



Once again it has been a great half-term and we have been busy with visitors and a variety of events. Book Week was very successful and with your magnificent support we now have £930.35 in commission to buy new books for the children to use in school. A big thank you to our volunteers, David & Jane Johnson who helped the children and took payments.

The week ended with Bacon Butty morning which everyone enjoyed and although this event is not held specifically to raise funds, with your kind donations of £130.21 we made £26.39 after expenses so thank you once again. The winners of the competition held during the Bacon Butty morning were Thomas Stacey (Reception), Evie Phillips (Yr 1), Matthew Jenkins (Yr 2), Joshua Knight (College House), Rosa St Dennis (Pre-School) who have all been notified and received their prizes.

We enjoyed the Harvest Festival at College House. The children sang together and the Year 2 and year 6 children shared poems and thoughts about Harvest. We encouraged the children to reflect on how fortunate we all are to have enough to eat. The food was then delivered to local charities. Thank you for all your donations - they were all gratefully received.

Thanks for your attendance at our parents evenings, I hope you have found them helpful and received the information you needed. Please remember to read and sign the Home School Agreement which now includes an E-safety section.

FIRST ADMISSION TO SCHOOL & TRANSFER TO JUNIOR SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2017

If you have a child who is 5 years old between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 you need to apply for a school place for them through the Nottinghamshire County Council Admissions Team. If you have a child who is currently in Year 2, you will need to apply for a junior school place. In both instances please contact Nottinghamshire County Council Admissions Team by calling 0115 8041237 or register online at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions You need to do this between 7 November 2016 and the **closing date of 15 January 2017.**

PUPILS & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE UPDATE - Sheila Birchall (Chair of the this Committee) has prepared the following update for your information. The Personnel and Pupils Committee met on 13th October 2016. They had already held a special meeting to confirm the Teachers Pay Award for this year. The Committee were pleased to hear how well the school had settled after the new intake in September and that standards of behaviour have remained excellent. The new staff had also settled well and the close working with College House, especially around their new reception intake, had continued. The work of the administrative staff across both schools has been very effective and the committee acknowledged the additional workload for all involved. Several Policies were reviewed and updated including the Behaviour Policy, Appraisal Policy and Inclusion Policy. It was agreed that a Policy for Physical Intervention would be drawn up for the next meeting but noted that this area is already covered in the existing Behaviour Policy. Training arrangements for Governors in Safer Recruitment was also agreed.

NEW SCHOOL DINNER MENU - The school dinner menu will change after the half term holiday and your child was sent home with a copy of the new menu earlier this week.

READING MORNINGS - Just a reminder that you are invited to join us in class for reading morning from 8.55 am. This is for about 15 minutes on the following days:

Class 1 - Wednesday

Class 2 - Tuesday

Class 3 - Thursday

Class 4 - Friday

Class 5 - Thursday

Class 6 - Wednesday

Class 7 - Tuesday

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY - In order to support this event we are asking that everyone dresses in their pyjamas on Friday 18 November 2016 with a £1 donation to Children in Need. The School Council will also be arranging a competition -'Guess the number of spots on the Cake' (details to follow)!

PARENTS FUNDRAISING GROUP

School Disco - Thanks to everyone who attended or helped at the disco last week, as usual the children really enjoyed themselves. With your support we managed to raise £202.60.

Design a Christmas Card - Reminder - to ensure all the cards are received well in time for Christmas all orders with artwork for the Christmas cards must be returned with payment by Tuesday 1 November 2016. This year we will also be awarding a prize for the best card designed in each year group, which will be chosen by the school council.

Christmas Fayre - We are starting to prepare for our Christmas Fayre on Friday 2nd December 2016 and have been writing out to companies to ask for raffle prize donations. If you work for a company that is keen to support local schools and would be willing to help by donating gifts or vouchers then we would love to hear from you. We have already received some brilliant prizes for this year's raffle. Raffle tickets for the Christmas Fayre raffle will be sent home with your child after the half term holiday so we hope you can help by selling as many as possible, please call into the office if you require any more. Further information regarding this year's fayre will be sent home in the next few weeks. We would also like to hear from you if you work for a company that runs a match funding scheme for fund raising events.

College House Fund Raising Events - We were delighted to receive two cheques for a total of £525.00 from the profit raised at the College House Summer Fayre and School Quiz which were both held in the Summer Term. Thank you to all the Meadow Lane parents and staff who supported these events.

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OCTOBER HALF-TERM EVENTS

CHAS Club There is a full programme of Halloween happenings & ghostly goings on at CHAS this half term. CHAS will be open on the inset day as well as during half term & will be offering a wide range of activities - come & learn the skeleton dance, spin your own spiders webs, ooze slime monsters or carve a pumpkin. There will also be the usual crafts, games & sports & possibly some trips out. It really helps if you could book places early so that we can plan staffing. If you'd like to book a place or for further information please contact Marie on 07855 981022 or email chasclub@clubcic.co.uk

Music for Everyone - Please see attached information on 'The Big Friendly Sing' which will be held at Beeston John Clifford Primary School during the half term holiday.

INSET DAY - **Reminder that school is closed tomorrow - Friday 21 October 2016 for an Inset Day.** The staff will be reviewing the teaching of reading in school with a particular focus on Guided reading. We will also be planning for next half term.

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***.

Please note we will confirm the Nativity and Yr 1/Yr 2 Panto Performances straight after half term.

DATE	EVENT	Details/Letter already sent (if applicable)
Fri 21 Oct	School Closed for Inset Day	✓
24-28 Oct	School Closed for Half Term holiday	✓
Mon 31 Oct	First Yr 2 Lets Get Cooking Club	✓
Mon 31 Oct	First Yr 2 Kickboxing After School Club	✓
<i>Fri 18 Nov</i>	<i>Children in Need Day - dress in pyjamas for £1</i>	<i>See above</i>
Wed 23 Nov	Reception visit to Greens Mill	
Fri 25 Nov	Crafts for Christmas	
Fri 2 Dec	Xmas Fayre - 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm	
Mon 12 Dec	Christingle (Choir children)	
Mon 12 Dec	Classes 1, 2 & 7 to Newstead Abbey	
Tues 14 Dec	Christmas Dinner Day	
Thur 15 Dec	Jeffrey Jumper Magician Christmas Performance	
Tue 20 Dec	Christmas Party Day	
Tue 20 Dec	Final day in school - break up for Christmas holidays	