

**●●● Only Half a Term to Go!?!**

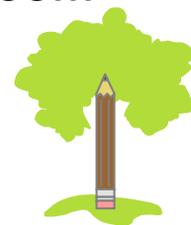
Well everyone, blink and you'll have missed 2016-2017 as I can't believe we are now heading into our final half term of the year and the first year in our new school building. It has been an incredible journey and I am delighted that we are 95% towards completing every single part of the new build work. The new entrance is almost complete, playgrounds almost finished and now we just have car parks to finalise. I have just a few messages for you all this week and over half term.

**SATs All Over the School!! ●●●**

I just wanted to mention how incredibly proud I have been of all the children from Y2 all the way to Year 6 for their courage, hard work and determination during SATs. Our Year 2 children have had a month of them, Year 6 a whole week and then Y3, Y4 & Y5 have had a week of tests too. Their attitude incredible and all of them so determined to do their very best. Phew everyone you have earned a break!! Don't worry Year 1 your turn is coming after half term with Phonics Screening so rest those brains over half term please!!!

**●●● Reception & Year 5 Learning Outside the Classroom**

For the first time in the school's history we took our Reception children away for a 1 night residential in the woods of Delamere and what a memorable experience it was. The children who stayed for the day and the overnight were simply incredible and all of us were truly inspired by their enthusiasm and love of outdoor learning. This continued with our lively Year 5's who spent 2 nights under canvas whilst preparing for Civil War on the Cheshire Plains. What a brilliant army they proved to be, working hard, co-operating and supporting each other. Magical life lasting memories created!

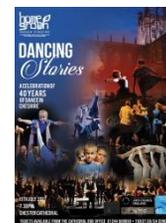
**Football Funday ●●●**

I can now let you all know that our total money raised from the Football Fun day was a staggering £1,305. This money will be ploughed straight back into school to provide the children with some exciting and enriching experiences. We will keep you updated as to how we spend this money.

**●●● Community Events**

It is that time of the year when we have many different events going on both in the local and wider community. Please keep a look out for some important letters coming to specific year groups who we'd love to be involved!! I am very fortunate that I have a committed team of staff who always actively volunteer their time out of school to support these. Below is a taster of some things that are coming up:

- Afternoon Tea for Local Residents – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 & Y6
- Midsummer Watch Parade, Chester City Centre – Sat 24<sup>th</sup> & Sun 25<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1
- Blacon Festival & Parade – Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July – Year 2
- Blacon Community Awards Performance Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4
- 40 years of Cheshire Dance, Chester Cathedral – Tues 11<sup>th</sup> July

**Half Marathon ●●●**

Continuing the theme of community support, I'd like to say a very special thank you to the amazing Half Marathon Cheering Team who arrived in school early on Sunday (8am) and cheered their hearts out to all the runners. I was sent several emails by runners after the event and have captured some of them here. What a difference you all made...I'm so proud of you all!!

*Good morning, I'm just writing to tell you what a massive support your school gave yesterday at the half marathon. They really spurred me on when I thought my legs were going to fall off!!!! The teachers and pupils are a credit to the school and really made a difference!*

*Can you please pass on a huge "Thankyou!" to everyone from your school who cheered the runners on yesterday. I was one of them and your support really helped me, you were all brilliant. Thanks Dee Point school!*

*Firstly, I really hope I've got the right school! I was one of the participants running the half marathon yesterday and was really impressed by the support the runners were given on route. The children from your school were particularly noisy in their support and, honestly, it does help to keep you going, so could you please pass on my thanks to those that were standing near to the bus and giving such great support and encouragement to the runners. They were great!*

## ● ● ● Building Update

Well everyone, we are almost there as you can see the new entrance road has now been established (please do not walk down this road, it is for cars only!!). The fencing is almost finished and finally they have started to install the new play area. Morgan Sindall will be away from our site in the first week back after half term and then we will have our own contractors starting work on our own car park. I am planning on keeping the top car park empty from next half term so it will be completely free for parents to park in. Only disabled badge holders will be able to come through the new main entrance gates as they have done before. It is so exciting that we are almost finished especially as we head into the final half term of the year.

## School Uniform – Opening Hours & Availability ● ● ●

We have had samples of our new uniform arrive in school this week and we have been taking some promotional pictures mainly for our new Parents booklets, school prospectus and end of year report folders. Uniform sales will be available throughout the Summer from our supplier including Saturdays. Please see the information below: **Please find listed below the dates we will be open on Saturdays to help your parents with their "September Back To School Uniform"**

*5<sup>th</sup> August, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> September*

**We will be open from 9am to 4pm and open our usual times during the week. If you could please advise parents that full stocks will be available from mid June. To ensure we can meet all their requirements for the first day back it is advisable that parents visit us prior to 18<sup>th</sup> August.**



## ● ● ● Newsround in School

As part of the school's quest to improve the way we teach Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Education, we encourage the children to watch Newsround on CBBC on a daily basis during snack time or at an appropriate time in the school day. I am aware that on occasions some topics may be challenging especially recently in the light of the appalling incident that occurred in Manchester on Monday evening. I am aware that some parents and carers may feel this is inappropriate for children to view, whereas others see it as important that the children are given the information in a child friendly / appropriate manner. Having watched the programme regarding coverage of the incident, I found the content to be suitably presented to the children but I am aware that some of you would prefer children not to watch it if the content you deem to be too controversial. If you think this then please let the classteacher know as you can withdraw your child from watching the news if you felt it was inappropriate. If not, we will continue to use the news to improve the children's knowledge of the world and to discuss any key issues raised.



## Parent Governor Needed ● ● ●

We are in the recruitment market again and would love to have another parent join our Governing Body. If you are interested and would like to know a little bit more about the role and how you can make a difference to the school, then please come and chat to me at any time, it is a fulfilling and worthwhile role.

## ● ● ● ...And Finally

As we close the doors on another exciting, eventful and enjoyable half term; this week has also given us all, much to reflect upon. I am sure you will join me in thinking of the children and families that have been affected by the events in Manchester this week; it also makes us all appreciate what we have in our lives that is so precious. With that in mind, please stay safe over the half term and have a lovely time with your families. We look forward to seeing you all back here on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. May the sun shine for you all!

Kind regards

Dave Williams  
(Headteacher)

