

## **Year 2 Parents' and Carers' Lunch**

We would like to invite Year 2 Parents and Carers to join us for Lunch on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Please order your meal from the office by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January to ensure the cook orders enough food!

## **Parent Pay**

From 1<sup>st</sup> January, under Academy Finance Regulations, there is no provision for cash or cheque payments to school. You will have received your activation letter at the end of term and please contact the office if you cannot find it. I appreciate that this is a new way of payment but it does bring us into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and is in line with the majority of schools in the country! Thank you.

## **Uniform**

With our conversion to Academy Status, Year 6 are now sporting their new blazers, shirts and ties. We are so proud of the way they look and it shows real pride in our school. It also sets them apart as our senior pupils in preparation for the transition to High School. Our new uniform items are on line at [www.supersport.co.uk](http://www.supersport.co.uk) and are also available from Uniforms Plus. This is the start of a new era for us and we know the children are very excited to be part of this adventure.

## **Parent Questionnaire**

This month we will be sending out our annual Parents' Questionnaire. This gives you the opportunity to let us know what we are doing well and what improvements could be made. All children returning their questionnaire will be entered into a draw for a £10 Supermarket Voucher. I hope you will be able to support us in this important exercise.

## **E-Safety Workshop**

We are very concerned about keeping children safe online and are eager to support parents in this. On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January we will be holding a workshop for ALL parents and carers run by Rob Watton, a computer security specialist, to remind both parents and staff as to how to protect children and young people of all ages. The workshop will run from 2.45pm - 3.30pm so that you can collect your children afterwards. Please do your very best to attend - it's a scary world on the internet and the more we all know, the safer our children will be.

## **Emergency Closures**

So far we have managed to escape the snow and we got away with it all through last winter! However, knowing how exciting the British weather can be, these are the arrangements that will be made in the case of an emergency closure:

- The decision to close is never taken lightly but our prime concern is for the Health and Safety of Pupils, Staff and all other site users.
- A risk assessment will be made of the access to school and the surrounding roads and pavements. The ability to provide adequate staffing will be taken into account - many of our staff come from out of the area - as will the heating and catering arrangements. We also ask parents to make their own risk assessment as to whether they can get their child to school safely.
- The decision will be made as early as possible in the morning, but parents must be aware that sometimes conditions can change dramatically throughout the day.
- In the event of closure, a text message will be sent to all parents, so please ensure we have your correct mobile phone details. An announcement will also go on both the school and Staffordshire websites. If we have to close the school in the middle of the day, we will again contact parents by text message.
- If school is open on a snowy day, please send your child with wellies, warm outdoor clothing over their uniform and a change of clothes. We (Staff and children) do go out to play and have lots of fun!

NO attempt should be made to access the main school car park in icy or snowy conditions. As at all times, it is accessed at your own risk and we cannot be held liable for any accidents that may occur. Thank you for your understanding.