

## NEWSLETTER - 12 JANUARY 2017



Happy New year to you all! I hope that you had a lovely Christmas and were able to relax and enjoy some time off school. The staff and I would like to thank you all for your cards, kind messages and presents - it means a lot to all of us. We would also like to say a huge thank you for all your donations over Christmas. We raised £62.11 for Save the Children when staff wore their Christmas jumpers. We also raised £372.65 from the retiring collection at the Nativity, Panto and Carols in the Playground which has been sent to Nottingham Children's Hospital. We also gave a £40 donation to the Salvation Army as a thank you for playing at the Carol event. Thank you once again for all your support.

The children have settled back into school beautifully and are raring to go - we have some great things planned this term already. The children in Key Stage One will be studying stories from Ghana, and the Reception children will be learning about arctic animals, cold climates and studying the story of Noah's Ark. You should have received a topic web last week from your child's class with more detailed information, and these are on the website under class pages.

This term I will also be sending out the annual questionnaire for parents. It is really important as a school that we get feedback, as this helps us to ensure that we continue to serve our community in the best way.

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS/OTHER BENEFITS** - All infant children receive a free meal, but if you are entitled due to your financial circumstances you will receive support in many other ways including free trips, free after school clubs and purchase of uniform. If you want to check if you are entitled to this please go to the NCC website [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk) where you can get an immediate decision regarding extra support.

**TRANSFER TO JUNIOR SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2017 & APPLICATION TO INFANT SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2017** - Can I remind parents that the closing date for both of the above is 15 January 2017. Please complete and return your applications to the Local Authority if you have not already done so.

**SCHOOL MEAL 'TASTER' DAY** - As you are aware all infant children continue to receive a free school meal under the Universal Infant School Free Meal scheme. Therefore, we would once again like to invite all the children to try a school meal Thursday 19 January 2017 when the meal served will be as follows:

**Gammon, Roast Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes,  
Veg & Gravy  
Ice Cream**

If your child does not wish to stay for a meal on this day and still wants to bring a packed lunch, please let us know at the school office otherwise we will order a meal for all the children on 19 January. Thank you.

## **REMINDERS - Just a few New Year reminders as we all get back into a routine:**

- PE kits need to be in school every day. These should comprise of a T-shirt (preferably white), a pair of shorts (preferably black or red), a pair of socks, trainers (please check that they fit!) and some leggings/trousers and a fleece as we will continue to do outside PE in the cold weather. Earrings must be removed for PE and cannot be taped - this also applies to any sports after school activities.
- Water bottles must also be in school every day - water NOT juice please.
- Reading: Please ensure that reading folders are in school every day and remember to keep writing in the diaries!
- Payment for Visits etc: Please place any payment in a sealed envelope with your child's name and reason for payment clearly marked, (where possible please send in the exact payment). For your information, we do subsidise all visits and although payment is voluntary, we would not be able to provide the experience of visits without your support. At the end of this financial year we will provide you with details of how all the visits have been subsidised this year.
- Absences: Could you please ring as early as possible on your child's first day of absence to notify us of the reason. As instructed by the Department for Education, if we do not hear from you, we will contact you at home or work. Attendance is generally very good and we awarded 63 children with certificates for 100% attendance in the Autumn Term. Well done to everyone particularly with all the illness at the end of last term. Please note we cannot authorise any holidays in term time unless requested for exceptional circumstances.
- Lateness: Can you ensure that your child arrives on time for school each day (doors open at 8.50am for a prompt start to the school day at 8.55am), however, if you are running late please telephone the school office and when you arrive inform the office staff. For your information, registers close at 9.15 am, therefore unless a valid reason is given and your child arrives between 9.00 and 9.15 am they will receive a late mark (which is classed as an attendance) if they arrive after 9.15 am they will receive a late mark (which is classed as an absence).
- Sickness in school-At this time of year when there are a lot of nasty bugs around, please encourage your children to wash their hands properly. If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea you must not send them to school until at least 48 hours after the last time they were ill. If you have any doubt, please do not send them as these sorts of bugs spread so quickly in school.
- Administration of medicines - If your child requires medicine during the school day we are only able to administer prescribed medicine and a consent form (available from the school office or website) must be completed by parents/carers. Please note, that when requested and wherever possible we do try to ensure the medicine is given, however, it must be made clear that occasionally during the busy school day this may not always be possible. Therefore, if you prefer you or a relative may wish to call into school to administer prescribed or un-prescribed medicine to your child.

- **Headlice:** If your child gets head lice it is possible to get free treatment through your local pharmacy through the 'Pharmacy First' scheme to which you can register if you are under a GP in the NG9 area. This means you are able to get free treatment for headlice, hayfever and other minor ailments if you don't normally pay for prescriptions.

**CLASS 3** - Reminder for Class 3 parents - reading morning is changing from Thursdays to Tuesdays (8.50 until 9.10 am) and Scootabout from a Monday to a Thursday.

**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)
Tue 10 Jan	Yr 1/Yr 2 Before School Multi skills club starts	✓
Mon 16 Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> Spring Yr 2 Lets Get Cooking Club	✓
<i>Thur 19 Jan</i>	<i>School Meal 'Taster Day'</i>	<i>See above</i>
<i>Fri 20 Jan</i>	<i>2.30 pm - Parents Coffee Afternoon</i>	
<i>Wed 25 Jan</i>	<i>am - Whole School Class Photographs</i>	
<i>Wed 25 Jan</i>	<i>6.00 pm SATs Parents Meeting (Yr 2 only)</i>	
Mon 30 Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> Yr 2 Dance After School Club	✓
<i>Mon 30 Jan</i>	<i>6.00 pm - Sherwood Forest Parents Meeting</i>	✓
<i>Thur 2 Feb</i>	<i>National Child Measurement Programme - Reception</i>	✓
<i>Fri 3 Feb</i>	<i>6.00 - 7.00 pm Film Night - 'A Bugs Life'</i>	
<i>Wed 8 Feb</i>	<i>School Disco</i>	
<i>13-17 Feb</i>	<i>School closed for half term holiday -return to school on Monday 20 February 2017</i>	✓
<i>Tue 21 Feb</i>	<i>Parents Evening</i>	
<i>Wed 22 Feb</i>	<i>Parents Evening</i>	
<i>Tue 28 Feb</i>	<i>Year 1 Tennis After School Club starts</i>	
<i>Thur 2 Mar</i>	<i>World Book Day (am Bacon Butty &amp; Pancakes served)</i>	
<i>Thur 9 Mar</i>	<i>Reception visit to Manor Farm</i>	
<i>8<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> March</i>	<i>3.30 - 4.00 pm Yr 1 &amp; Yr 2 Parent &amp; Child First Aid Courses</i>	
<i>13 - 17 Mar</i>	<i>Science Week (including Science Workshops on 16 Mar)</i>	
<i>Tue 14/15 March</i>	<i>Chilwell Dance Festival (Yr 2's)</i>	
<i>Fri 31 Mar</i>	<i>Last day in school before Easter holidays. Return to school on Tuesday 18 April 2017</i>	

*Still to be confirmed - Parents Fund Raising Easter Events*