



This term has started really well and we are well settled into our work in school. The children are working so hard and are enjoying their new topics - check the website for the latest curriculum maps. The Year 1 children in classes 3 and 4 enjoyed their Greek Day and threw themselves into all the activities with great enthusiasm. The Key Stage One children have also enjoyed their visit to Nottingham Castle to support the Take One Picture topic and the Reception children are looking forward to their trip to Bardills next week. The Year 2 children are continuing to work hard towards their SATs tests which begin soon. We are really proud of all their efforts and their great attitude to learning. They are, of course, looking forward to the Residential trips next half term. This is the last term of Meadow Lane and College House schools. We are busy organizing things so that the change goes smoothly - keep an eye out for more information which will be coming out soon!

PARENTS FUND RAISING GROUP - Easter Bingo & Raffle Thanks for supporting our Easter Events before the holiday, with your support we raised the fantastic amount of £357.69.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES - After the Easter holiday we presented 91 certificates to those children who managed to achieve 100% attendance for the 2017 Spring Term. Well done to them all!

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS - The School photographer will be in school on the morning of Tuesday 9 May 2017 to take all the children's individual photographs and any siblings who currently attend Meadow Lane. If you have any older or younger siblings who do not attend Meadow Lane, you may wish to sign up for family photographs on the list in the school entrance, these will be taken from 8.15 am onwards before all the main school photographs. You will be sent a proof of your child's photograph which should be returned with payment if you wish to make a purchase.

ASSESSMENT - During this term the teaching staff will be completing their end of year assessments with the children. These assessments consist of a wide variety of activities and help us to build a picture of each child informing their end of year reports. As part of the assessment in Year 2, the children will be doing statutory papers in maths and reading. In addition the children will undertake several pieces of individual writing for assessment purposes. The assessments are undertaken in a very positive way, the children enjoy doing them and the results help us to form our judgements before the children transfer to junior school. The assessments will take place before the May half term holiday. No special preparation is required - just a good breakfast, a good night's sleep and the normal reading and spelling practice at home. You will be informed of the results of these assessments as part of the annual report which you will receive in July.

Once again our Year 1 children will be undertaking the Year 1 Phonics Test and the Year 2 children who achieved below 32 marks last year will also be retaking the test. This test will be administered on a 1 to 1 basis during the week of 12 June by the Class Teachers. It consists of 40 real and nonsense words such as zag, jug, tox, quemp, thazz etc that the children will be asked to read to test their decoding skills. They will be awarded a mark and this will be shared with you in their Annual Report. Again no special preparation is required - just continue to read regularly at home. More information is available on the Department for Education website www.education.gov.uk

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PLAYGROUND IN THE MORNING - Can you please ensure your child comes into school as soon as possible once the doors are opened (at 8.50 am) each morning and is not playing on the trim trail. We have had a few children coming in late because they are reluctant to get off the play equipment! Can you also only use the front school entrance if you need to call into the office or arrive late after the exterior doors are locked at 9.00 am. I am sure you appreciate that it is important that we get off to a prompt start in the morning to register all the children and start the school day.

SUN SAFETY - As we move into May and hopefully the sunny weather arrives a reminder that it is essential that all the children have a sun hat to use at school. You may also send in sun protection cream. However, as the children will need to apply the cream/lotion themselves it may be easier to use roll-on or spray applicators. Alternatively, you could apply a high factor sun protection before your child comes to school each day. As always, please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on all the above items. Can you also ensure that your child always has their water bottle in school.

TRANSITION REMINDER - Early notification that the Year 2 transition visits to College House will be slightly different this year due to the amalgamation and will obviously also include all our current Year 1 children. The transition visits will take place over three days - Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th & Friday 14th July 2017 and further information will be sent to you shortly. Any Year 2 children who are not transferring to College House will also have the opportunity to visit their new schools. At Meadow Lane we will be welcoming our new Reception children with a series of visits during the same week. The current Reception will also have several opportunities to visit their new classes and teachers after the May half term holiday. More information will follow soon.

FUTURE DIARY DATES - A timetable of events is given below for this term. Further details (including times) will be sent nearer the actual date of the event which will involve all classes (unless stated otherwise). Following this initial newsletter any additions or alterations from the previous newsletters are shown in *bold and italic*.

DATE	EVENT	Details/Letter already sent (if applicable)
<i>Wed 3 May</i>	<i>Class 3 & Class 4 Yr 1's to Nottingham Castle</i>	✓
<i>Thur 4 May</i>	<i>Class 1, Class 2 & Class 7 to Nottingham Castle</i>	✓
Tue 9 May	Individual Class Photographs	See above
<i>Wed 10 May</i>	<i>Reception Visit to Bardills Garden Centre</i>	✓
<i>Wed 10 May</i>	<i>6.30 pm - Meeting for Parents/Cares of new Sept 17 Reception Children</i>	✓
Fri 12 May	'Bake Off Event' for Parents	✓
Tue 16 May	Dental Survey - for children 5 years old (randomly selected by School Health) - letter to be sent home after Easter	✓
<i>Thurs 25 May</i>	<i>Visit of CBeebies Rhyme Show - whole school - pm</i>	
<i>Fri 26 May</i>	<i>School Closed for Inset Day</i>	✓
29 May-2 Jun	School Closed for Summer half-term holiday (return on Monday 5 June) <i>Weekend of Saturday 3rd/Sunday 4th June 10.00 to 6.00 pm Meadow Lane Hall used for Art Trail event</i>	✓
Mon 5 June	Y2 Football After School Club starts	
Tue 6 June	Reception Multi Skills After School Club starts	
Tue 6 June	2 nd Yr 1/Yr 2 After School French Club starts	✓
Wed 7 June	2 nd Drumming After School Club starts (now full)	✓
<i>Thurs 15th/ Fri 16th June</i>	<i>1st Sherwood Residential visit</i>	✓
<i>Wed 21 June</i>	<i>School Disco</i>	
<i>Sat 24 June</i>	<i>Chilwell Carnival on College House Field</i>	
<i>Thurs 29/ Fri 30 June</i>	<i>2nd Sherwood Residential visit</i>	✓
<i>Thurs 6 Jul</i>	<i>am - Sports Day & pm Race for Life Event</i>	
<i>Fri 7 July</i>	<i>Meadow Lane Picnic</i>	
<i>Tue 11 July</i>	<i>Year 2's Got Talent!</i>	
<i>Tue 11 July</i>	<i>Year Football Tournament at Trent for those in Yr 2 After School Football Club</i>	
<i>12th/13th/14th July</i>	<i>Transition Days for all children</i>	See above
<i>Wed 19 July</i>	<i>Yr 2 Graduation</i>	
<i>Fri 21 July</i>	<i>Final Day in School for all children - break up for Summer! - Return Wed 6 September 2017</i>	✓
<i>Mon 24 & Tue 25 July</i>	<i>Inset Days - school closed to children - staff in as normal.</i>	✓