



# Castleford Park Junior Academy

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Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2018

Dear Parents,

Here are reminders that detail upcoming events. The main events taking place in the term are also listed on the home page of our website. Other events may be added, so that children do not miss out on exciting opportunities that arise, but the key ones will be there as early as possible. Soon, we will also add our Summer term dates.

## Upcoming Events

**-March 21<sup>st</sup>** World Down Syndrome Day – celebrating the many valuable things that people with Down Syndrome can contribute to our community, we would like pupils to come in odd socks. The significance will be discussed with them within class.

**-Week beginning March 26<sup>th</sup>:** Aspirations Week

Parents and community members who have been able to offer their time to school have been contacted to talk to our children about possible careers and goals for the future during this week. We hope to demonstrate the range of exciting possibilities that are open to our pupils and that if they work hard and aim high, they can achieve their dreams!

**-Week beginning March 26<sup>th</sup>:** Rescheduled Scholastic Book Fair (after snow interruption)

Parents and children will be able to visit the book fair from Tuesday morning at 8:30am in the hall, and after school each day, until Friday morning of this week.

**-Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>:** Easter Service at St Paul's Church-

09:30am for Years 3 and 4

11:00am for Years 5 and 6

**-Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup>:** Rescheduled World Book Day

We invited the children to come in pyjamas on this day, as our theme is 'Bring Back Bedtime Reading' –both to celebrate the importance of reading at home and also to remind the children that it is a healthy way to spend time with loved family members just before bed! It is scientifically known that a small amount of time spent reading before bedtime, relaxes the brain in a much more effective way than watching the television and gets our brain ready for a calm, settled sleep. Some children have already bought World Book Day costumes in advance of us revealing our theme, so these are also still appropriate for this day. As we mentioned before, family members are invited in to share a favourite story and a hot chocolate at 2pm.

**-Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup>:** Easter Egg Decorating Competition – Judged by the School Council

It has become a tradition at school that on the last day before half term, children are invited to decorate a hard-boiled egg –choosing their own theme – which will be displayed in the hall all day. At the end of the day, the School Council will choose a winning design from each year group to receive a small prize. This competition is optional and there is no expectation that children must participate but many really enjoy this chance to display their creative work.

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Better and Bright have also donated a large Easter egg, so we will be selling raffle tickets to win this during the last week of term.

### **Friday Morning Invitation for Parents**

Your invitation to join reading, or maths sessions on Friday mornings will continue into the Summer term. May we please remind you that grandparents, other family members, or older siblings are welcome to come and share this opportunity with your children if parents are finding it hard to attend each session. The reason these sessions are continuous, is to acknowledge that not every parent can attend each week and so that you may be able to plan a session when you can attend in the future. We feel it is a valuable way for our children to celebrate their achievements and demonstrate what they are working on with you.

### **Parent Forum**

We would like to thank parents who came to our forum, we really value the chance to hear your opinions and to work with you to find systems that work best for the majority. We will act on the suggestions as quickly as we can and will feed back to all parents about what those will be.

### **Parents' Evening**

Thank you also for your attendance at Parents' Evening. If you were unable to attend, school will be contacting you shortly to ensure that you have a chance to discuss progress with your child's teacher.

### **School Gates**

In order to safeguard pupils who are doing outdoor lessons in the afternoon and are taking part in after school provision, the school gates will remain locked until 14:55 each afternoon. They will then be locked again at 15:30, after collection time, until the following morning. Parents who like to come and cheer along their child whilst taking part in an after school club outside may do so but just need to do this by entering school through the office to get out onto the playground.

### **Operation Encompass**

Attached to this newsletter, is a letter detailing schools' involvement in a 'notification of domestic abuse' pilot that aims to improve communication between agencies where domestic violence is a concern. As a community, it is important that we continue to work hard to safeguard the children. Please contact myself, Mrs Roberts, or Mrs Foster if you have any concerns or worries regarding the safety of any of our pupils.

### **Recent Fundraising Events**

Thank you for your support with recent fundraising events. The following amounts were raised:

- Cas Tigers Takeover Day - £161.56 for Prince of Wales Hospice.
- Valentine's Disco - £448.98 for new playground materials.
- Non Uniform Day - £290.47 for School fund.

Kind Regards,



Miss Law



Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new project that will run jointly between schools, Wakefield Council and West Yorkshire Police. The project aims to support children who are living in households where there are incidents of domestic violence and abuse. Witnessing or even hearing domestic abuse is distressing for a child or young person. They may see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards or can be physically hurt trying to stop the abuse.

The 'domestic violence and abuse school notification project' has been designed to provide confidential notification to schools on any incidents of domestic violence and abuse which occur within a child's household and might have an impact on a child whilst they are in school.

The project will ensure that a member of the school staff is trained to allow them to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, and ensure that the school is able to make provision and allowances for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence or abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this is going to be very useful and supportive for all those involved. I believe this project demonstrates our school's commitments to the safety and welfare of our pupils and their families. In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the project or request further information, please contact our key adults in school who are Miss K. Law and Mrs D. Foster

If you would like further support or information about domestic violence and abuse please go to <http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/adults-and-older-people-services/domestic-abuse>

Kind Regards



Miss K Law  
Headteacher

