



Tuesday 27th January 2015

Dear Parents / Carers,

A busy term so far and still 2 weeks to go! Don't forget to check your child's class page on the school web site to see what they have been doing. Class teachers are aiming to update the class page weekly.

SCHOOL COUNCIL – RAINBOW HOSPICE CHARITY

The School Council, on behalf of the children, welcomed our Rainbow Hospice visitor into the school assembly on Friday 16th January. The children were taught a lot more about the work that the charity does and were also thanked for their first contribution of £388.38 which had already been received by Rainbow Hospice. Each class will now be planning their class event which will take place between February and July – look out for more information! If you would like to find out more about the hospice please look on



their web site <http://www.rainbows.co.uk/the-hospice>

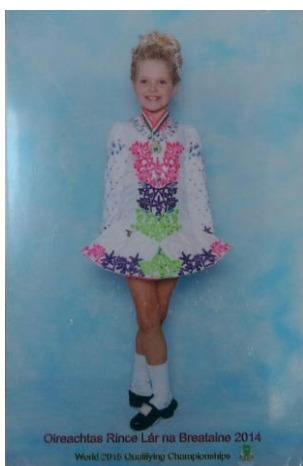
Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU TO THE ONE STOP STORE, ETWALL

KS1 children and staff would like to say a BIG Thank You to One Stop store in Etwall for their very generous donation of drinks and mince pies for the KS1 Christmas Party. The children really enjoyed them and had a fabulous party!



WELL DONE CIARA!



We have more news of Ciara's success at dancing! Ciara competed at the Midland U10's Championships in December where she achieved her highest place ever! She has now qualified for the World Championships at Easter in Montreal, Canada – super news! Getting to the world championships has been one of Ciara's dreams ever since she started competing, and to do it in the 1st age group possible is a huge achievement.

Ciara has trained incredibly hard and it is great to see her hard work rewarded. As a warm up to the big event, Ciara will compete in the All Scotland Championships in February. We all wish her every success in Scotland in February and in Montreal at Easter!

NEW LIBRARY CLUB AND THE LITERACY COMMITTEE

This week the Literacy Committee have launched their new 'Library Club', which they are going to run on Monday lunchtimes with Mrs Hall. Children from all classes are free to sign up to the club on a sign-up sheet outside the library, and places will then be allocated each week. Children can attend the Library Club if they wish to use the resources there to research topics for homework, they could do book reviews to encourage other children to read books they have enjoyed, book recommendations (displayed in the library) or simply come along and enjoy books and read for pleasure!





The Literacy Committee will also be reading stories to groups of reception children, and then taking them for their dinner. It seems to have got off to a popular start, with many children signing up to the first session this week. We hope it will be a very popular club and will inspire children to love reading! ***If you have any spare time and would like to help on Monday lunchtime, then please see Miss Warburton for more information.***

IMAGINEERING CLUB : Mondays after school 3.35 to 4.35

Imagineering club has been run in school for 2 years now and has been very popular! It introduces Y5/6 children to the exciting world of engineering and technology whilst having fun making a series of working engineering projects from kits using simple tools. We are very lucky to have a club at Etwall Primary as there are only around 140 in the UK.

Children will learn about the engineering and science behind these projects – which, when complete, can be taken home to share with families too. Some examples of what has been made are: an aero glide model, a magnetic compass and a steady hand game. Mrs Hendriksen and an enthusiastic group of parent volunteers have kindly run the club since it started. They have also organised exciting visits to Rolls Royce in previous years! Please speak to your child – there are places available this term. ***If you are interested in joining come and speak to Mrs Toynbee or Mrs Hendriksen (parent).***

Y5/6 Mini Basketball

On 20th January 2015 a group of 12 year 5 and 6 children went across to John Port School with Miss Lynch to take part in a Mini Basketball competition. The game included playing 5-a-side with the matches lasting 10 minutes each. Etwall Primary faced 3 local schools in the



first heat of the tournament. The team played very well, although unfortunately the team did not progress to the next stage of the competition. Out of all of the schools Etwall Primary took the largest team including 7 boys and 5 girls- an excellent turn out! The children behaved in a super manner and really did the school proud as they displayed excellent sportsmanship. Well done to those who competed and thank you for your support.

NSPCC SHARE AWARE CAMPAIGN <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

The 'Share Aware' Campaign recently launched by the NSPCC highlights the concerns about social networking sites that are often popular with children. The launch of the 'Share Aware' campaign aims to get families talking about socialising safely online. Etwall Primary sent parents a letter about this issue recently as we take safeguarding of the children very seriously.

