

School closes today at 3.15 p.m. for the half-term holiday. It opens again at 9.00 a.m. on Monday 19th February.

BUN DAY

Thank you for your support of yesterday's Bun Day. £166 was raised for P.T.A. Funds. All money raised will be spent directly on the children of the school.

CHANGES TO SPELLING TESTS:

Starting next half-term the usual weekly Spelling Test on Friday morning will not take place. Instead the children will use the time to continue to learn their spellings and to develop their vocabulary by learning the meanings of some of the words on the spelling list.

During the week, your child's teacher will be able to see which spellings are being spelt correctly and which need further practise so the end of week test will not be needed. This will create more time for valuable learning to take place, rather than using the time for a test which tells your child's teacher very little that they didn't already know.

A Spelling test sheet will be sent home on Friday with your child, and you are welcome to conduct a spelling test with them over the weekend and mark it, if you wish. If you do the test with your child you may return the completed test to your child's teacher on Monday. Please note that it is your decision as to whether you give your child the spelling test.

Children learn by being taught well, not by being tested, and time for learning is at a premium during what is a very crowded and busy school week. The above arrangement will help to add a little extra teaching and learning time to the school week for your child.

XBOX AND PLAYSTATION GAMES WARNING

We have had a couple of instances recently where children in Key Stage 1 have been acting out games that they have seen older brothers and sisters playing on their games console at home. In acting out the game the children have been using some of the bad language and actions that accompany games such as Grand Theft Auto.

It is usually the case that the children are simply repeating the language they have heard in the game and are often not aware that the words they are using are offensive in any way. However, such language is not acceptable in school.

When asked, the children have said that their older siblings play the game at home. Please will you ensure that your older children are aware that games such as Grand Theft Auto are entirely inappropriate for their younger brothers and sisters to be watching or listening to, and that they do not play them if they are present.

We give Mrs Thompson, who is a member of our Teaching Assistant Staff, our best wishes as she begins her maternity leave.

CLASS ATTENDANCE COMPETITION		
1 st Place	CLASS 3B AND CLASS 3W	100%
2 nd Place	CLASS 5B	98.1%
3 rd Place	Class 6BU	97.9%
This week's Overall School Attendance Rate >>>>>>>>>>>		95.0%
The Attendance Rate since the Start of the School Year >>>>>>		95.8%

Sports Camp starts on Monday for those children who were registered by the deadline date.

