

## Sytchampton Endowed Primary School

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Dear parents,

As this half term draws to a close it is great to see lighter mornings and evenings, with even some bulbs poking through our grounds. Last week we spent time in assemblies discussing and thinking about E Safety and I have challenged pupils to design a poster on this important topic. The closing date is Thursday and a prize will be awarded on Friday. This is such an important topic and there are links on our website for both parents and children ([www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)). It is great that so many children have access to devices but it is so important that they play age appropriate games and that they play securely.

We end our half term with the PTA Valentines disco on Friday from 2-3pm which will include the lottery draw, E Safety poster competition and a cake stall - **ALL WELCOME**.

On the sports front our year 5/6 netball team had a narrow defeat to St. Joseph's school, Droitwich losing 7-10 in their first game. The football team play St. Joseph's away on Thursday. We will be holding the Droitwich Gym festival here, for our Year one children on Thursday.

As always we have a jam packed half term ahead and I would like to highlight our main events:

The first week is World Book week and we have several activities planned:-This is a time to really celebrate the pleasure of reading in all its different forms and children have a £1 voucher (attached) which can be used this month.

- **Thursday** is our dress up day – the theme this year is **pyjamas** (outdoor shoes/ coats for playtime) and favourite bedtime stories. Please donate £1 to help us update our book corners. We will have a special morning assembly to celebrate dressing up and take photos and share favourite stories. Children will be encouraged to buddy up with different classes to share stories.
- A **PTA** meeting will also be held in school **on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March** at 8.50am in the staff room with the hope of encouraging more parents to attend and help support our school community and provide the extras for the children. Next events will be the Mothers' Day secret room and Easter egg hunt
- Another way to support the PTA is the lottery - tickets are available from Mrs. Haughtey.
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day** our School Council are busy planning activities and fundraising ideas and we have already sold 120 noses – thank you!

### Parent Consultations.

These take place after half term with appointments running throughout the day from 8.00am – 6.00pm. We will advise by text when sign up sheets are available.

Reception and KS1 appointments will be on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** with KS2 on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**. For Y2 pupils we have attached a leaflet about SATs preparation and rather than have further meeting this will be covered during the consultations. If you have children in both key stages please talk to staff so that we can accommodate you after school on one day, if possible. Also if you cannot make these dates, then please see members of staff who will arrange an alternative.

As a reminder the opportunities during the year for parents to meet with staff are :-

October Open Morning	Parent open morning to give you the opportunity to see learning in action all through the school.
October Parent consultations	To discuss move to new class, settling in and baseline assessment.
Celebration assemblies – held fortnightly.	Parents share celebration of achievements, good behaviour, curriculum trips.
March Parent Consultations	Parents Consultations to look at attainment and progress and discuss testing in year 1, year 2 and Year 6.
July Final report & transition	Final end of year report to parents  Children have a transition week to get to know new teachers and we plan to have a meeting for parents to discuss transition across the school.

Thank you also for ensuring that children arrive on the playground safely and stay under your supervision until 8.45am. The Parish Council have secured some funding but as yet I do not have a date for the completion of Cow Lane, thank you for your patience.

In the meantime, can we please ask that you part considerately and do not pull up in the lane to drop off children? Please park as close as you can to other cars to maximise the space.

**School Grounds: We are making some changes to the equipment on the playground to make it safer. We are moving the huts away from the netball/football court to in front of the Hawks mobile where there is more shelter and protection. We are offering more clubs at lunchtime and have more equipment to encourage health and fitness from the Sainsbury vouchers, which we will use after half term. We have been encouraging children to play appropriately on the equipment eg.no running around/tag on the bark play area. We aim for playtimes which are positive and in which children show consideration towards each other.**

School Dinner charges: Please note that due to the new arrangement with our caterers that a packed lunch is provided for all trips where lunches have been paid for in advance, from Easter we are no longer able to offer the 10% discount.

We end the Spring term with our Easter assembly and Easter bonnets for KS1, with KS2 challenged to make/ decorate an egg! Assembly is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April starting at the earlier time of 2.15pm. Due to time constraints in school we would ask that parents help their children make their creations at home for this event.

School reopens on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, and we will not be running a holiday club at Easter. If you require WAC for the TED Day on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April please return the attached reply slip to the office.

Thank you for your continued support,

*Sharon Williams*