



# Ilketshall St Lawrence Primary School Newsletter

## **Film Night**

Our Friends association are organising a family film night on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 5 o'clock. Tickets cost £3.00 per head for hotdogs or pizza included in the cost. There will also be popcorn, cakes and refreshments available. If you are interested please complete the reply slips sent out by PTA and return to school as soon as possible. All funds raised by the PTA are directly used for the benefit of the children in our school.

## **Outdoor environment**

We have been working with our School Council and our PTA to come up with plans to improve our outdoor space. As a result, we have just ordered some lovely new living willow structures for the outside area which will be delivered and installed over the next few weeks. These will provide some new play spaces for the children on the field and some much needed shade in the summer. We have also ordered some super den building materials which will be used for outdoor learning. The staff and children would like to say a big thank you to the PTA for jointly funding this project. We would not have been able to do half as much without their continued support.

## **MAD Day**

We are having a MAD (make a difference day) on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March. With the support of our PTA, we are looking for a working party to make a difference to our grounds. There are various jobs to be done, including weeding, dismantling and relocating the sensory garden, spreading the play bark, clearing the poly tunnel and the veggie beds and reorganising the beds in front of the offices ready for landscaping. A ready supply of tea, coffee and bacon butties will be available to all.

## **Term dates 2017-2018**

Next year's term dates are attached and also on the school website .

## **Morning Break Snacks**

Could we ask please that morning break is sent in separate to the children's lunch? Many of the older children are taking their snacks from their lunchboxes and are eating some (if not most!) of their lunch at break time which means that not only are they having an unsuitable snack but also they are hungry at lunch time. Morning break should be a piece of fruit as it provides healthy, slow release energy to get the children through to lunchtime.

## **Partnership Day and other Educational Visits**

Plans are afoot for the next partnership day (letter to follow). The children really enjoy these days and get a lot from them in terms of curriculum, confidence and developing a wider range of friendships. We organise educational visits to enrich and enhance the curriculum for the children, however the cost of coaches has risen substantially and is becoming increasingly prohibitive. Over the last year, in order to keep costs manageable for parents, we have subsidised transport for visits by over £2000, an average of approximately £20 per child. This does not include the pantomime trip where the cost of transport was kindly paid by our PTA. This is unsustainable. Therefore, I am asking for your views on how we move forward with regards to educational visits. If you have a moment, could you please complete and return the following form to school so that we can gain an understanding of your views on this matter.

**Please tick as appropriate**

**I am happy with the number of visits school organises for my child and I understand that the contribution for these may have to increase.**

**I would rather that there were fewer visits and I understand that the contribution for these may have to increase.**

**It would help me if I knew at the start of the year, the approximate cost of trips so that I can budget for these.**

**I would rather that school did not organise educational visits for my child through the year.**

**Any other comments**

---

---

---