

## **NUT STRIKE ACTION-SCHOOL CLOSURE 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**Please note that on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April our school will be closed.**

Already within this first week back we have all been busy:

- ❖ All the children have met our elephant and have explored the reasons through drama why an elephant has visited our school. Our reception classes have explored the theme of elephants and have found out about their natural habitats and how they live.
- ❖ All the children have been designing patterns with which to decorate our elephant ready for the Norwich-wide exhibition in August.
- ❖ Our Gardening Club have been planting some fruit trees donated by Schools in Bloom. They have planted them along the fence between the neighbouring houses and our field-please avoid playing football on this area so that they don't get damaged. Thanks.
- ❖ This Friday all the children have been doing their "MARATHON" activity. Please remember to return your sponsorship forms and monies as soon as possible. Thanks for your support...and we wish anyone running in the London Marathon a good race.

### **Family Learning Events**

Following our successful Community Singing Session it has been suggested that we set up a Recreation Road Community Choir for Adults. The choir would learn a range of songs including jazz, world music and round-singing. The choir would meet for about 45 minutes after school either on a Thursday or Friday-we will not be able to run a crèche unless you could organise this amongst yourselves. If you wish to know more please collect a letter from Mrs Burrell or from the school office.

We are also really looking forward to our Maths Games session and our Birds and Birdsong Walks planned for this term.

### **Year Two Activity Evenings**

We have planned to run 2 outdoor activity evenings for Year 2 children: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July. These evenings will include lots of adventure skills and will end with a sing-song around the camp fire. Watch this space for more information.

**Please remember our website is developing well-do have a look:**

**[www.recreationroad.com](http://www.recreationroad.com)**

### **Assembly Themes This Term:**

During this first half term we will be talking about sports people and the kinds of attitudes they need: perseverance, determination, strength of character, team-spirit etc. If anyone is involved in a sport that they would like to talk about then please see me.

During our second half term we will be thinking about environmental issues and how we all can play a part in creating a better world.

### **Links, Networks and Curriculum Development:**

We are currently involved in linking with the Clare School as part of their specialist bid. Having visited their site and spoken to staff and pupils there could be a lot of productive links for both schools.

Our Primary Learning Networks are developing well with staff working with colleagues to develop mantle of the expert, drama and writing, and assessment for learning. We hope to host Professor Brian Edmiston from University of Ohio in June. He is a leading expert on ethical play and using mantle of the expert.

Staff Training this term includes work on developing problem-solving in maths and creating a maths policy. We are also looking at how to further develop drama and music across the school. Some staff are attending workshops led by French philosopher, Oscar Breiner where they will develop questioning skills.

This term staff are busy with pupil assessment and producing pupils' Records of Achievement. Year 1 pupils will receive their Records of Achievement on 6<sup>th</sup> June, Year 2 pupils on 20<sup>th</sup> June and Reception pupils on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

In June we will be working on a whole school project regarding playground design and development. We hope then to be able to put a bid into a scheme to help us finance some of these developments.

### **Work Experience Students**

This term we will be welcoming:

- ❖ Speech and Language Therapy Students from UEA
- ❖ Year 10 work experience students from Taverham, CNS, Parkside and Hewitt
- ❖ Jen Bowes-Taylor our PGCE student from UEA will return to do her final placement with Mrs Cushion's class

### **Lateness**

Please do try to be punctual. It is really important that children are here on time so that they can settle into their classes comfortably and do not miss any of the lesson objectives or instructions.