

NEWSLETTER - 8 SEPTEMBER 2015



A warm welcome back to a new and exciting school year and a special welcome to all our new pupils and parents. The children have all settled in really well, have made a great start and we are looking forward to the first topic in our new curriculum. The topic for Year 1's and Year 2's is 'I'm a Super Hero'- you will receive a topic web shortly giving more details of what the children will be studying. The Reception children will be learning about 'Ourselves', Autumn and will be enjoying lots of stories including the Little Red Hen.

CONTACT FORMS (Yr 1 & Yr 2's only) - Attached to this newsletter is a new contact form. Would you please all complete the form and return to school as soon as possible. This will ensure we have all relevant up to date information regarding your child.

WELCOME MEETINGS FOR PARENTS - We would like to invite you to a short meeting with your child's class teacher to welcome you to the new school year. This will give us an opportunity to answer any queries you may have since your child transferred to their new class, speak to your child's teacher and to clarify any general school issues you may have. These will be held over the next two weeks - please refer to the timetable at the end of this newsletter for the dates.

VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL - Calling all parents, grandparents, and carers! We are currently recruiting volunteers to help us in school. If you could provide any support on a regular basis we would be delighted to hear from you. You could offer to be a classroom helper, literacy volunteer, ICT, gardening, storysack or library helper. If you are interested you will be subject to a DBS Clearance and all we need to begin this process is your email address. We will be holding an information meeting for all volunteers on Monday 14 September 2015 at 3.00 pm with the intention of volunteers starting in school from Monday 21 September 2015. If you are interested please complete the slip attached to this newsletter. If you have previously volunteered and would like to come in again, there is no need for you to attend the meeting but would you please complete the slip to state which day(s) and time you are able to come in. Once we have collated all the information we will confirm days and times to all volunteers.

SCHOOL COUNCIL - We will shortly be appointing our new School Council. The teachers will talk to the children about this role and will go through the 'job description' with them. This job description was developed by previous School Council members a copy of which can be found on the website. We will be reviewing this at our first meeting. The children will be asked to apply for a position on the School Council and a boy and girl from each class will be voted by their class members.

BOOK FAYRE WEEK - Early notification that our Book Fayre week will be held week beginning 5th October 2015. Further details will be sent out shortly. There will also be other exciting activities that week including Bacon Butty and a Book and a dress-up day on Friday 9 October 2015.

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P.E. All classes have two/three sessions of PE per week - outdoor and indoor therefore, the children **must** have a PE kit in school at all times. This should consist of a T-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms and trainers all labeled with your child's name in a clearly labeled bag. It would be preferable if the T-shirts are plain white or red and the shorts are black or navy. Please ensure that the shorts will be suitable for a variety of PE activities eg, not too baggy! **No jewellery can be worn for PE and earrings must be removed for health and safety reasons - we can no longer tape ears and staff are not allowed to remove earrings.**

Therefore, please ensure your child's earrings are removed on PE days or that he/she can remove them themselves. This policy is in line with other local schools and the Nottinghamshire County Council code of practice that clearly states "Jewellery i.e. watches, rings, earrings, bracelets, necklaces etc (including jewellery worn through the ears, nose, eyebrows, lips and other exposed areas of the body) should not be worn whilst participating in physical education lessons. Long hair should be secured as appropriate to the activity". If you do wish to have your child's ears pierced please do so at the beginning of the Summer holidays to ensure healing time which will enable earrings to be removed safely. The PE days for each class are given below and will be adhered to as far as possible. However, there may be some flexibility due to timetabling/events in school.

- Class 1 - Monday, Wednesday
- Class 2 - Tuesday, Wednesday
- Class 3 - Monday, Friday
- Class 4 - Monday, Thursday, Friday
- Class 5 - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
- Class 6 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- Class 7 - Tuesday, Wednesday,

SCOOTER DAYS - As part of our work to encourage walking to school, your child will have a 'scooter day'. On this day their scooter may be left at school and their class will have a scooter time in the playground. The children can 'scoot to school' on other days but would request that on these days scooters are taken home due to lack of space. Scooter days for each class are as follows:

- Class 1 - Monday
- Class 2 - Thursday
- Class 3 - Wednesday
- Class 4 - Wednesday
- Class 5 - Friday
- Class 6 - Friday
- Class 7 - Friday

REMINDERS

Medicines - A reminder that we are only to administer medicines to your child that have been prescribed by a doctor. This includes medicines such as Calpol, Ibuprofen and Piriton. If your child does require medicine during school time, please bring the medicine into the office and sign a consent form. If your child needs an inhaler they must keep one in school at all times. Once, again please bring these to the office, the children should be able to administer their inhalers themselves with adult supervision

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READING - The children should bring their reading bags to school every day and will be encouraged to change their books and read regularly. A letter regarding reading diaries and spellings will follow shortly. We are also hoping to develop the use of the library this year. We would welcome parents, grandparents, siblings etc to reading mornings in each class, these last for approximately 15 minutes and start at 8.55 am and are an excellent start to the day. Reading mornings for each class are as follows:-

Class 1 - Wednesday

Class 2 - Friday

Class 3 - Thursday

Class 4 - Friday

Class 5 - Tuesday

Class 6 - Wednesday

Class 7 - Tuesday

Thanks to everyone who brought back reading and library books in July. However, can you please have a good look at home for anymore as we still have quite a few outstanding books that have not been returned - thank you.

SECURITY - Can you please ensure that both the playground gate and entrance gates are shut securely when you leave the school grounds. If you are inside school and stay for a short time, please exit through the main entrance.

CAR PARKING AT THE BEEKEEPER PUB - A reminder about parking - parents, staff and visitors are able to park at the rear of the Beekeeper Pub car park only (adjacent to Queens Road West). You **MUST NOT PARK IN THE FRONT SECTION OF THE CAR PARK (Meadow Lane entrance) - if you do you may be fined.** Obviously if the rear of the car park is full you will need to find somewhere else to park or better still walk to school. We are keen to continue to work closely with the management of the Beekeeper Pub and hope you will support us with this. Thank you.

WATER BOTTLES - Children must have a water bottle in school every day. No juice is allowed, only water as this aids concentration and the children have access to their water bottles at all time. Juice may be provided as part of a packed lunch.

UNIFORM - Please ensure that all clothes are labelled with your child's name as obviously this helps enormously when items go missing! We have a lost property box in the corner of the children's toilets if you are looking for missing items. All children should wear 'sensible' shoes to school and also wear a coat every day as the weather is so changeable. No jewellery should be worn at all unless for religious reasons - please see your child's class teacher if this applies.

ABSENCES AND LATENESS - The school doors open at 8.50 am in the mornings. They will be closed and locked at 9.15 am. If you arrive at school later than this, please go to the main entrance and let the office staff know that you are here, they will then sign your child in. Your child will be accompanied to class by a member of staff to minimize disturbance for the other children. If for any reason you need to take your child out of school early please come to the main entrance and again the office staff will sign them out. If your child is going to be late or absent from school, please let us know as soon as possible. We may telephone you at home if we have not heard from you to ensure your child is safe. We monitor levels of attendance very closely and will follow up any concerns promptly.

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ABSENCE THROUGH SICKNESS - Please note if your child is absent from school because of vomiting and/or diarrhea they can only return to school 48 hours after the last time they were sick. After taking further advice and in line with other schools this is now confirmed as 48 hours.

LIBRARY READING CHALLENGE - If any children took part and successfully completed the library reading challenge over the summer holidays can you please bring their certificate in this Friday so that we can celebrate this with them in our celebration service.

COMING INTO SCHOOL IN THE MORNINGS - School gets very busy in the mornings so we really encourage the children in Year 1 and Year 2 to come into school on their own. Parents/Carers are still welcome to come in on reading mornings and staff are available if you need to talk to them. Once the Reception children have settled we are happy for them to come in on their own too. This really develops independence in the children and reduces the crush in school in the morning.

WEBSITE - Please check our school website as this has been updated over the school holidays - www.meadowlane.notts.sch.uk

COOL MILK - A reminder that 'Cool Milk' supply and deal with the administration of school milk. Therefore, if you wish your child to have milk on a daily basis you need to apply direct to Cool Milk. Registration forms and details are available from the entrance. School milk is provided free for all children under five years old, however you still need to apply in order to receive this.

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)
Mon 14 Sep	Welcome Meeting for Parents of children in Class 7 (9.00 am in Class 7)	
Mon 14 Sep	Volunteers Meeting - 3.00 pm in the Hall	
Tue 15 Sep	Welcome Meeting for Parents of children in Class 3 & Year 1 Children in Class 4 (9.00 am in Class 3)	
Wed 16 Sep	Welcome Meeting for Parents of children in Class 1 (9.00 am in Class 1)	
Thur 17 Sep	Welcome Meeting for Parents of children in Class 2 (9.00 am in Class 2)	
Thur 17 Sep	First Choir session (Yr 2's only)	
Fri 18 Sep	Welcome Meeting for Parents of Reception children in Class 4, Class 5 & Class 6 - 9.00 am in the Hall	
Wed 23 Sep	First Lace Making Session (Yr 2's only)	
Wed 23 Sep	First Mad Science After School Club (Yr 1/Yr 2's only)	
Fri 25 Sep	Phonics Meeting for Yr 1/Yr 2 Parents - 9.00 am in the Hall	
Tue 29 Sep	Whole School Coffee Morning - 8.50 am-9.45am - in the Hall	
Thur 1 Oct	School Nurse Drop-In Session - 9.00 - 10.30 am	
Fri 2 Oct	Phonics Meeting for Reception Parents - 9.00 am in the Hall	
5 th - 9 th Oct	Book Fayre Week	
Tue 13 Oct	Oral Health Session - Reception children	
Fri 16 Oct	Harvest Festival am	
19-22 Oct	Healthy Living Week	
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	
December	Many Christmas events- dates to be confirmed asap	
Fri 18 Dec	Final day in school - break up for Christmas holidays	✓