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**Airwaves 16th January 2020**

**No. 18**

Dear Parents and Carers

**In school this week..**

On Thursday, the children enjoyed a fantastic music assembly from The Rock and Pop Foundation.

*“I liked the music – it was very loud” –* pupil from Blackbirds class.

**Hot Chocolate**

This week’s children enjoying hot chocolate to celebrate their continued good choices and behaviour are Etta from Sheldrakes, Oskar from Lapwings, Oscar from Puffins, Kirsty from Blackbirds, Vivaan from Wrens, Roman from Hawks, Lily from Skylarks. Well done everyone!

**Science Club**

Miss Hobbs' KS2 science club started last week. They have looked at forces by making catapults and surface tension by seeing how many drops of water will fit onto a penny. Next week, they will be investigating how washing-up liquid makes things clean! At this time, the club is by invite-only. If this half-term goes well, Miss Hobbs will open it up to more pupils. In the meantime, here are some fun and cheap science experiments that you can do with your children at home: <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments.html>

**Pupils’ Collective Worship Group**

A group of volunteers from Year 5 and 6 have taken over the planning and delivery of Tuesday morning assemblies. This week their assembly involved a dramatisation of Jesus’ baptism by John the Baptist. Well done to Finley, Murray, Jayme-Lea, Milena, Ashleigh and Will.

**Coming up ….**

**Bake Sale**

It’s Spitfires turn to raise money for their chosen charity. Please see the letter attached.

**School Meal**

There’s still time for parents (or another family member) from Years 1 and 4 to book a school meal on Thursday 23 January.  As well as the standard school menu priced at £3.35, the kitchen are offering adults butternut squash soup and crusty bread for £2.35. This comes highly recommended by school staff!  Bookings needed by Tuesday 21st please.

**Don’t forget…**

**Illness**

Unfortunately we seem to have been hit with a tummy bug, mainly in years 3 and 4. Please can we remind parents that children should stay off school for 48 hours from their last incident.

**Clubs**

There are a few spaces for Gym, Stage Dance and Multisports. Please ask for details in the office.

Suzanne Blackburne-Maze  
*Headteacher*

**Every week we will be including a top tip to help you support your child with** **Maths or English**.

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Writing

**Top Tips** – Good stories often start with a strong character.

When a child creates a character that they know and understand it comes to life in their head. They want to tell its story and the writing flows from there.

Encourage your children to develop characters by drawing them and then writing descriptions all around the picture.

Question – What is their name? Where do they live? Who is in their family?

Try developing a character with your child to help them start to write their own story.

The DX Club are getting ready for our next Holiday Club during February Half Term. We have spaces for up to 30 children each day.   We will be open from Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February.  Early Bird prices of just £23.80 per child per day (or £15 per child per half day) are available until 31st January November.  Normal prices are £28 per child per day and £17.50 per child per half day.

To register your family and book spaces, please use the following:

<https://thedxclub.magicbooking.co.uk/Account/Login>

Please get in contact with Lisa Wood on 07855 225267 or email [thedxclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thedxclub@hotmail.co.uk)

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|  | **Meat Free Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Red** | Vegan sausage roll | BBQ Chicken | Toad in the Hole | Italian meatballs | Salmon finger |
| **Yellow** | Tomato and basil quiche | Southern fried quorn wrap | Quorn Toad in the Hole | Cheesy broccoli pasta | Quorn dippers |
| **Blue** | Cheese wrap | Ham wrap | Egg mayo roll | Chicken mayo roll | Tuna and cucmber baguette |

**Lunches for week beginning Monday 20th January**

***Diary Dates***

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| Friday 7th February | | Yr6 + Reception weighing and measuring. |
| Wednesday 12 February | | Year 5+6 trip to the Museum of East Anglia  Year 6 SATs meeting – 5.30pm |
| Friday 14 February | | Winter Sports Day |
| Monday 17 – Friday 21 February | | Half-term |
| Monday 24 – Thursday 27 February | | Year 6 Bikeability |
| Friday 28 February | | Mid-Year reports |
| Wednesday 4 March | | Parents Evening |
| Thursday 5 March | | Parents Evening |
| Wednesday 11 March | | Year 6 Maths Café -9.00am |
| Wednesday 25 March | | KS2 Production – details to follow |
| Thursday 26 March | | KS2 Production – details to follow |
| Wednesday 1 April | | Spring term closes |
| Thursday 2 and Friday 3 April | | Training Days |
| Monday 20 April | | Summer term starts |
| Friday 8th May | | May Day |
| Monday 25 to Friday 29 May | | Half-term |
| Tuesday 21 July | | Summer term closes |
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| Thursday 3 and Friday 4 September 2020 | | Training Days |
| Monday 7 September | | Autumn term starts |
| Monday 26 to Friday 30 October | | Half-term |
| Friday 18 December | | Autumn term closes |
| Monday 4 January 2021 | | Training Day |
| Tuesday 5 January | | Spring term starts |
| Monday 15 to Friday 19 February | | Half term |
| Friday 26 March | | Spring term closes |
| Monday 12 April | | Training Day |
| Tuesday 13 April | | Summer term starts |
| Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June | | Half-term |
| Monday 7 June | | Training Day |
| Friday 23 July | | Summer term closes |
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