

Tividale Community Primary School

Newsletter December 2014



Spring Term 2014

Please be aware that the Spring Term starts on Tuesday 6th January, as indicated on the Spring Term diary.

Year 2 and Year 6 SATs Meetings for Parents

As in previous years, we will be holding parents' meetings in January to give an overview of how we can work together to give children the best chance of performing well in their SATs in May.

This year, the Year 6 meeting will be on Thursday 8th January, starting at 6.00pm. At this meeting, as well as discussing some of the government changes to the Y6 tests, we are going to introduce SAM Learning, which is a computer programme that children can access at home to help them with their SATs. Regular use of it has shown that children can improve their SATs results by as much as one full level. To this end, we would encourage all parents and Year 6 children to attend this meeting which we expect to last a maximum of approximately one hour in total.

The Year 2 meeting will be on Thursday 22nd January at 3.45pm. Again, please make every effort to attend. Teachers will talk to you about how your child is assessed and judgements are made on their attainment.

Winter Weather - Snowline

So far this year, we seem to have avoided any disruptive weather. However, should I be speaking too soon and should we have any seriously bad weather this winter that requires us to close the school for a short period, we will be notifying you through our text messaging system, **so please make sure that we have your most up to date mobile phone number.**

In addition to this, we will also be informing you on our website.

This will tell you as soon as possible, whether or not school will be closed due to snow. Remember, on occasion, this may even be the night before in cases of particularly bad snowfall.

Also, as is required, we will be informing the local authority of the closure and they in turn publish it on the council Twitter page. Be assured though, that school will be closed as a last resort only - **if you don't get a text from us or see it on Twitter or on our website we are open!**

Entering School

In the frosty weather, we need to be especially wary of congestion on the playground adding to potentially hazardous conditions. In the light of this, on snowy and icy mornings, could I ask children in Years 3 - 6 to walk around the pathway, instead of cutting across the Key stage 1 playground. This will make it much safer for the younger children and their parents waiting in the playground.

Thank you for your help on this matter.



Fundraising

Thank you to all of you who have supported our many fundraising events this term.

We have raised a massive £598 from the Christmas Fayre, £420 for Children in Need, and £203 wearing our Christmas jumpers for Save the Children. The money from the Children in Need and the Christmas jumper days, will, as usual, be split between the charities and school fund.



Tividale Winners

This term has seen some great wins by many of our students. We had three winners in the police competition in which the children had to design a system to prevent burglars.

The winners were presented with vouchers and goody bags which included cinema tickets. We also won 2 DVDs for the whole school to enjoy.

Our Y6 children took part in the Sandwell Sumdog competition. They had to answer as many maths questions as they could. We are very proud to announce that Tividale Community Primary School were overall winners, and as you can see from the table below, we were up against secondary school pupil groups. Well done everyone, what a fabulous result!

Top 10 classes

Overall class scores are the average number of correct answers out of the students in that class. At least 10 students from the class must have played in order to get an average score.

Position	Class name	Score
1st	Air, Tividale Community Primary School	677
2nd	7-B1, shireland collegiate academy	583
3rd	8-C1, shireland collegiate academy	406
4th	7-K1, shireland collegiate academy	397
5th	6B, Guns Village Primary School	267
6th	8-B1, shireland collegiate academy	262
7th	7-K2, shireland collegiate academy	237
8th	7-T1, shireland collegiate academy	234
9th	8-K2, shireland collegiate academy	205
10th	8-T1, shireland collegiate academy	184

Finally...

I have seen many of you personally at one or more of the many excellent events presented in school over the past couple of weeks, but, on behalf of everyone in school, may we wish you a very happy and restful Christmas and send our best wishes to you all for New Year in 2015.

Signed:

(Headteacher)

19th December 2014

