



NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th September 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to all our new families, children and staff!

It has been a lovely settled start to a new school year with new children and families not only in reception but also across the school in different year groups. We welcome you all to the school community.

In addition to all our fantastic reception children and new starters in other year groups, we warmly welcome Mr Ormiston, Deputy Headteacher, who is also Co-Headteacher on Wednesdays, Mrs Dawson in Falcons class (Monday, Tuesday afternoon and Fridays), Miss Gale as she returns from Maternity leave in Falcons and Mr Jowett in Robins. Mrs Fisher-Jones is also with us for this year in Kingfishers (mornings) and Robins (afternoons). We have a new staff board outside the school office – pop and have a look. ***Please do not hesitate to come and see Miss Dixey, Mr Ormiston or your child's class teacher if you need to have a chat about anything or just need some information***

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE: Macmillan Coffee Morning

WE ARE
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



The School Council, supported by PTFA members and Mr Ormiston, will be hosting this year's Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30th September from 10 – 11am in the school hall. ***It would be great to see you all there supporting this splendid annual event.*** One in three of us are likely to face cancer and the money we raise at the Coffee Morning will help us make sure no one has to face cancer alone. Thank you.

SUN AWARENESS – BE SUN SAFE

It has been unseasonable sunny – thank you to everyone who has ensured that their child is in school with a sun hat. It would be great if all the children kept one in school as part of their essential school kit so that they have it whenever it is needed.

We do still have some legionnaires style sun hats for sale in the school office, in team colours, for KS1 children at a cost of £2.50.



. WANT US TO EMAIL LETTERS TO YOU?



Please pop into the school office and let Mrs Collins or Mrs East know your email address – all letters can then be emailed to you. This is more environmentally friendly for the school and it won't end up on the corridor floor! All letters are also put on the school web site, so please check there too. If you type the school name into a search engine it will come up for you. It is always on the top of school letters

too.



LITERACY COMMITTEE 2016-17

Miss Warburton is looking forward to beginning work this year with the Literacy Committee. We will be starting with focusing on promoting reading for pleasure in school, and one of our first jobs will be to sort out books which have been kindly donated by Mrs Toynbee's son Matt. We are going to use these books to refresh the class reading shelves, so there are plenty of inviting new books to read! Thank you Matt. This year's committee are Katy (Falcons) Molly (Eagles), Scarlett





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(Kestrels), Jack (Ospreys), Keesje (Sparrowhaws), Isla (Little Owl), Joshua (Kingfishers) and Annabel (Robins).



MAGICIANS AND BOOKS

On Monday 12th September we enjoyed a fabulous enrichment day with a visiting magician, Paul Brown. This was to support our work on the whole school book 'Leon and the Place Between', that we have used to start off our school year. We enjoyed a wonderful assembly in which Paul did some magic tricks, and also some exciting visits to

classrooms, where he taught us a bit about magic and did some more amazing tricks for us. We were mesmerised! Thank you to the PTFA for paying for this day for us. It was FANTASTIC!



BREAKFAST CLUB

The new Breakfast Club seems to have got off to a good start and has been used by many families. Please continue to provide Scott and Phil, and also school, feedback so that we can all respond as appropriate. The children are enjoying their breakfast and the activities provided – they have quickly managed to include the lego from the KS2 corridor! Scott has said that the online booking system is almost ready after some glitches were found, so we will let you know when it is fully up and running.

SCHOOL CLUBS AUTUMN T1 2016

The following clubs are available for the children to choose to participate in:

Mondays :

Lunchtime Library club – Mrs Hall and Recorder Club – Mrs Carter

Sports Lunch time with Progressive Sports

3.30pm Imagineering Club Y5/6 – Mrs Hendriksen and Mrs Silvester and KS1 Gymnastics (Premier Sport)

Tuesdays :

Lunchtime: KS1 Lego Club – Mrs Robinson and Sport lunchtime club with Premier sport

3.30pm KS1 Soccerstars and EYFS/Y1 French with Mrs Elliott

Wednesdays:

3.30pm Y1/2 French club with Mrs Elliott

3.30pm KS2 Netball Club – Miss Cox and Mrs Draper

3.30pm: Code Club with Miss Marriott

Thursdays:

Lunchtime: Y3-5 French Club with Mrs Elliott

3.30pm KS2 Soccerstars

Fridays

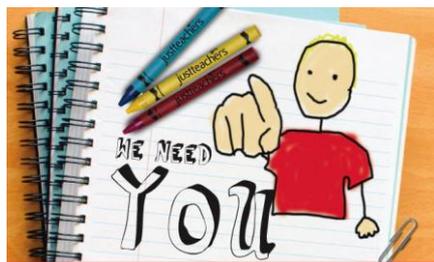
Lunchtime KS2 Lego Club – Mrs Robinson

3.30pm Karate – James Stringer





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PTFA : SUPPORT NEEDED

Our school PTFA are an incredibly hardworking group of parents and friends of the school and they need your help. ALL parents and carers are automatically a member of the PTFA and the school would strongly encourage you to get involved. We appreciate that many of you have jobs and busy family lives – the current committee are all hardworking folk leading busy lives too and they need people to help organise specific events throughout the year as they can't do everything. The children really benefit from the tremendous funds raised through such things as outdoor equipment and enrichment activities, but this can only continue with your support. *The schools summer fair will not be able to go ahead unless we are able to get more parents interested in the PTFA and the events offered to the school community.* We would love to see you at the meetings or volunteering your time for specific events. Thank you.

