



It has been a really busy start to the summer term. The Reception children had a lovely time at Bardills and we all had a brilliant time at Twycross Zoo a couple of weeks ago. The Year 1 & Year 2 children are studying 'The Really Wild Show' and the Reception children will be studying 'Growing'. New topic webs should be on the website in the near future. Thanks to all the parents who attended the recent coffee afternoon. The joint quiz at College House was great fun and some Meadow lane parents attended. Thank you to Claire Chapman who worked with some parents at College House to make the event a success. We are hoping to do more joint events into the future.

We have been trying to update our website however, there have been a few technical issues lately. Mrs Couchman has been doing a great job to get us up and running again and it appears to be back to normal now, but please contact us if you are still unable to see the latest information.

Finally, don't forget to respond to the consultation on the amalgamation of Meadow Lane and College House. Details can be found on the Notts County Council website and on our website. Hard copies are also available in the school office. The deadline for responses is 12 June 2016.

SUN SAFETY - The sunny weather looks to have finally arrived so 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.

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 15 June by the Class Teachers. It consists of 40 real and nonsense words

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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

TRANSITION REMINDER - Our Year 2 pupils will be visiting College House more regularly this term in preparation for their transfer in September. Relevant dates and other information were included in the transition letter sent out recently from College House. 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 beginning this week. The current Reception and Year 1 pupils will also have several opportunities to visit their new classes and teachers after the May half term holiday.

SCOOTERS ON THE PLAYGROUND - We are pleased that so many children still bring their scooters to school every day. However, can we please remind you that the children should not ride their scooters in the playground at the beginning and end of the school day. There are so many younger siblings and adults in the playground at this time and we had an accident last week. Thank you.

OPERATION ORPHAN (Keep A Child Warm) - Early notification that we are once again collecting warm winter coats, snow suits, hats, boots, scarves, gloves, ski wear or blankets for distribution to orphans and vulnerable children living in Moldova and Ukraine. These children face living in freezing temperatures during the winter and any donation of unwanted clothes will make a significant improvement in their quality of life. If you can help, we can accept donations on 23 June 2016 (for collection by Operation Orphan on 24 June). Unfortunately we do not have space in school to store the items before the 23 June but thought we would give an early reminder for you to save any clothing for us and then bring to school on this date for us to pass on to Operation Orphan. Thanks for your continued support.

PHOTOGRAPHS - As you are aware the children's individual and sibling photographs were taken last week and proofs from Tempest will be sent home tonight. **If you wish to order any photographs please complete the order form with your payment and return to school by Friday 20th May 2016 (please note we cannot accept any orders after this date as we have a courier collection booked).** Thank you

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FUTURE DIARY DATES - Further details (including times) will be sent nearer the actual date of the event which will involve all classes (unless stated otherwise). Any additions or alterations from the previous newsletter are shown in ***bold and italic***.

DATE	EVENT	Details/Letter already sent (if applicable)
Wed 11 May	Year 1 - Multiskills Festival at Trent Vale (am)	
Thur 12 May	Year 2 - Multiskills Festival at College house (pm)	
Mon 16 May	Visit from Bob Morley (Owl Experience)- Yr 1/2	
Thur 19 May	1 st Year 2 After School Football Club	
Fri 27 May	School closed for Inset Day	✓
30 May-3 Jun	School closed for half-term holiday	✓
Mon 6 June	School re-opens after half-term holiday	✓
6/7 June	First Sherwood Residential Visit (Yr 2's)	✓
<i>Fri 10 June</i>	<i>Special Meadow Lane Whole School 90th Birthday Celebration for Queen Elizabeth II</i>	
Mon 13 June	Clothing Collection (Fund raiser for school)	
Wed 15 June	Yr 2 Parents invited to College House for a tour of school and tea/coffee 2.15-3.20 pm	✓
Wed 22 June	Whole School Summer Disco	
<i>Thur 23 June</i>	<i>Winter Clothing Collection for Operation Orphan</i>	<i>See above</i>
Fri 24 June	Yr 3 College House staff to meet new pupils at ML	
Mon 27 June	School closed for Inset Day	✓
Tue 28 June	Yr 2's to College House - to meet new teachers and stay over lunch (Packed lunch required for all)	✓
29/30 June	Second Sherwood Residential Visit (Yr 2's)	✓
Wed 6 July	Yr 3 Teachers from College House meeting Yr 2 children at Meadow Lane	✓
Wed 6 July	Yr 2 Parents Meeting at College House-6.00 pm	✓
Thur 7 July	Football Friendly at Trent Vale Inf School	
<i>Fri 8 July</i>	<i>Sports Day (Further details to follow)</i>	
Mon 11 July	Parents 'Celebration' Open Evening 5.00 to 7.00 pm	
Thur 14 July	Thank you Celebration	
Fri 15 July	Meadow Lane Picnic - 6.00 to 8.00 pm	
Mon 18 July	(Yr 2's to College House <i>with packed lunch</i>) Rec & Yr 1 Visit new classes at Meadow Lane - am	✓
Wed 20 July	Yr 2 Graduation Event - 6.00 to 7.00 pm	
Fri 22 July	Final day in school before Summer Hols & Non-Uniform Day	✓
Tues 6 Sep	School re-opens to pupils after Summer Holidays	✓