

NEWSLETTER - 1 MARCH 2016



Thanks for attending our Parents Evenings last week we hope you found them informative and useful. It is always great to see you all and talk about the children's progress. If you did not manage to attend, please make sure you follow up and make an appointment. We have made a good start this half term and the children are enjoying their topics. They are also looking forward to trips to Tamworth Castle, New Walk Museum in Leicester and Manor Farm. The Dance club are also busy practising their dance for the Chilwell Dance Festival - it is already looking great!

Report from Personnel and Pupils Committee Meeting January 2016 The Committee meets regularly to consider matters relating to staffing and pupil welfare and to review policies. At this time of year we need to be reviewing the staffing structure for the coming school year. This is based on the budget which depends on pupil numbers and the numbers with Special Educational needs. Unfortunately planning cannot be finalised until these numbers and therefore the budget are confirmed later in the year so a period of uncertainty is inevitable. We do our best to consider plans for a range of situations.

At this meeting the following policies were reviewed : Attendance Policy, Governor Code of Conduct, Anti Bullying Policy, Freedom of Information Policy and E Safety Policy. The Chair has also been asked to prepare a new Complaints policy for consideration at the next meeting in March. Each Committee has a checklist and timetable of policies for review so that we can ensure all policies are up to date and in line with current guidance or legislation. (Report prepared by Committee Chair Sheila Birchall).

DISCO - Thanks to everyone who attended and helped at the school disco before half term, following expenses we raised a fantastic £217.00.

WORLD BOOK DAY - We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3 March 2016 and your child will be given a World Book Day Token to take home on Thursday. Following a few queries from parents, please note we will **not** be asking the children to 'dress up' for World Book Day.

PARENTS QUESTIONNAIRE - Thanks to all of you who have returned the parents questionnaire - your feedback is extremely valuable. I will be sending out the results of this over the next few weeks. You also have the opportunity to share your views at the upcoming Parents' Forums. Further details regarding these meetings will be sent shortly.

YEAR 2 SHERWOOD FOREST RESIDENTIAL 2016 - Thanks to all of you for sending in the £10 deposit for this year's Sherwood Residential. The final balance of £35 (unless you have already part paid or paid in full) is due **by 31st March 2016.**

CAN YOU HELP? Rowan and Seth Gorham's Mum Eleanor will be running the Greater Manchester Marathon on Sunday 10th April in aid of Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People. If you would like to help her raise funds for this very special place you can go to her '**JustGiving**' fundraising page and enter **E Taylor** into the search bar. Alternatively you can catch Eleanor in the playground! Any support will be very gratefully received, many thanks.

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SHELTER DESIGN COMPETITION - Thanks for all the brilliant competition entries we have received so far - closing date for entries is tomorrow - Wednesday 2 March 2016. The winners will be chosen by the School Council on Friday 4 March 2016.

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)
Thur 3 March	Reception Trip to Manor Farm	✓
Wed 9 March	Class 3 & 4 - Yr 1 visit to Tamworth Castle	✓
Fri 11 March	Chaps & Children Evening (Extended Services event)	✓
Tue 15 March	Class 1/Class 2/Class 7 visit to New Walk Museum Leicester.	✓
16 & 17 March	Dance Festival (Yr 2)	
23 March	Parents Forum - 2.30pm and 5.30pm	
<i>24 March</i>	<i>8.00 am Breakfast Morning (Details to follow)</i>	
Fri 25 March & Mon 28 March	School closed for Easter Bank Holiday weekend (School re-opens on Tuesday 29 March 2016)	✓
Mon 4 th April to Friday 15 April	School closed for two weeks for 'Easter' holiday (School re-opens Mon 18 April 2016)	✓