

NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 19th OCTOBER

POP UK

The children put on an amazing performance at Robin Park Arena on Wednesday evening and we are all very proud of them. It was a very special occasion and one we will remember for a long time. Thank you to all parents who came along to support the children who worked so hard all afternoon and evening.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Our Key Stage 2 Halloween Disco will be held on **Tuesday 30th October from 5p.m. – 6.30 p.m.** Please return the ticket request if your child will be attending.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

We were hoping to have our on-line booking system in place for Parents' Evenings but unfortunately it will not be set up in time. Therefore, please find attached a letter for Parents' Evenings which will be held on **Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th November.**

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

The government expects schools to promote good attendance and act early to address patterns of absence. Holidays during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, and only for a **maximum of 5 days**. Holidays will not be authorised in the following circumstances:

- If your child's attendance is less than 95%
- If the absence would result in your child's attendance falling below 95%
- During September when children are settling into the new school year.
- If your child has had a holiday granted in the last 12 months
- In the lead up to SATS in Year 2 and Year 6.
- During assessment weeks in other year groups (the dates will need to be checked with school before a request is submitted).
- On the grounds of a holiday being cheaper in term time.
- A wedding abroad, unless it a direct family member (mum, dad, sister, brother)

Request forms should be submitted at least two weeks before the first day of absence.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ON-LINE

Children use the internet for a variety of activities including games, research and homework. Whilst they are confident with the technology children are not always able to make the right decisions about what they access, who they talk to and what they might post about themselves and others on the internet; this includes social media sites which have age restrictions. Therefore it is important that use of the internet is closely monitored by parents. The NSPCC have published lots of advice on their website which can be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

SECONDAY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

May we remind all Year 6 parents that secondary applications need to be submitted by **Wednesday 31st October.**

HALF TERM

We break up today for the half term holiday and return to school on **Monday 29th October.**