

# Newsletter - March 2013

## UNIFORM BADGE



Over the past few years we have gradually replaced the old school badge (the interlinked BPS) with the new logo you see at the top of this page. The final step in the transition is to start using the new badge on our uniform.

Therefore, we will be closing ordering for uniform for two weeks after the Easter break whilst our suppliers change their tooling. Any uniform ordered between now and the Easter break may be embroidered with the outgoing badge.

Of course, uniform whichever badge it displays will remain perfectly acceptable.

## PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Can we please remind parents that the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school are there for our children's safety.

Sheffield City Council parking services are currently patrolling the area on a regular basis. We have been aware that a number of parents/carers have been fined recently as a result of stopping in the marked area.

Can we also please ask that parents /carers respect our neighbours when parking around school and do not 'churn' up the grass verges which have caused numerous complaints from local residents.

## DINNER MONEY



Could we please remind you that all dinners that have been consumed **MUST** be paid for within the same week.

Please make sure that any dinner money is given to the teacher in an envelope or small container clearly marked with your child's name and class and not sent 'loose'.

All cheques for dinner monies should be made payable to 'Sheffield City Council'.

## REMAINING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Thursday 28th March - Break up for Easter Break  
Monday 15th April - Return after Easter Break  
Thursday 23rd May - Break up for Half Term  
Tuesday 4th June - Return After Half Term break  
Tuesday 23rd July - Break up for Summer Break

Full holiday calendars are available on our website:

**[www.ballifield.co.uk](http://www.ballifield.co.uk)**

## BREAKFAST/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



We are delighted with the number of children which attend our breakfast club and hope that parents /carers see it as a valuable resource.

We would like to remind parents that Breakfast club does not open until **8.00am** and that children should not be dropped off before this time as there may be no one in the office to open the front door and there is no supervision available in the dining room before this time.

We would be grateful if you could reinforce with your child that due to the gates being unlocked and the site not being secure, we don't allow children to go outside to play after their breakfast. However, Mrs Pasley does a 'breakfast warm up' in the school hall for **children attending breakfast club only** from 8.30am.

Unfortunately, Kids Kabin who currently run our after school provision have informed parents and the school that due to falling numbers attending, it is no longer viable to run the provision.

School has investigated the options around other providers but they have a similar view that with such low demand it is not a viable business at present. A list of registered childminders is available on our website and on [www.asksid.net](http://www.asksid.net)

## PARENTS GROUP EASTER FAYRE



Quick reminder that our parents group are holding their Easter Fayre on Sunday 24th March from 11am—1pm.

The PTA will have a stall at the fayre where parents can find out more information about how the group and how you can join in.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

Although this has been a short half term, it has also been a busy one. Teachers, especially in Y2 and Y6, are busy preparing for the SATs and other assessments and I know you are all aware how important attendance and punctuality are.

We have had some great news regarding our mobile classrooms which I am sure you will agree are at the end of their working life. Sheffield City Council has agreed to make a substantial contribution towards the funds the school have been saving to build new, permanent and more suitable classrooms for our Year 4s. We'll bring you more news as soon as plans are formalised!

*Sheila Haigh*

# School Holiday Calendar 2013/14



		Autumn Term												Spring Term																																								
		Sept 2013				Oct 2013				Nov 2013				Dec 2013				Jan 2014				Feb 2014				Mar 2014				Apr 2014																								
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	1	8	15	22	29	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	3	10	17	24	31							
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Wed		4	11	18	25		9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	2	9	16	23	30					
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Fri		6	13	20	27		11	18	25		8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25	

		Summer Term																			
		May 2014				Jun 2014				Jul 2014				Aug 2014							
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= Bank Holiday  
 = School Holidays  
 = Staff Training Days