

NEWSLETTER - 1 JULY 2015



It hardly seems possible that we are now heading into the last few weeks of term! We still have lots to look forward to including another trip to Attenborough tomorrow for the Year 1's, School Picnic, Sports Day, Graduation, and the Year 2 Show.

Your child will be bringing their annual report home on Friday 10 July 2015. This will give you a full picture of your child's progress and achievements for the 2014/15 academic year. We wish to invite you to celebrate these achievements at an open session on **Wednesday 15 July 2015 between 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm** when you are free to come along to your child's class (with your child) to share their work. This is not a formal appointment session but an opportunity to celebrate with the children all their hard work throughout the year. Parents are also welcome to say 'hello' to their child's new class teacher on the same evening.

The children in Reception and Year 1 will meet their new teachers and have a story in their new class on Monday 6 July 2015. You will receive a letter on the same day informing you of your child's new teacher. There will also be a series of transition visits to enable the children to settle into their new classes with their friends.

SUN SAFETY - Due to the very hot weather it is important that all the children have a sun hat and water bottle to use at school. You may also send in sun protection cream, however as the children will need to apply this 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 that your child's name is clearly marked on all the above items.

2015/2016 HOLIDAY PATTERN - Attached is a copy of the revised holiday pattern - the only amendment is confirmation of the Inset Day on **Monday 25 July 2016** (therefore the children's last day in school will be **Friday 22 July 2016**) and notification of the return date in September 2016.

SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN - Our new school nurse, Sarah Spencer will be in school on Tuesday 14 July 2015. There are no appointment times as this is a drop-in session but you are welcome to come along between 9.00 am and 11.00 am if you have any questions, concerns or queries about your child.

SCHOOL LUNCH TIME - We would like take this opportunity to remind parents to encourage your children to have a school meal over lunchtime. We will not be having picnics outside as we want to encourage the children to eat together at lunchtime. The children eating a packed lunch will be encouraged to wait until others on their table have finished before they go out to play.

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CHRISTCHURCH HALL PRE-SCHOOL We have been asked to let you know about the following vacancy at Christchurch Hall Pre-School: -

Due to an increase in children's numbers, Christchurch Hall Pre-School is looking to recruit a NVQ Level 3 Pre-School Assistant. Applicants should have knowledge of a key worker system and keeping children's records. Enhanced DBS will be applied for by employer. Hours to be negotiated, with a view to start late September. Please see our website www.christchurchhallpre-school.org.uk for the job description and application form. Closing date is 31 August 2015, interviews at the beginning of September 2015. Should you have any queries, please contact Sue Hart, Manager on 0115 9678145.

RAINBOWS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - One of our parents has asked if you can help with the following:
- Lots of girls are waiting to join Rainbows but we need leaders and helpers to get them in on all the fun. In particular, we are looking for volunteers to take the lead with a potential new Rainbow group at Christchurch Chilwell on a Friday evening. Enthusiasm, common sense and a friendly approach are all that are needed. As a volunteer with Girlguiding, you'll make new friends, have a good time and make a real difference to the lives of today's girls and young women. You will also develop skills that will look great on your CV, including leadership, team working and communication. Other opportunities also exist on different evenings throughout the local area and full support and training is available. Volunteering is flexible which makes it easy for people to share skills, time and energy in a way that suits their lifestyle. Please contact Veronica Watson beestondivison@girlguidingnottinghamshire.org.uk if you are interested in volunteering. Any girl enquiries should be made through the Girlguiding website www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested

Summer Reading Challenge returns to Nottinghamshire Libraries
11 July to 6 September 2015

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4 - 11 to read up to six books over summer. It is a great way to boost children's literacy skills during the holidays and helps prevent a possible dip in reading skills over the holidays. The Challenge is part of a national campaign managed by The Reading Agency. This year's theme, in association with Guinness World Records, is Record Breakers and there are some fantastic record breakers from around the world to be discovered throughout the Challenge.

Children can sign up for free at their local library where staff and volunteers will be on hand to talk to children about the books they have read. Children collect a free pull out poster, stickers and other rewards along the way. Every child who completes the challenge receives a certificate and a medal.

Find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge
email asklibraries@nottscc.gov.uk
or follow #SummerReadingChallenge on Twitter.

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FUTURE DIARY DATES

On each newsletter we will again be including a timetable of events for the remainder of the term. 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 1 July	Yr 2 Parents Meeting at College House-6.00 pm	✓
Thur 2 July	Yr 1 Visit to Attenborough Nature Reserve	✓
Wed 8 July	Yr 3 Teachers from College House meeting Yr 2 children at Meadow Lane	✓
Thur 9 July	Sports Day (pm)	
Fri 10 July	Meadow Lane/College House Picnic - 6.00 to 8.00 pm at Meadow Lane	
Tue 14 July	Thank You Celebration for Volunteers	
Wed 15 July	Parents 'Celebration' Open Evening 5.00 to 7.00 pm	See above
Thur 16 July	Yr 2's Got Talent Show - 2.00 pm	
Mon 20 July	Yr 2's to College House, Rec & Yr 1 Visit new classes at Meadow Lane - am	
Mon 20 July	Yr 2 Graduation Event - 6.00 to 7.00 pm	
Wed 22 July	Final day in school before Summer Hols & Non-Uniform Day	✓
23 Jul-2 Sep	School closed for Summer Holidays	✓
Thur 3 Sep	School re-opens to pupils after Summer Holidays	✓