27th February 2019

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

**INSET day**

A reminder that school is closed to children next Monday 4th March for a staff training day. We look forward to having all children back on Tuesday 5th March.

**World Book Day**

Thursday 7 March is World Book Day and we are inviting children to decorate a potato as a book character.  Decorated potatoes should be brought into school on Thursday 7th March and there will be prizes for the most creative entries. Thank you for your support.

**Pancake Day**

Tuesday 7th March is Pancake Day, the kitchen have decided to change the dessert on this day from Gingerbread Men to Pancakes with various toppings.

**Class assemblies**

Mrs Holloway’s Y4 class assembly is on Friday 8 March. Miss Ashton’s Y4 class assembly is on Thursday 21 March, (**note change of date**), Mrs Wharton’s Y3 class assembly is on Friday 22 March.

**Y6**

Well done to Y6 who are this week working on the “Love my River” project. The weather has certainly been better than this time last year and I know the first class thoroughly enjoyed their study on Monday with the other class out this Friday.

**MOMO**

**I know that some of our parents and children are talking about the “Momo challenge” as rumours circulate nationally and worldwide about children seeing the character and allegedly being challenged to perform dangerous acts. We will not be talking to children in school about this directly and I urge all parents to maintain a healthy sense of proportion, a lot of the media coverage is highly sensationalised and there is no evidence from across the world of absolute links to children and teenagers self-harming. However, I appreciate the whole scenario could be worrying and our advice is exactly the same as with all online safety; monitor everything that your children are accessing, know their passwords and check their history and tell them to talk to you immediately if they see anything which concerns them.**

**Football**

Very well done to our footballers last night who drew 2:2 with Leftwich PS, Mr Higham tells me they played superb, attractive football and as always did so with an exemplary attitude. Tonight we have a mixed boy girl team playing a friendly at Hartford Manor, good luck and enjoy it!

Thank you all for your support with our push for improved punctuality; we have definitely seen a marked improvement with children being in the right place on the playground at the right time so ensuring they all get a good start to the school day. Very many thanks.

Yours sincerely

Adam Croft