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Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas Break.

THANK YOU!

Last term, your generosity has raised:	
Poppy Appeal	£328.24

BIRTHDAY TREATS

We all know how excited children are about their birthdays and how much they want to share the celebrations with classmates. If you choose to send in treats to celebrate your child's birthday, we will ask that pupils take them home for consumption. We suggest no more than a small packet of soft sweets, or something comparable.



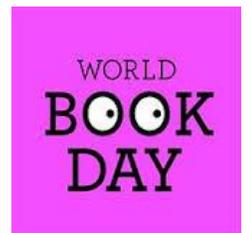
Please remember that some children in SMA have allergies, medical conditions, religious, ethical beliefs and certain foods might be difficult for everyone to enjoy. This is taken from page 7 of the Food & Nutrition Policy on our Website.

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 1st March we will be celebrating World Book Day.

On this day, children can come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book if they wish.

This event has been highly popular in recent years, but I know children (and parents!) need plenty of time to plan their outfit. If your child **does not** wish to dress up as a special character, then school uniform **must** be worn.



SAFER INTERNET DAY - TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

Each year we carry out work for Safer Internet Day. This year Safer Internet Day is on the **6th February** and the key message is 'Create, connect and share respect; a better internet starts with you'.

Our e-Cadets will be working hard to share messages about e-safety. To celebrate the day, we are inviting all children to wear a superhero costume or item of clothing to remind us to be strong when keeping ourselves safe on the internet.



E-SAFETY

We know that many children received electronic "gizmos" and gadgets from Father Christmas. As many of these latest devices can connect to the internet, it's never too early to reinforce the importance of staying safe on-line. Most modern devices have different safety features designed to protect children and ensure they can browse the web as safely as possible.

SMA e-safety and Acceptable Use Policy states that we encourage parents/carers to:

- Discuss e-safety issues with their children, supporting the school in its e-safety policy and reinforcing appropriate behaviour at home and in school.
- Not allow their child to be misleading about their age and access social networking sites e.g. Facebook.
- Dissuade pupils from posting or uploading photographs /videos online.

SAFETY ALERT!

Please ensure that you park your car with due care and consideration for our pupils and families. I urge you all to work with us and the police in continually ensuring the safety of the family of SMA.

SMA SPORTS NEWS

Date	Team	Event	Venue	Result
10.01.18	Basketball	Competition Heat 1	Broughton Hall School	2 nd Place

We played against 8 teams at Broughton Hall School in the 1st heat of the Basketball competition and we came 2nd overall! Well done to the team and we look forward to the City Finals at the end of February.

CELEBRATING OUR PUPILS!

Please keep us informed of any special achievements or awards that your child(ren) receives outside of school.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is important. We care about your child(ren). Our aim is to provide your child with every opportunity to work to his or her potential. By working together to promote good attendance, we will go a long way to achieve the best for your child. Through regular attendance pupils GAIN both educationally and socially by playing a full part in school life with their friends.

Please encourage your child to attend punctually every day. Should your child be absent, please inform the school on the first day. When your child returns to school, please send a note in with the reason for absence.

ATTENDANCE INITIATIVE

As you know, we are holding a Barn Dance next week. Originally, it was going to be held to celebrate 100% attendance, however, in the light of the flu and vomiting bug that so many pupils have recently caught I have decided to invite all pupils to celebrate the fact that **all** classes have seen a drastic improvement in their attendance - proof that our pupils really are trying hard to be in school and on time when they are fit and well. We will also reward pupils with special bronze, silver and gold certificates as requested by School Council.

I have been talking with the pupils about attendance and how we can promote and reward good attendance. Recently, the School Council met to discuss this further. They have come up with a brilliant idea to reward good behaviour, attitudes and attendance. I won't spoil the surprise yet as they have a lot more planning to do but I think everyone will love it. More on this in the next newsletter!

Whilst the School Council work on the new reward system, we will carry on awarding a 'raffle ticket' every single week to all pupils who are in 100%. This way, all children will have plenty of chances to win a prize at the end of term. Mrs Beatson has been working hard and gathering lots of goodies and donations for the raffle at the end of term when we break up for Easter.

SCHOOL PROCEDURE IN EVENT OF BAD WEATHER (SNOW)

Every attempt will be made to open the school as normal during adverse weather conditions. Where it is impossible to ensure the Health and Safety of the children, a decision will be made by myself and the Governors to close the school until conditions improve.

In such a case you are advised to:

- Check SMA website and Parent App.
- Check your mobile phone for "school closure" text messages.
- Listen to Radio Merseyside and Radio City or check their websites for school updates. They are invaluable sources of information on such occasions.

PROCEDURES FOR DETERIORATING WEATHER THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY

Should the weather deteriorate as the day progresses and you are concerned about picking up your child(ren), please contact the school. Please note that **SCHOOL DOES NOT CLOSE EARLY WITHOUT NOTICE**. It remains open until the last child safely leaves the building.

SCHOOL GROUNDS

In very bad weather, it is **not** always possible to use **all** of the paths around school. On such occasions we may limit access for the children to enter and exit the building. If this is the case the staff will be on duty to guide the children safely to their classes. May I take this opportunity to thank you for supporting our school procedures which ensure the Health and Safety of all in school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31 st January 2018	3C Assembly 9:15am in Junior Hall
6 th February 2018	Internet Safety Day
7 th February 2018	Parent/Carer Evening 3:30pm - 6:30pm
7 th February 2018	3M Assembly 9:15am in Junior Hall
12 th - 16 th February 2018	HALF TERM (office closed)
19 th February 2018	Staff and Pupils return to school.
1 st March 2018	World Book Day
6 th March 2018	Theatre Production of "The Railway Children" in school (for children only)
22 nd March 2018	Easter Service at Church 10:45am (Y4 leading, Years 2-6 attending)
22 nd March 2018	Nursery finish at normal time
23 rd March 2018	School finishes at 1:15pm for Easter holiday (office open)
9 th April 2018	Children return to school
7 th May 2018	Bank Holiday - school closed
10 th May 2018	Ascension Day Service 10:45am in Church (Y5 lead, Years 2 - 5 attending)
14 th / 18 th May 2018	SATs Week - Year 6
16 th / 18 th May 2018	Y5 Colomendy
28 th May / 1 st June 2018	HALF TERM (office closed)
4 th June 2018	Enterprise Selling Week (information to follow)
12 th June	Y6 Leavers' Service at the Anglican Cathedral
18 th / 22 nd June 2018	Assessment Week for Year 1,3,4 and 5
27 th June 2018	Y6 Leavers' Service in Church at 10:45am
3 rd July 2018	Y6 Graduation 9:30am - 10:30am
19 th July 2018	Nursery finish at normal time
20 th July 2018	School finishes at 1:15pm for Summer holiday
23 rd July 2018	INSET DAY
24 th July 2018	INSET DAY

Many thanks for your continued support,



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