

NEWSLETTER - 12 OCTOBER 2015



Once again it has been a great half-term and we have been very busy as usual with visitors and a variety of events. Book Week was a great success ending with the Bacon Butty event and although this is not held to raise funds, with your kind donations of £114.90 we made £16.72 after expenses so thank you once again. The children also thoroughly enjoyed the visit of the Hobgoblin Theatre on Thursday. On Friday we all had a great time dressing up - a big thank you goes to all the staff for their hard work and enthusiasm during all our events too! Please keep reading regularly at home - I cannot emphasise how important this is to develop your child's skills and confidence. Remember to fill in the reading diaries too! Last week we spent a long time talking to the children about the importance of reading daily, sharing books for fun and turning off the TV in the bedroom to have a bedtime story or read a book quietly. I know that you will all support us in making reading fun for all our children.

You were sent a letter last week regarding Healthy Living Week. Miss Tewson and Mrs Roy have worked very hard to organise some exciting events and I am sure we all have a great time.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AT THE BEEKEEPER - Thank you to everyone who attended this event. Class 3 and Class 7 did a great job decorating some of the cakes and biscuits - thank you to the manager Sean and his team for coming in and working with the children.

BOOK FAYRE WEEK/MORNING TREASURE HUNT - The Book Fayre was once again a great success. We hope you all enjoyed visiting the fayre. Thanks to your marvellous support we took a total in book sales of £1,191.34. This means we are able to order books for school to the value of £654.80 from the commission gained from book sales during the week, these will go in our school library. A big thank you to all our volunteers, especially David & Jane Johnson who helped the children and took payments. The winners of the treasure hunt were: Lucy Shipman (Pre-school), Bailey Haynes (Reception), Holly Briody (Year 1), Samuel Bachelor (Year 2) and Ewa Allen (Junior). Well done!

SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN - The school nurse will be in school from 8.30 - 11.00 am on Friday 16 October 2015. This is an opportunity to chat with her about any concerns or worries you may have about your child. (You don't need an appointment for this, but obviously you may have to sit and wait depending on how many parents attend).

HARVEST FESTIVAL - We will be holding a small joint celebration with College House for Harvest Festival on the morning of Friday 16 October 2015 in the College House Junior School hall. As the whole school will be taking part we are unable to invite parents to this event. We will sing a few songs and think about how lucky we are to have enough food to eat. As part of our Harvest Celebration, we would be very grateful if you could send in any donations of tins and fresh produce from Thursday 15 October 2015 and we will then donate these to a local women's refuge and a local food bank to support families in difficulty. Thank you for your support. **If you can help by walking the children to the church and back again, please let the office or class teacher know. (You would be able to stay if you are helping with this). If you do not wish your child to attend please let the office or class teacher know.**

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FIRST ADMISSION TO SCHOOL & TRANSFER TO JUNIOR SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2016

If you have a child who is 5 years old between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 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 0300 500 8080 or register online at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions You need to do this between 2 November 2015 and 15 January 2016.

PARENTS FUNDRAISING - We are starting to prepare for our Christmas Fayre on Friday 4th December 2015 and are currently 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 would also like to hear from you if you work for a company that runs a match funding scheme for fund raising events. Please contact either Clare or Karen via the school office (email: office@meadowlane.notts.sch.uk).

Early notification that we have arranged the next School Disco for Thursday 22 October 2015- times as follows:-

5.00 pm - 5.45 pm - Reception

6.00 pm - 6.45 pm - Year 1 and Year 2

We would like to stick with these arrangements but if any child wishes to attend at the other time than allocated for their class please let us know - Class 4 Year 1's may attend either session. Entry through main entrance - pay on the door - £2.00 (which includes a bag of sweets and drink). The children will not need any more money. Exit through hall doors. Could parents please collect children promptly at the end of each session.

PARENTS EVENINGS - Reminder that the Autumn Term Parents Evenings will be held on Tuesday 3 November and Wednesday 4 November 2015 (the first week back after half term) - letters will be sent this week so could you please return your reply slip ASAP to enable your child's class teacher to allocate an appointment time - thanks.

MATHS WORKSHOPS - Reminder that the Maths Workshops for parents start this week, therefore if you do wish to attend any of these or the evening workshop at College House and have not yet returned your slip we need this by tomorrow - thanks. If you cannot attend, information from the workshops will be included on our website after the event.

