

**Dear Parents,**

**Welcome back.**

Happy New Year! We have lots of exciting things happening this term including another themed week called Brilliant Books and Rapturous Reads'.

**Collection for Chestnut Tree House Hospice**

Many thanks for your generous donations at the Nativity and Carol Service. We raised a magnificent sum of £195.00 which was sent to the Chestnut Tree Hospice

<b>Important dates this term:</b>
Open afternoon 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2.30-3.30 - come and see the school in action and look at what your children have been doing this half term.
Half term 16 <sup>th</sup> February to 20 <sup>th</sup> February inclusive
Bikeability for Y6 week beginning 2 <sup>nd</sup> March – more information will follow shortly
Themed Week- w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> March: 'Brilliant Books and Rapturous Reads' incorporating World Book Day. Your children will be asked to come dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March.
Parents evening Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March- 5.30-7.30 and Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2.30-5.30
March 27 <sup>th</sup> last day of term
<b>Next term:</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> April E safety talk to parents from PC Broad 6.30pm

**Inset Days**

First day back in September is due to be Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September; we have decided that we will be having Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September as Inset days.

**Phil the Bag**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

**Homework**

As you may recall from my previous newsletter the teachers have been discussing homework. From this term in KS1, the children will be given 3 activities that will last for 2-3 weeks; the books will continue to be collected every week to look at how the children are getting on.

In years 3-5 the children will receive a sheet that shows the spellings and writing task that have to be completed plus a number of other activities for the children can choose at least 2 of them to complete. These tasks will be changed every half term. Children in Year 6 will continue to receive homework to prepare them for the SATS tests in May.

Regards

Mrs Jill Dawson