# AMOTHERBY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL www.amotherby.n-yorks.sch.uk NEWSLETTER 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016

<u>Deputy Director of Children and Young People's Services</u> Jill Hodges visited our school today. She complimented the children on their politeness, the standard of their work, their behaviour in classes and attitude to learning. She was delighted with the performance of the school including the latest test results (July 2015). Jill met all the staff and was very impressed with the friendly atmosphere of the school. She will be putting a comment on her Twitter page!

Panto in school – Oh no it isn't, Oh yes it is! 'Jack and the Beanstalk' was performed in the school hall on Tuesday 12th January. Best bits by children include:

- Making soup with Barbie!
- Silly Billy was the best character
- Loved the singing and the dancing
- Dimples the cow was really funny

Reading Challenge The children have been very enthusiastic about taking part in the continued whole school reading challenge last term. Just to let you know we are continuing the challenge this term, so remember KEEP READING!!!

Absences from school Please can I remind you that if your child is ill and absent from school please ring the Admin team to inform them of the absence before the start of school 8.55am. If your child has a medical appointment, dance or instrumental exam during the day then please can you inform us in writing.

<u>End of Day Arrangements</u> Please could you write in your child's planner if your child's arrangements are different at the end of the day. If your circumstances change during the day then please phone school before 2.45pm, before the children go into assembly, so information can be passed to the relevant staff. We want to ensure all children get home safely. As a matter of safeguarding we will not release your child to an adult if we are not aware of the arrangements.

<u>School Dinners and Fruit</u> Next half term School Dinners will total £63 and Fruit will be £3.75.

<u>Tim Peake's Space Walk</u> Children were invited by Mrs Spittal and Mr Baggaley to watch Tim Peake's spacewalk at lunchtime today. Many thanks to the staff for providing this opportunity for our children.

### **Bags 2 School**

The collection will be Tuesday 19th January, please leave bags in the waiting shelter at the top of the school path. Thank you for your support.

### **Change of Details**

Just a reminder to everyone, please contact school with any changes to details and phone numbers. This really is important if we need to contact you during the school day.

# **Dates for Diaries**

<u>January</u>

Tuesday 19th - Bags 2 School Collection

## **February**

Monday 1st – National Storytelling Week Monday 8th – Chinese New Year Monday 8th – Safer Internet Week Friday 12th – Chinese Dinner Friday 12th – School closes for Half term Monday 22nd – School opens Friday 26th – Year 4 Class Assembly

## <u>March</u>

Friday 4th – Year 3 Class Assembly
Tuesday 8th – Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 11th – Year 6 Class Assembly
Monday 14th – Parents' Evening
Tuesday 15th – Parents' Evening
Friday 18th – Year 2 Class Assembly
Friday 18th – Family Bingo Night
Thursday 24th – Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday 24th – End of Term

Sue Knowles (Head)