



# Newsletter

Dear parents,

The snow caused some disruption last week, but thankfully things appear to be back to normal this week! I am really pleased that the snow has thawed and our Year 5 residential trip to Shortenills has been able to go ahead. This residential trip is a fantastic opportunity for children to take part in a number of activities in the wonderful grounds and woods at Shortenills, as well as being an opportunity to stay away from home for a few days.

This half term started really positively – our staff training day was spent introducing the staff to the 'Mind Up' Curriculum. Hopefully in coming weeks, your child will start talking to you about how their brain works and about the brain breaks that they are doing in lessons. The Mind Up trainers, from the Goldie Hawn Foundation, will be returning in the summer term and they will be leading a parent session.

Unfortunately, our World Book day celebrations were disrupted by 'The Beast from the East'. As the school has a real focus on Reading again this year, all classes were due to look at a specially chosen book and complete some activities linked to the text. The day was due to be a fantastic opportunity for everyone to become immersed in a text and a lot of time had been put into planning the day; I look forward to visiting the classes when we reschedule the day.

K.Hooker

## Important dates:

- 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 residential trip to Shortenills
- 9<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 maths workshop for parents
- 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March – Osmington Bay residential trip
- 16<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 maths workshop for parents
- 19<sup>th</sup> March – Teacher Training day – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 21<sup>st</sup> March – Parents' evening 3:45pm - 6:00pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 5 Easter assembly
- 27<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' evening 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> March – Hamilton School Linking trip
- 29<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term

**Value of the Month  
for March is**

**Responsibility**

## House Points

	23/2/18	2/3/18
Donaldson	624	<b>801</b>
Rowling	<b>637</b>	667
Dahl	503	613
Morpurgo	600	665

**Attendance 4/1/18 - 9/2/18**

		<u>Lates</u>
Year R	93.8 %	69
Year 1	95.7 %	102
Year 2	94.9 %	71
Year 3	95.5 %	59
Year 4	95.4 %	136
Year 5	95.7 %	80
Year 6	96.3 %	96

**Best class attendance:**

**Lancaster  
with 98.5%**

**Headteacher and Teacher Commendations**

Aqsa AHMED  
Fatima AHMED  
Khadeeja AHMED  
Anaya AKHTAR  
Raheem AKRAM  
Maria AKTER  
Harris ALI  
Ismail ALI  
Khadijah ARIF  
Yousaf CHAUDHARY

Karina DIMSAITE  
Haleema HASEEB  
Ayaan JILANY  
Amaan KANDANCHIRA  
Harkirt KAUR  
Zakariya KHALIL  
Liya KHAN  
Santos KHANU  
Noor MIRZA  
Rohan PHUNG

Maciej ROGALA  
Ishmam SAIFUL  
Izan SHABIR  
Adam SHAFIQ  
Aaminah SULTANA  
Zahra TALLAT  
Malika TOURABI-DAOUDI  
Imaan WASIM  
Daniel ZIGARAS

**Attendance****Should my child be in school?**

- ✓ Cough, cold, temperature, sore throat, headache or other minor illness - we would encourage parents to give the child appropriate medication and send them in to school as soon as possible
- ✗ Vomiting and/or diarrhoea - NO. Children should stay at home for 48 hours after the last incidence of vomiting or diarrhoea

**How can I tell the school about my child's absence?**

- EMAIL [attendance@downside.primaryluton.co.uk](mailto:attendance@downside.primaryluton.co.uk)
- TEXT 07537436350
- RING 01582 587160 and press option 1 to leave a voicemail
- VISIT the Main Office to tell us in person

**Top tips!**

- ✓ Keep the school informed and up-to-date
- ✓ Always state your child's FULL name, class and the reason for their absence
- ✗ DON'T say sick, not well or ill - we need more information than this
- ✗ Please be aware that we cannot administer non-prescription medicines in school
- ✓ Most importantly, if you have any concerns about your child's health, seek the advice of a medical professional