



I hope you all had a lovely half term - the children have settled into school really well and we have had a busy first week. We had a fantastic time on the first residential and great weather too. The children were as amazing as ever and thanks to the staff for all their hard work to make it such a success. We can't wait for the next one on 29 June! There is certainly a lot to look forward to this half term with Sports Day, new classes, the Picnic, celebration evening, Graduation and, of course, the Queen's Birthday celebrations on Friday. We certainly like to keep busy!

CONSULTATION ON A POSSIBLE AMALGAMATION OF MEADOW LANE INFANT & COLLEGE HOUSE JUNIOR SCHOOLS - A reminder that the consultation process closes on Sunday 12 June 2016, therefore if you wish to make your views known please collect a response form from outside the school office or complete on line at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

UPDATE FROM SHEILA BIRCHALL (JEC CHAIR) - The Joint Executive Committee (JEC) overseeing the collaboration between Meadow Lane Infant and College House Junior Schools met on 23 May 2016. It has been agreed by both Full Governing Bodies that the collaboration continue for a further year up to September 2017 if the outcome of the current consultation is that the schools amalgamate. If not then collaboration will continue only until both schools can return to independent functioning e.g. when a new Head Teacher is in post for College House.

Should amalgamation be agreed a temporary 'Shadow' Governing Body will be appointed and this will consider all aspects of creating a new school with a new Full Governing Body by September 2017.

The JEC will remain in place to manage the continued collaboration. It will undertake the performance management of the Executive Head Teacher and ensure that staffing arrangements linked to collaboration across both schools are effective and efficient.

TRANSITION

Current Year 2 Children - Please check the diary dates below for a reminder of all the transition dates for children transferring to College House Junior School in September. Children transferring to other schools will take part in transition visits on dates arranged by their new schools. The children transferring to College House will be informed of their new Class Teacher on Friday 24 June 2016 and we will send a letter home to parents on the same day confirming this in writing.

Current Reception & Year 1 Children - The children will be informed of their new class teacher during the week beginning 4 July 2016, and we will send a letter home to parents confirming this in writing. The children will also have an opportunity to meet up with their new class mates and teacher on Mon 11 July, when they will have a story in their new class, and then on the mornings of 15 and 18 July 2016.

You are welcome to speak to your child's new class teacher at our Parents Celebration Evening on Monday 11 July 2016 and take this opportunity to discuss your child's report if you wish to, with the current teacher.

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MORNINGS - Can you make sure that ALL Year 2 children please come into class on their own every day now in preparation for their transfer to junior school. It is great to see how many Year 1 and some Reception children are managing to do this - keep it up! If the children can come in on their own it makes a great difference in school in the mornings and leads to a much calmer start to the day. **Please note that all children must be accompanied by a parent/carer on the playground who is responsible for them until the doors open at 8.55 am.**

SPORTS DAY - We will once again be holding our annual Sports day on Friday 8 July 2016 on the College House School field as it provides much more space for the children to enjoy the events, than on the playground at Meadow Lane. However, as you may be aware there is currently building work taking place at College House so we are limited to using a smaller area of the field than normal. Unfortunately, this means that on this occasion we will not be able to invite parents to join us on the field to watch our sports day. We are really sorry but we have to ensure that we can monitor the children safely and ensure access to toilets etc as the new build does encroach onto the school field.

ARTS TRAIL - We are delighted that Meadow Lane Infant School is to be a venue for the Attenborough, Beeston, Chilwell Arts Trail (ABCAT) this year. Six local artists will have their work on display in the hall on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June from 11.00 am to 6.00 pm. There are 10 other venues with many other artists in the area and a free prize draw if you visit 8 or more. Do and come along and support your local creative community. We will be sending home a leaflet with the children with more information or please visit the ABCAT website <http://www.abcarttrail.uk/>

REMINDERS

Sun safety - Please remember to send your child with a sun hat & sun cream (if they are able to put it on themselves) if not please put it on for them before they come to school & sunglasses (if they wish).

Birthday Celebration - We would like all the children to dress in red, white & blue for our big celebration event this Friday 10 June for the Queen's 90th Birthday.

Clothing Collection for School - We have a clothing collection as a school fund raiser on Monday 13 June 2016 - further details will be included on the slip we will send home this week (any clothing at all may be donated) but we can only accept it before 9.30 am on the morning of 13 June - thanks.

There will be a further clothing collection for the Operation Orphan Appeal on Thursday 23 June where you can bring in any winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, shoes, jogging bottoms. As you know we do not have a lot of space in school so can only accept items for this appeal on the Thursday for collection the following morning.

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IMPORTANT CHANGES TO SUMMER TERM DATES - Please note below changes of dates for the Yr 2 Graduation Event, Football Friendly at Trent Vale & addition of the Year 2's Got Talent show.

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)
Fri 10 June	Special Meadow Lane Whole School 90 th Birthday Celebration for Queen Elizabeth II	✓
Mon 13 June	Clothing Collection (Fund raiser for school)	<i>See Above</i>
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	
Thur 23 June	Winter Clothing Collection for Operation Orphan	See above
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)	✓
<i>* CHANGE OF DATE NOW MON 4 JULY</i>	<i>Football Friendly at Trent Vale Inf School</i>	✓
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	✓
Fri 8 July	Sports Day (Further details to follow)	<i>See Above</i>
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 with packed lunch) Rec & Yr 1 Visit new classes at Meadow Lane - am	✓
<i>Wed 20 July</i>	<i>Year 2's Got Talent Show - 2.00 pm</i>	
<i>* CHANGE OF DATE NOW Thur 21 July</i>	<i>Yr 2 Graduation Event - 6.00 to 7.00 pm</i>	
Fri 22 July	Final day in school before Summer Hols & Non-Uniform Day	✓
Tues 6 Sep	School re-opens to pupils after Summer Holidays	✓