

**Dates for your diary:**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January:** School Council to visit Town Council Offices  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January:** FOBs Cinema Night 5-7pm £5 (Year 1 to Year 6)  
Angry Birds is the film voted for the children  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January:** Coffee Afternoon with SENCO 2.30-3.20pm  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February:** Rainbow Room Library Visit  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Y6 MEN Arena  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February:** Rainbow Room visit to Manchester Airport  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 4 visit to Weaver Hall  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February:** Valentines Disco £5  
-3.30-4.15 Preschool only  
-4.30-5.30 Reception, Year 1 & Year 2  
-5.45-6.45 Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 2 visit to Jodrell Bank  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February:** Last day of term- Wacky Hair Day in

A Year 5 & Year 6 Assembly will be held this Friday at 10am to hand over the cheque to Retrak and celebrate all the children's hard work. All parents of children in Year 5 and 6 are invited to attend.

**Progress Meetings**

This week, Mrs Sach, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Phelps-Brown (our Special Educational Needs coordinator) have met with all teachers to discuss the progress their classes are making. Our Assessment Governor, Catherine Hulme, also attended some of the meetings so she can share with the Governing Body what happens in Progress Meetings.

During the meetings, we reviewed children's progress in English & maths and, if progress was a concern, discussed what strategies we can put in place to support the child. In the autumn term, several children across the school were put on one or both of our new intervention programmes (Lexia- a reading intervention and/or Dynamo- a maths intervention). In the meetings, we were able to review their progress in these programmes to ensure they are effective. For those children who are making good progress we noted that:

- The child wants to succeed, puts the effort in and works hard
- The teacher is determined the child will succeed and gives the support, direction and challenge needed
- The parents support from home, ensuring their child reads every day, spends time learning their spellings, times tables, etc. They also ensure their child does their Lexia or Dynamo at home too. If any parents wish to come and have a chat with our SENCO (Mrs Phelps-Brown) about the interventions, please see the coffee afternoon date above.

**Parents attitudes to school work really affect a child's motivation, for the better or worse. By working together we really can make a difference for your child.**

**Wooden Sculpture**

We are pleased to announce that the wooden sculpture, funded by FOBs, has now been re-positioned near the infant playground. It took ten bags of cement to secure it firmly into the ground!



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**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February:** School opens  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February -Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Booking for Parents' Evening opens on School Spider & the website. Once closed, final appointments will be displayed on the class website page. Parents are responsible for checking times before their appointment.  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** Open Afternoon for all parents 1.30pm  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Parents Evening 3.30-6pm  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Bike ability Mr Hammond's class  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Bike ability Miss Aldridge's class  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March-Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Y5 Residential  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** School closes for Easter

**Children's Lunchtime Arrangements**

Last week, we launched a new lunchtime arrangement. Children in the Juniors now have their lunchtime from 12.15 to 1.15pm. This was to allow us to extend the morning session for longer maths lessons and so that the Junior children (Year 3 to Year 6) could be served in the dinner hall after the infants. This also means that children in Years 5 & 6 can ask for second portions if they are still hungry. We've talked to the children and they are much happier with their portion sizes and the teachers are thrilled with the longer morning sessions. The Infants lunchtime is the same time, 12.00-1.15 and the Infant children now go into the hall straight away.

**Knutsford Jog**

Please save the date of **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March** for the Rotary Club Knutsford Jog. The run begins at 10.30am and ends at 11.30am. The run is in aid of Young Carers and other charities. It is a fantastic community event and we'd love to see lots of parents and children there.



Rotary Club of Knutsford  
Sunday, 19 March 2017  
**KNUTSFORD JOG**  
Sponsored fun run around the town Moor  
Open 9:30am  
Run starts 10:30am  
Run ends 11:30am  
In aid of YOUNG CARERS plus charities and good causes supported by the Rotary Club of Knutsford  
Supported by Knutsford Guardian  
[knutsfordguardian.co.uk](http://knutsfordguardian.co.uk)  
Application forms from the Leisure Centre or [knutsfordjog.co.uk](http://knutsfordjog.co.uk)

In assembly, we will be reminding the children that any snacks brought in from home should be healthy snacks only (fruit/cereal bars). This mainly applies to KS2 children. Recently a few children have been bringing chocolate bars and bags of crisps to eat during morning break. Teachers will ask children to put these back into bags to take home. Thank you for your support.