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

PLEASE REFER TO THE SCHOOL WEB SITE CALENDAR – for key dates for 2016-17

INSET Days for 2016-17 : The following days have been set for 2016-17. Children **will not** be in school on these further 4 days.

Friday November 11th 2016, Tuesday 3rd January 2017, Monday 5th June 2017 and Monday 10th July 2017

SEPTEMBER 2016.

- 20th 5.15pm FGB AGM at school
- 21st PTFA Committee mtg at Spread
- 29th Toyota visit Y5/6 30 chn only
- 30th 10-11am MacMillan Coffee morning in hall – school council
- 27th KS1/EYFS Phonics workshop 6-7pm

OCTOBER – Black History Month

- 4th 5.15pm T&L Gov Committee mtg
- 4th/5th/6th Phonic demos for KS1 parents 9-9.30am
- 6th 6.30pm – 7.30pm Governor Cluster night at Etwall
- 10th Parent Consultations 3.45pm – 6.30pm
- 13th Parent Consultations 3.45pm – 6.30pm
- 11th 10am Harvest Festival assembly with Rev. Fiona
- 17th Y5/6 Residential week to Hollowford
- 17-21 Travel Smart week
- 18th 5.15pm Resources Gov committee mtg
- 21st 9-10 JPS German Band visitors concerts for KS2 9-9.30am and KS1 9.30-10am
- 21st Y5/6 return from Hollowford
- 21st End of Autumn Term 1
- 31ST Back to school

NOVEMBER – International Anti-Bullying Month

- 2nd Diwali workshops/enrichment day
- 2nd 6.30pm PTFA mtg
- 4th PTFA FIREWORKS EVENING





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- 7th Anti Bullying week –
- 9th Whole school anti-bullying show (Firehorse productions)
- 11th INSET day
- 17th KS2 Gangsta Granny @ Derby Theatre visit
- 24th Roald Dahl 100th Birthday whole day enrichment
- 28th PTFA KS1/2 discos
- 29th whole school annual Safeguard training 4-6pm
- 30th St Andrew's Day

DECEMBER

- 5th Y1/2 Nativity (parents) 2.30/45pm
- 6th Y1/2 Nativity (parents) 2.30/45pm
- 7th EYFS Nativity performance to parents 2.30/45pm
- 9th PTFA Secret Santa
- 12th PTFA Christmas Hamper Raffle
- 14th 1.45pm KS2 Christmas at church
- 14th 6pm KS2 Christmas at church
- 15th 2pm Rev Fiona KS1 Christmas assembly at school
- 15th School Christmas lunch
- 16th KS1 Party
- 19th Lower KS2 party
- 20th Upper KS2 Party
- 20th End of Autumn Term 2

JANUARY 2016

- 3rd INSET day
- 4th Children back to school
- 17th 5.15pm Resources Gov committee mtg
- 24th 6.30pm PTFA AGM in school
- 30th whole school enrichment Chinese New Year

FEBRUARY

- 6th Online safety week
- 7th Safer Internet Day – whole school
- 7th PTFA Film Night
- 7th 5.15pm Teaching and Learning Gov Committee mtg
- 9th Y3/4 St. John Ambulance 1st aid day
- 10th Y5/6 St. John Ambulance 1st aid day
- 10th End of Spring T3
- 20th Start of Spring T4
- 27th World Book week
- 28th Shrove Tuesday

MARCH

- 1st St. David's Day
- 2nd World Book Day
- 6th Spring Parents Consultation 1 – 3.45pm – 6.30pm
- 9th Spring Parents Consultation 2 – 3.45pm – 6.30pm
- 13th Science and Engineering week
- 15th Brain Awareness Day





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- 17th St Patricks Day
- 21st 5.15pm FGB mtg
- 24th Red Nose Day – Sch Council
- 31st School Council Chocolate Bingo Charity event

APRIL

- 6th Whole school Happy Puzzle workshops
- 7th Last day of Spring T4 – Easter holidays
- 24th Start of Summer Term 5
- 24th St George Day class activity (was on 23rd)

MAY

- 1st May Bank Holiday
- 2nd 5.15pm FGB Annex 1 budget mtg + Resources Gov mtg
- 17th Languages Day
- w/e 20/21st Well Dressing in Etwall TBC
- 26th End of Summer Term 5 + 1st day of Ramadan

JUNE

- 5th INSET day
- 7th PTFA summer discos
- 12th Phonics check week
- 13th New Intake Evening 6pm – 7pm
- 16th Whole school Sports morning / picnic – 12.15pm Ice Cream van
- 20th 5.15pm FGB Gov mtg
- 23rd Reserve Sports morning / picnic (no school picnic provided today) + Ice Cream van
- 28th 6.30pm PTFA mtg
- 30th KS2 World Cup morning

JULY

- 4th/5th Changeover days – new classes + Y6 to JPS **TBC**
- 7th PTFA Summer Fair 5-7pm – all staff to support please
- 10th INSET DAY
- 13th Y5/6 Show 2pm AND 6.00pm
- 14th Reports out today – whole school
- 17th Open Evening 3.45pm – 5.30pm
- 18th 5.15pm FGB/T&L Committee: Pupil progress 2016 – 17
- 21st End of Summer T6 2017

Any changes in dates will be advertised well in advance and a text sent out. Assembly and Showcase dates will be in the next newsletter.

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

Miss Dixey and Mr Ormiston

Headteacher and Co-Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher

