



Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Chinese New Year**

The whole school celebrated Chinese New Year with a variety of activities and thoroughly enjoyed learning about a different cultural experience. As you can see Year 2 made some exceptional Chinese dancing dragons.



### **AFE Director Duncan Dyason**

Duncan Dyason, Director of our link school AFE, recently spent the day at Buckingham Palace receiving his MBE for all his wonderful work for our link school. I am sure you join me in congratulating him for this well deserved award. Thank you also to Freya (Reception) who asked her friends not to give her presents for her birthday but, instead, to donate money to the children in AFE and raised £200. Freya's mother's bank will add to this sum to make the total nearly £500. On behalf of all the children in AFE a very big thank you.

### **Jewish display**

Thank you so very much to Perdie's mother (Reception) for leading an assembly on Jewish artefacts. The children were enthralled and asked very interesting questions. The Jewish artefacts have replaced the Christian artefacts in the library for the children to enjoy.

### **Bag2School**

Thank you so very much to Cooper's mother (Reception) who has taken over from Tanvir's mother to organize the 'Bag2School' fundraising event. Please start now collecting any unwanted clothing, bags etc (not bedding or curtains). Cooper's mother will send out the plastic bags (although black plastic bags are acceptable) for you to fill just before the Bag2School day on **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. The bags are

then weighed and the school receives 40p per Kg. There are two collections per year, one in the Autumn term and one in the Spring term, and over past years we have raised £800 per year, so please start collecting now. As you may have read in the press school budgets have been severely cut so every penny raised is significant and will be spent on your child's education.



### Diary Dates

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** 'Drama4All' performance to celebrate 'World Book Day'

**Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>:** Bag2school fundraising event, please start collecting any unwanted clothes, bags etc but not bedding or curtains as these items will be collected for Bag2school and raise much needed money for your children

### HALF TERM MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** 09:05 Year 1 assembly

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** 09:05 Mothers' Day concert (mothers/grandmothers only please)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Red Nose Day, details to follow

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March:** **09:15** Easter Bonnet parade, please note the amended time

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 13:00 FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS AND REOPENS 08:45 TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April:** 09:30 – 11:30 Year 2 Tennis at DCHS

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** 09:30 – 11:30 Year 1 Orienteering at DCHS

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May:** 13:00 – 15:00 Year 2 Rounders DCHS

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May: SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM 15:00 AND REOPENS 08:45 TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

### INSET DAYS (SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING)

**MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

May I wish you all a safe, happy and healthy weekend and as this is the last newsletter before half term may you all have a safe, happy and healthy half term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Cathy Hunt  
Headteacher

