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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you are all enjoying the second part of the Spring Term and the better weather that has come with it.



We have got off to a great start with the children enjoying World Book Day and the poet and author events we held in school as part of Iveson's Literacy Month.

You can see from the picture just how engaged the children were with the poet Ian Bland and from the assembly at the start of the day to the class input throughout the day they were all buzzing with excitement!

We have reached that time of year again when we gather the views of parents and children on how we can continue to move Iveson forward. The input of our families is always important and particularly so as we move towards two form entry. The architects have been around school with Leeds council to look at the site and how we can best develop this to meet the needs of a modern primary school. We will share the plans with you once we have them, in the meantime please complete the attached Parent Questionnaire and return it to school by Monday 27th March 2017.



One idea we have decided to implement is a new baby tree. The children are naturally very excited when a new sibling arrives and enjoy sharing the news with their teacher and friends. We wanted to support this celebration so we have designed some tags which will be available from the school office or to download online onto which your family can add a photo of the new addition and their name and date of birth. The children can then share the news with their class and add the tag to the tree to welcome the new arrival. The tags will be ready by the end of the week and we would love to add any new or 2017 arrivals to help launch this so please request a tag or download the electronic copy.



We are keen to keep our children safe in school so I would like to remind you all that the carpark to the front of school MUST NOT be used as a cut through. A number of parents are standing at the edge of the wall and encouraging the children to cut over the wall. This often means that young siblings are wondering around the car park and then large groups are walking through this area. We have a number of children who are picked up and dropped off by taxis and it is essential that this remains a vehicle only area. Car parking and access is something we will be looking at as part of the school scheme but in the meantime it is essential you support us to keep all the children safe by collecting your children from the designated area.

There have been a few cases of head lice reported in school and whilst our parents are quick to treat these we would ask that you ensure that if your child has long hair they tie it up to prevent them from spreading. We do have bobbles/rubber bands in schools and will ask the children to tie their hair up to help prevent them spreading.



As we approach the summer term and the children are enjoying playing out a number of them are wearing trainers to school can I remind you these must be plain alternatively they can change in to pumps whilst in the school building. We do have a uniform rule that states children should have black sensible school shoes. A number of girls are coming in higher heels and UGG style boots – we would request these are kept for out of school wear as they are not suitable for school playtimes.

I'd also remind you that for those children in Year 5 and Year 6 who walk home we DO allow them to bring their mobile phones to school. These must be handed in at the start of the day and we will return them at the end of the school day. You do need to complete a form giving the appropriate permission. Please note younger children are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school.



Can I remind you all that our annual Easter Bonnet Competition is on Thursday 30th March with prizes for the best Easter Bonnets by class and a whole host of chocolate Easter goods for the overall winner – We will be parading our Easter Bonnets around the local area on the day – times and route to follow.



Yours sincerely

Hayley Marshall
Headteacher

