

Dear Parents

The following information may be of interest to you...

Biscuit Money Idea:

One of our FS2 parents pointed out that it would be a lot more convenient to pay annually in advance for Biscuit Tuesday rather than finding 20p per week. We think this is a great idea for busy parents and may appeal to many of you. If this is the case please pass the correct money in a labelled envelope to Mrs Rees (Owen, Year One) who will be in the ICT Suite before school on Tuesday 18th July, Tuesday 25th July and Tuesday 5th September. Alternatively, if it is easier, please pass the correct money in a labelled envelope to Mrs Hamel in the School Office.

Mrs Rees has worked out how much money would be owed to cover the whole academic year if you wish to pay in this way. This is based on a 38 week year.

2 biscuits per week.....£7.60

1 biscuit per week.....£3.80

Term Dates and Staff Development Days:

Hopefully you will have received the 2018/2019 term dates last week. If you have misplaced your copy we have additional sheets in the Entrance Hall. Please note the last Inset Days in July 2018 are 23 July 2018 and 24 July 2018.

South Deeside Primary School Federation Inter School Art Competition:

As you are aware, Thingwall Primary is part of a soft federation with Barnston, Heswall, Gayton, Irby and Pensby Primary Schools. We all work very closely together and thought it might be fun to launch a cross-school art competition. Your child will therefore be bringing home a competition entry form this evening, encouraging them to design a new logo for the federation which combines all six school badges. The winning logo will then be used on all letterheads and on each school's websites in future. There will be a wonderful prize for the overall winner (as well as some local media coverage) and we will also be awarding a prize to Thingwall's best KS1 entry and best KS2 entry. In addition to this, the winning two classes at Thingwall will also be awarded £50 to spend on exciting new art materials for their class!

Multicultural Faith Fortnight:

This week has seen us celebrate the first week of our Multicultural Faith Fortnight. So far we have welcomed in a yoga teacher who worked with each class on simple meditation and relaxation techniques (great for today's busy lifestyles), a super Year Three French day (Merci Madame Mitchell!) an Olympic styled round the world PE/Art/World Religions event for Years 4, 5 and 6 (thank you Wirral Youth for Christ), listened to Edsential's fantastic Musical Roadshow of classical musicians (Musical styles from around the world) and also been entertained by Year One's amazing Class Assembly which highlighted the fact that you can find helpers and heroes in all walks of life, sometimes when you least expect it! Well done to all our visitors, staff and children who have had a thoroughly enjoyable week. Week two of our Multicultural Faith Fortnight will take place after half term...

Manchester Arena Advice for Children and Parents:

Finally, after a distressing week following events in Manchester, it is understandable that many of our children may be worried and/or touched by these sad events. We are sending home a leaflet for parents this evening which offers advice on how to tackle this tricky subject without creating even more worry. We have sent a paper copy home with each child as we recognise it may be a document that you would like to keep for the future, even if you don't decide to use it with your child now.

We have also found a really good Newsround clip and we think it does a very good job of explaining what happened at a child's level of understanding. If you feel this is something your child might benefit from viewing please find the link below...

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

Celebration Corner:

Well done to the following children...

Year Five Football Match - Congratulations to our Year Five football team who played a close match last night against Ladymount Primary. We were pipped to the post at the very end and the final score was 2-1 to Ladymount. Well done to all concerned and thank you to Mr Bettridge and Miss Hine who accompanied the children and organised the event ☺

Ben (Year Three) - Well done to Ben who played an important football match last weekend. Ben's team won eventually after a nail biting penalty shoot out where Ben managed to deftly save all the goals ☺

James (Year Five) - James plays for the Heswall Hawks and went to a tournament in Flint last weekend! The competition was held at Flint's football ground and his team won the whole tournament eventually on penalties! Well done James and the Heswall Hawks ☺

Year Six - Well done to all of Year Six who tried really hard and behaved beautifully for the SATs earlier on this half term. You all tried your hardest and kept cool, calm and sensible - we are proud! ☺

Year Two - Well done to all our Year Two children who did really well with their 'little quizzes' last week. You were all super sensible and tried your hardest too! Congratulations. ☺

With Best Wishes for a relaxing holiday. We will see you on Tuesday 6th June.

Miss D L Cronin