

NEWSLETTER - 31 MARCH 2016



The spring term at Meadow Lane has been as busy as ever. We have enjoyed trips to the Ice Arena, Derby County and the Velodrome, Tamworth Castle, Manor Farm and the New Walk museum in Leicester. The Year 2 children have been working so hard towards the SATs tests and staff are really proud of the effort they are putting in - thank you for all your support with homework too! The PE coaching sessions have been great and we are hoping to continue some of this next year using the Sports funding in the budget. As a staff we have been working hard to get to grips with the new curriculum and raised expectations in Maths and English this term. The teachers have been reviewing their planning and we have been working to develop teaching and learning in maths throughout school. This will continue next term. The staff at Meadow Lane work so hard, like all staff in schools, against the backdrop of an ever changing climate in education - new curriculum, a new assessment system, changes to funding in schools and not forgetting the 'Academy' agenda. Although things can feel uncertain at times, we are continuing to work to ensure that children are supported to achieve their very best in all areas of the curriculum. I hope that you all have a lovely Easter holiday and that the weather is kind to us.

SHELTER DESIGN COMPETITION - Thanks for all the fantastic entries to our Shelter Design Competition earlier this month, the winning designs will be used as templates for the painting of the shelter. All the winners & runners up have been notified and given their prizes and are listed below.

Winners: - Nancy Jones, Katie Holmes, Emily Knight, Ben Scrimshaw, Robbie Sormaz.

Runners Up: -

Reception: - Edward Swift, Caitlin Hooton, Lily Hunter, Lexi Pearce, Elijah Chambers

Year 1: - Lucy Hobbs, Kortni Groombridge, Libby Baker, Oliver Brown, Albert Woodrow, William Green

Year 2: - Tyrhys Page, Olivia Wilson, Natalie Bielose, Iman Bahri, Whitney Groombridge, Izzy Gibbs, Oscar Sample.

BREAKFAST MORNING - Thanks to all of you that were able to join us for breakfast last Thursday - we had the highest numbers ever for this event. With your kind donations and after expenses we raised £50.79.

PARENTS FUND RAISING EASTER BINGO AND RAFFLE - We hope you all enjoyed the Easter Bingo held last week, this was the first time we have tried this and it certainly appeared to be a great success. The Easter Raffle with was also drawn last week and all the prizes have now been handed out. We raised a magnificent £305.86 from both these events so thanks you everyone who helped and donated Easter Eggs.

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FINAL REMINDER - 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 today **Thursday 31st March 2016.**

MRS DARKE UPDATE - As many of you will be aware, Mrs Darke has been off this half term as she has had to have an operation. We are pleased to say that she is recovering well and hopes to return in early May. Miss Anna Hodkin and Mrs Michelle Chambers will cover Class 5 until her return.

PHOENIX CARDS - As part of our Extended Services we are going to begin selling greeting cards, giftwrap, stationery etc through Phoenix Trading. Any sales will gain commission and raise money for school funds. If you are interested, please collect a catalogue from the school office or Mrs Allcoat, you may take this home to have a look and return within a week. If you wish to place an order please use the order form at the back of the catalogue and return this to school with payment (obviously we cannot accept any orders without payment). The catalogues will also be available at other Extended Services events such as parents coffee mornings or tea/coffee in the playground on Friday afternoons.

SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN - Early notification that the School Nurse will once again be holding a 'drop in session' with no appointments (just sit & wait) on Thursday 28 April 2016 from 9.00 to 10.30 am. Therefore if you have any worries or concerns about your child please come along.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES - We will be presenting certificates on the Monday after the two week holiday to all those children who have achieved 100% attendance for the 2016 Spring Term. We will let you know the final number of children in the first newsletter of the Summer Term.

SCHOOL TEXTING SERVICE - Please note that we do not respond to texts you send back to us via our texting service (we cannot regularly check this) so please telephone or call into school if you need to inform us of anything. Please also be careful as we have quite a few texts that were obviously not meant for us!

SCHOOL FINANCE Now that the 2015/16 Financial Year is nearing completion, final accounts of both the School Budget and School Fund Account will soon be available. The Governors Statement from the Local Authority will be received in May and the School Fund Account will be audited shortly, following this if you wish to view either of these documents, please call into the school office.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - The School Photographer will be returning on Thursday 5 May 2016 to take individual and family photographs. All the children will have their photographs taken in the morning on an individual basis. Any children with siblings in school will also have their photographs taken together in the morning. If you have any

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older or younger siblings who do not attend Meadow Lane, you may wish to sign up for family photographs on the list in the school entrance (**which will be on display week beginning 4 May**). These will be taken from 8.15 am onwards before all the main school photographs. You will be sent a proof of your child's photograph which should be returned with payment if you wish to make a purchase. (As you are aware the class photos were taken earlier this term and should hopefully be with us today - if so we will text you to collect them as soon as they are delivered).

SCHOOL CHOIR - Apologies that choir has not been held over the past few weeks, it will be starting again shortly and we will send a letter with further details asap.

SUMMER AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - A summary of all the After School clubs to be held during the Summer Term is now on the website.

NEW SCHOOL DINNER MENU - We will be sending home new school dinner menus today for the 2016 Summer & first half of the 2016 Autumn Term. Where possible the menu will remain the same unless there are problems with deliveries etc but we will let you know if this happens by amending the menu displayed on the hall windows or by text if there are any changes.

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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)
4 Apr- 15 Apr	Closed for two weeks re-opens Mon 18 April 2016	✓
Tue 19 April	1 st Yr 1/Yr 2 Morning Sports Club	✓
Tue 19 April	1 st Summer Term Yr2 Lets Get Cooking Club	✓
Thur 21 April	Whole School visit to Twycross Zoo	✓
25 April- 6 May	Living Egg Chicks in School	
Tue 26 April	1 st Yr 1/Yr 2 After School Hockey Club	✓
Thur 28 April	Reception visit to Bardills Garden Centre	
Thur 28 April	School Nurse 'Drop-In' for Parents 9.00 to 10.30 am	See above
Mon 2 May	School closed for May Day	✓
Tue 3 May	Yr 2 Q & A Session at College House with Yr 5's	✓
Thur 5 May	Individual & Family Photographs	See above
Fri 6 May	Whole School Coffee Afternoon for Parents	
Fri 6 May	Quiz Night at College House School	
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) - Year 1/Year 2	
Thur 19 May	1 st Year 2 After School Football Club	
Fri 27 May	School closed for Inset Day	✓
30 May-3 June	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)	✓
Mon 13 June	Clothing Collection	
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	
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	
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, 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	✓

