milton
Principal