One of the main concerns highlighted by the campaign is how children under 13 are able to sign up to sites that are aimed at teenagers and adults. The NSPCC surveyed just under 2000 children and young people about which social networking sites they used. One of the main concerns the children raised was the risk of strangers contacting them and being exposed to inappropriate content. ***Please look at the NSPCC web site for no nonsense advice.***

The importance of educating children about e-safety has become ever more apparent as children are exposed to the internet and social networking sites more than ever. Here at





NEWSLETTER

Etwall we aim to educate and support the children in learning about e-safety through the curriculum and also through special days and themed weeks. Unfortunately children may not be 100% safe from the dangers of the internet, however, through education and openly discussing these issues, our children will know how to respond and act in the event of something happening to them on the internet.

Etwall Primary School also has a newly formed 'Keep Safety Committee' which meets termly to discuss issues surrounding e-safety and anti-bullying work

The school will be holding its e-safety week from Monday 23rd February 2015 . *It is vital that school and home work together to support the children – please put Tuesday Feb 24th 3.45pm – 5pm in your diary as this is when the e-safety workshops will be held.* (more information to follow)



POSITIVE PLAYTIMES AND LUNCHTIMES

The Senior Leadership Team – Miss Dixey, Miss Gale, Miss Warburton and Mrs Toynbee – have been working with our Mid-day Supervisor Team to further develop positive break times for the children. Lots of new equipment has arrived in school and we are in the process of clarifying the school rules and the reward system. For the past few weeks, the children have been learning Traditional games in school such as “Farmers in his den”, “Ring a ring a roses”, “Farmer, Farmer may we cross your golden river” and “What time is it Mr Wolf”. Please ask your child about this week’s new game! MDS staff have also been teaching the children new skipping games and setting them challenges. We are gradually introducing new game zones and Craze of the Week as we resource them. More information will be sent home after half term.

PTA AGM 22nd January

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA AGM to hear reports from the committee. A newsletter is due out shortly. School Governors report back each year on the ring fenced pool fund, kindly given to the school following the fund raising by the PTA before the new pool building was opened. It is for operational emergencies to ensure that the pool remains open. Please find below an update on this fund:

Amount paid to school from SOS Fund March 2013 :	£7727.57
Pool repair (new heat exchanger and change of sand/laterals in filter)	- £1041.00
Income from donated leisure Centre pass raffle	+£275.00
New Pool cover	-£1233.00
Balance January 2015:	£5728.57

The school is currently getting quotes to replace the wooden pool surround as it is cracked and warped and we have been advised to replace it with a uPVC/ plastic. Quotes will be considered by Governors.

Thank you from the children for the hard work by all PTA members (staff and parents/carers) over the last year.





Dates 2014 – 15 : please put up somewhere at home or in your diary.

PLEASE REFER TO THE SCHOOL WEB SITE CALENDAR

February

2/3/4 th	KS2 visits to the Tara Centre, Etwall
Tues 3 rd	3.45pm Keep Safe Committee meeting
Wed 4 th	3.45-5.45pm PTA Film Night
Wed 4 th	6-8pm Governor Finance training
Thurs 5 th	9.10am Woodpecker Class assembly
Thurs 5th	Children break up for Half term
Fri 6th	INSET day – school closed for children
9th-13th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 16th	Back to school
18/19 th	Visiting teacher from Germany in KS2
23-27th	e-safety week
Mon 23 rd	Y3/4 to Think Tank, Birmingham
Tues 24 th	9.10am Sparrowhawks class assembly
Tues 24th	3.45-5pm parent/carers e-safety workshop
Wed 25 th	Y5/6 to Think Tank, Birmingham
Thurs 26 th	Y5/6 St. Johns Ambulance workshops
Thurs 26 th	PTA meeting
Fri 27 th	Y3/4 St. Johns Ambulance workshops

March

2-6 th	Book Week in school
Mon 2 nd	Parent Consultations 3.45 – 6.30pm (last appointment 6.20pm) No KS1 Gym
Wed 4 th	Ospreys Class Assembly
Thurs 5 th	World Book Fair
Thurs 5 th	Parent Consultations 3.45 – 6.30pm (last appt 6.20pm) No KS2 Soccerstars
Fri 6 th	Visiting author to school – Michael Cox (funded by the PTA – thank you)
Thurs 12 th	6pm FGB Meeting
Fri 13 th	9.10am Eagles Class Assembly and Red Nose Day
Fri 13 th	6pm PTA Fashion Show
Tues 17 th	3pm Little Owls Showcase
Fri 20 th	School Council Chocolate Bingo evening for Rainbow Hospice
Mon 23 rd	9.30am KS2 Easter Celebrations St. Helen's Church
Wed 25 th	9.30am KS1 Easter Celebrations at St.Helen's Church
Fri 27th	Break up for Easter holidays (2 weeks) Back in school Monday 13th April



The school endeavours to send out reminder texts, but it is important that all parents/carers make a note of school dates on their own calendar so that events are not missed. Copies of newsletters – school and class – are on the school web site and dates are also in the web site school calendar.

Thank you.

Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher, Miss Gale or Miss Dixey should you have any concerns or questions. Thank you,
Sally Dixey, Headteacher