OCTOBER HALF-TERM EVENTS

CHAS Club will be open during half term & have a programme of spooky Halloween activities planned ending in a party on Friday 30th October. The children will be able to make shadow monsters & gingerbread skeletons, weave spiders webs, get slimed & carve pumpkins with lots of other activities, games & crafts to get involved in. CHAS will also be open on the inset day - Friday 23 October. During holidays & inset days CHAS is open from 7.45am until 5.45pm. For more information or a form to book a place please call CHAS on 07855 981022, email chasclub@gmx.co.uk or call in to see Marie or Paula to see a copy of the holiday programme.

Beeston Library - Will be holding a performance by a Puppet Theatre on Monday 26 October and Puppet Making Workshop on Friday 30 October - please see the notices on our front door for more details.

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RETURNING SLIPS/MESSAGES - Reminder that if you are returning any slips, payments etc there is a basket in each classroom for you to use and if your child is coming into school on their own please remind them to do this. This will save you having to wait at the office to hand something in, obviously if you have any queries please continue to come to the office - thanks.

INSET DAY - Reminder that school is closed on Friday 23 October 2015 for an Inset Day. This will be on the subject of Special Needs (SEND). We will be working with our Family of Schools in the morning to discuss a shared vision for teaching and learning and how to best support our pupils. In the afternoon staff will be planning next half term's topic. We are also finalising our current School Improvement Plan and I will update you in our next newsletter.

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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 newsletters are shown in *bold and italic*.

| DATE | EVENT | Details/Letter already sent (if applicable) |
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| Tue 13 Oct | <i>Oral Health Session - Reception children-**Postponed to the 2016 Summer Term**</i> | |
| <i>Thur 15 Oct Thur 22 Oct Thur 5 Nov</i> | <i>Parents' Maths Workshops - 2.00 to 3.00 pm</i> | <i>See above ✓</i> |
| Fri 16 Oct | Harvest Festival am | See above |
| <i>Fri 16 Oct</i> | <i>School Nurse Drop-in-Session - 9.00 - 10.30 am</i> | See above |
| 19-22 Oct | Healthy Living Week | ✓ |
| <i>Thur 22 Oct</i> | <i>Disco</i> | <i>See above</i> |
| Fri 23 Oct | School Closed for Inset Day | ✓ |
| 26-30 Oct | School Closed for Half Term holiday | ✓ |
| Tue 3 Nov & Wed 4 Nov | Parents Evenings | |
| <i>Fri 1 Nov</i> | <i>1st Street Dance After School Club (Year 1's)</i> | ✓ |
| <i>Tue 10 Nov</i> | <i>1st Let's Get Cooking After School Club - (Year 2's)</i> | |
| <i>Tue 10 Nov</i> | <i>1st Gymnastics After School Club (Year 2's)</i> | |
| Thur 12 Nov | Reception visit to Greens Mill in Sneinton | |
| <i>Thur 12 Nov</i> | <i>Parents' Maths Workshop at College House - 6.30-8.00pm</i> | ✓ |
| Tue 24 Nov | Yr 1 & Yr 2 Flu Immunisation | |
| <i>Thur 26 Nov</i> | <i>'Green Up Your Act' Eco Workshops - whole school</i> | |
| <i>Fri 27 Nov</i> | <i>Parents' Crafts for Christmas - 7.30 to 9.30 pm</i> | |
| <i>Fri 4 Dec</i> | <i>Christmas Fayre - 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm</i> | |
| <i>Mon 7 Dec</i> | <i>Christingle Service (School Choir)</i> | |
| <i>Mon 7 Dec</i> | <i>Reception Nativity Performance - 10.00 am</i> | |
| <i>Tue 8 Dec</i> | <i>Reception Nativity Performance - 2.00 pm</i> | |
| <i>Wed 9 Dec</i> | <i>Carols in the Playground - 6.00 to 7.00 pm</i> | |
| <i>Thur 10 Dec</i> | <i>Christmas Dinner</i> | |
| <i>Tue 15 Dec</i> | <i>Yr 1 & Yr 2 Panto - 10.00 am</i> | |
| <i>Tue 15 Dec</i> | <i>Jeffrey Jumper Magician</i> | |
| <i>Wed 16 Dec</i> | <i>Yr 1 & Yr 2 Panto - 2.00 pm</i> | |
| <i>Fri 18 Dec</i> | <i>Christmas Party</i> | |
| Fri 18 Dec | Final day in school - break up for Christmas holidays | ✓ |
| Tue 5 Jan | Pupils & Staff return after Christmas holiday | ✓ |