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Parent letter 4  
February 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

I seem to be writing to you less frequently in these technological times! I am using the texting service more and more frequently as parents tell me this is the best way to communicate and that messages get to them safely – i.e. not the letter 'got lost' on the way home! The website is also an invaluable source for information sharing and ours is updated frequently ensuring you have the latest information at your fingertips!

As I am sure you are aware, our school is a thriving, very popular school and we are over subscribed in all but one year group. The village is growing regarding new housing which is bringing new families into our catchment. I have been in discussions with our LA to find ways forward and to ensure each child is given the best chance to succeed in education. You must agree, if a child lives in the village they have the right to be educated in their village school and be made to feel very welcome.

Thank you for your replies regarding our "Ofsted style" questionnaire the results were as follows:-

58% of KS1 parents responded

39% of KS2 parents responded

49% of parents throughout the school responded

NO parents disagreed or strongly disagreed with any of the questions.

All responses either strongly agreed or agreed to all questions asked giving an overall view that this is a school where children enjoy learning and are making excellent progress. Thank you for that – remember we are here to help and our teachers are available every Wednesday evening to discuss any aspect of your child's education and welfare.

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February the children enjoyed an excellent Valentine Disco! This year the children decided they wanted to pay for hotdogs/hamburgers and a drink in with their ticket money - the majority of KS1 children opting for hotdogs and hamburgers for KS2. This year the tickets were £2 including a disco - my thanks again to Mr. Shaun for providing the disco, parent helpers and of course our staff, for all their help and hard work towards making this a success for the children.

We enjoyed lots of different activities and workshops in school regarding our children being safe on the internet during E Safety week 9 – 13 February. Thank you to parents who returned our surveys – up to now it seems we need to take no further action regarding workshops for parents. Please ensure you know what your child is doing on the internet and that they are safe.

**Diary dates and points of information look at all the exciting things happening in school – PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE SOME CHANGES**

**February 2015**

Thursday 26 E Safety production "Don't pack up your Troubles" outside theatre production company

**Monday 23 School opens**

**March**

Tues 3 KS 2 Cross Country Festival Parkside Academy (tbc)

Weds 4 **Y5/Y6 Visit to Kingswood Outdoor Education Centre – 2 night stay over**

Fri 6 Y5/Y6 Kingswood pupils return to school

Weds 11 11.45 Mother's Day Lunch KS2 mums

Thurs 12 11.45 Mother's Day lunch KS1 mums – please see separate letter

**PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION**

Y5/Y6 Safety Carousel The Work Place Newtown Aycliffe - excellent advice on keeping safe in the home and in the environment

Fri 13 Red Nose Day celebrations – details to follow

Mon 16 Shakespeare Week – stories for KS2

Weds 18 Wear Valley Football League Y5/Y6 Parkside Academy

Thurs 18 Bringing history alive in the Classroom –

The Roman Centurion's wife Team 3

Emma – the Anglo-Saxon lady Team 4

Fri 20 EYFS Gymnastics Festival Parkside Academy

Bike It – bike safety check and security marking, if you want to take part in this please ensure you have your child's bike in the school yard – information sent under separate letter or contact the school office for more details

Tues 24 1R/Y1M/Y2 Beamish Open Air Museum visit – (tbc)

Rev Ray Anglesea – Easter Assembly KS2

Thurs 26 9.15 a.m. EYFS/KS1 Easter Celebration Assembly

10.15 a.m. KS2 Easter Celebration Assembly – all parents invited a separate letter with more information will follow

**Friday 27 £1 non-uniform toy exploration day  
School closes**

**April**

**Monday 13 School opens for teaching purposes**

Tues 14 Y5/Y6 Childline Assembly – Safeguarding Children

Mon 20 Y3/Y4 Road Safety – outside provider

Tues 21 Y5/Y6 Childline workshops – Safeguarding Children

Mon 27 Y3/Y4 Road Safety – outside provider

**May**

**Monday 4 Bank Holiday**

**Book Week – please enjoy reading with your child and volunteer to come into school to hear children reading**

Weds 6 Y3 Tennis Festival Parkside Academy (tbc)

**Monday 11 KS2 SAT's ALL Y6 children in school this week please**

**Fri 15 More details and timetables were given to parents at the SAT January meeting**

Thurs 21 KS1/KS2 Outdoor and Adventurous Festival Parkside Academy (tbc)

**Friday 22 £1 non-uniform**

**toy exploration day**  
**Whitsun Holiday –**

**June**

**Tuesday 2**

**School opens for teaching purposes**

Thurs 4

Bags to School – please send old clothes etc and put in School yard for 9 a.m.

Weds 10

Y6 Leavers Service, Chinese meal and shopping in school time (tbc) – details to follow

Mon 15-19

Year 1 Phonics Tests

Weds 17

KS2 Quad Kids - Peases West running track (tbc)

9.15 – 10.15 Induction New Starters

Thurs 18

11.45 Father's Day Lunch KS1 dads (tbc) – more information and menus will be sent nearer this date

Fri 19

11.45 Father's Day Lunch KS2 dads (tbc)

Tues 23

1.15 p.m. Sports Afternoon (**weather permitting**) – details to follow

Weds 24

9.15 – 10.15 Induction New Starters parents meeting with Headteacher

**July**

Weds 1

9.15 – 11.15 Induction New Starters (to include playtime)

**Friday 3**

**Whole School outing South Shields (tbc)**

Tues 7 -

Y6 induction Wolsingham School and Community College

Thurs 9

(details to follow)

Wed 8

9.15 – 12.15 Induction New Starters (to include lunch with parent), unfortunately we cannot include toddlers or young babies

Thurs 9

Y6 induction Parkside Academy (details to follow)

**Friday 17**

**£1 non-uniform toy exploration day school closes for teaching purposes**

As usual this letter will be posted on our website (address at top of letter) for you to view at any time. Also I will be in touch by text as necessary. In the meantime, if you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact me – we are here to help!

Yours sincerely,

*Shirley Oswald*

**Head teacher**

**We want only the best for our children**

Stanley Crook Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment

