



## **HIGH LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Charities Day**

Charities Day was, yet again, a roaring success and a perfect example of our children at their best. As always, the stalls were rich and varied, with healthy options, recycled goods and homemade goods being the order of the day. It was wonderful to see so many parents and friends coming along to support the children's efforts. Through our pupils' hard work (and yours) we raised £517.13 for the children's chosen charities, which is a record! The money will split, with 50% being used to support our curriculum enrichment programme and 50% towards the children's chosen charities. The School Learning Council will finalise these decisions in their next meeting.

### **Core Values**

This half term, the children have been helping us to explore what really matters to us by identifying and promoting our core values. We believe our values reflect who we are as a school and how we want to behave as individuals. Our chosen core values are:

- Belonging
- Relationships
- Respect
- Curiosity
- Resilience
- Lifelong learning

We look forward to learning more about our values with the children and discovering how we can make our local and global community a better place by promoting them in our daily lives.

### **New School Website**

We are looking forward to the launch of the new school website after half term. As well as a brand new look, phone compatibility and easy links to Marple Childcare and ParentPay, the website will include a calendar, blog and some lovely photographs of the children taking part in school activities, lessons and events. We currently have explicit permissions from many parents to include their child's image on our website as this was requested with our beginning of year data collection sheet. If you did not return this document, but are happy for us to display unnamed school activity photographs that show your child, please request a permission slip from the office.

### **Class Dojo**

All classes in school are now using ClassDojo to inform you of class based news and your own child's learning journey. It has been a really popular addition to the way we communicate with you and is working really well for most parents and staff. Just a reminder that Dojo should not be used to formally report absence as it is difficult for us to keep track of reasons for absence in this way. Please continue to phone in on the first day of absence and send in a letter on your child's return to school.

## **Cross Country**

The children have made a fantastic start to their bid to retain their Cross Country titles this year, with many members of the after school club turning up in all weathers on Saturday mornings to run at Woodbank Park, with the next event being tomorrow morning. You can follow the results and league tables on the competition website at [www.stockportharriers.co.uk](http://www.stockportharriers.co.uk)

## **Volunteers**

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have come forward in many guises to assist with school activities this half term. Whether you have volunteered to help in class, on trips, as a Governor or on the PTFA, your time and support are invaluable to us and hugely appreciated.

## **Clubs**

This term has seen the introduction of some new out of school activities alongside some old favourites. Children of varying ages are now able to attend clubs for lacrosse, mini soccer, ninja warriors, choir, cross country and dodgeball.

## **Water bottles**

It is important that all children have water bottles in school. These should be taken home each night, washed and returned full each morning. We have filled bottles available for purchase from the office at a cost of 40p.

## **Parking**

I have again had concerns raised by residents who live on the roads surrounding the school grounds, regarding parking during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Please avoid parking near junctions, on double yellow lines or across driveways and private roads as this creates problems for our local community and is dangerous for our families and others. Also, please do not park in the school car park at any time or use it as a cut through to Marple Childcare. The car park is for staff use only, unless there is a specific need due to disability.

## **Dinner money**

Please continue to pay your dinner money using ParentPay. The winter menu will be published on our website after the holidays as well as displayed around school. Dinner money for the first week back is £9.40 or £91.65 for the half term to Christmas. Please pay in advance so that your account remains in credit.

## **Dates for your diary**

Please note the following additional diary dates for next term:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Year 4 Class Assembly

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Bags to school

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Attire Day (for charity)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Concert. 7.00pm at St Thomas' for all junior children. Everyone is welcome to come and join in, although space is limited and the church does get very full.

Have a good half term break and I look forward to seeing you back next half term.

Yours sincerely

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