



### Welcome to the February edition of Sunnylands News!

We continue to move quickly through the school year, with a busy February ahead. Parental Interviews are set for next week, before half term, please come along and learn how your child is progressing, what we are doing to help them and how you can work alongside us too.

We will be asking you to complete a data form when attending these interviews, to keep our information up to date.

Remember to keep the newsletter in a safe place to be reminded of all the important dates in the school calendar in February and beyond.

*Mrs J. Lyons*

Please **DO NOT** drive into the school grounds to drop off or collect your child, park outside and walk in. If your child attends breakfast club, they should not arrive until 8am. Pupils should enter through the Senior gate and follow the path to the breakfast club entrance.

### Absences and Lateness

Please work with us to get your child into school on time each day, the school day starts at 8.45am. It is very disruptive to have children interrupting when lessons have already started, the children are missing out on valuable teaching. An increasing number of children have attendance falling below 85% requiring us to contact the Education Welfare Officer. Please work with us to ensure your child attends school regularly. Your child's attendance will be shared with you during parental interviews.

If your child is absent from school, please send a note the day they return to explain the reason. Mrs Beggs has been spending a lot of time phoning parents to try to complete the attendance reports.

### Showcasing our School

Congratulations to Miss McConkey who has been chosen to lead a session for the Education Authority, all about our Outdoor Learning. We love getting our classes into the outdoors and the EA have recognised how great we are at this and want us to share what we do!

### Dates for your Diary

There will be NO clubs week beginning 2nd February. Breakfast Club will continue as usual.

Parental Interviews Wed 4<sup>th</sup>/Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> February (P3 parents also Fri morning)

**Pupils will finish at 1pm Wed – Fri to facilitate this (Lunch will be served before leaving school)**

**Half Term: Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb**

2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March Book Fair

6<sup>th</sup> March – Dress as book character

17<sup>th</sup> March: Pupils will finish school at 12:30pm. Lunch will not be provided.

### BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be in school from Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March until Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March. Children will have the opportunity to visit the book fair during the day. Parents are welcome to come into school at 2pm and 3pm to visit the book fair from Wed- Fri.

### World Book Day

We will celebrate World Book Day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March and would encourage all pupils to dress as a character from their favourite book. This does not need to be a bought outfit, it is always super to see homemade outfits, and it's so much more fun for the children – give it a go!

### P7 Pupils

**A huge WELL DONE to our P7 pupils who received their SEAG results last weekend. Each of them worked very hard and we are proud of each of them, and the effort they put in.**

### Retirement News

Jim, our caretaker for the past 7<sup>1/2</sup> years, has had to retire due to ill-health. We want to thank Jim for his hard work and dedication to the Sunnylands family. We wish him a long and happy retirement filled with lots of dog walks and trips to the caravan.

### Dinner Menu

A new menu starts after half term and will be published on the website