

## **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

I've finally realised it's 2019 and now have the correct date on my newsletter !

Candidates for the Head Teacher post have been selected for short leet interviews on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. Representatives from the Parent Council are fully involved in the recruitment process.

Last week I attended a meeting to review building improvement works. These are ahead of schedule for the end of October 2019. The February break provides an opportunity for more extensive work to be undertaken by contractors and the next major projects will be the school's resource room and the P4B classroom.

We received our projected class allocation for August of fourteen classes with two classes at each stage. There will be an intake of two primary 1 classes of 25 children. This may change as new enrolments come in. I am currently reviewing the staffing we have in place for this class structure so that recruitment can start as early as possible.

The P3 classes went on a trip to Our Dynamic Earth last Thursday. They experienced a workshop where they learnt all about how to complete everyday tasks in space, such as how to eat, drink and sleep. They toured Dynamic Earth and watched a film about our solar system in the show dome. Everyone really enjoyed themselves, thank you to the parent volunteers who were able to accompany the classes. Language Class 1 have been learning about insects and animals and are looking forward to a therapeut visit. Janet and her dog Fitch are coming to visit the Language Classes on Tuesday. We are all very excited. Cole's Mum, an astro-physicist, gave a space workshop to each P3 class. She gave them a challenge to see if they could become astro-physicists and work in space, for example on the International Space Station. She had four tests – observation, integrity, resilience and problem-solving. If they practise their Maths each year in school they could all become astro-physicists.

Our drop in sessions are on Friday morning and the PSA's international café will be in the school dining hall. We hope to see you there. Remember that the school is on holiday next week. We close at the usual Friday times and return to school on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February. We hope everyone has a great break.

*Stewart Crabb, Seconded Head Teacher*