



Newsletter 19th July 2017

Well here, we are at the end of another great school year and the children have achieved some fantastic results.

We have all taken part in some lovely events this half term: - At Meadow Lane the Year 2 children enjoyed a great Residential trip to Sherwood – lots of climbing trees, building dens and fun. Sports Day was a great success and it was brilliant to see so many of you join us at the picnic on what turned out to be a lovely evening. We are, of course now looking forward to Year 2's Got Talent and the Graduation before the end of term.

At College House, our Year 3 & 4 pupils recently enjoyed a day trip to Brackenhurst Environmental Centre where they learnt about recycling and environmental issues. They took part in a number of activities including planting potatoes, making and learning about wind turbines as well as looking at the distance our food travels to reach our shops. Pictures of this visit are on the school website. The children who have been learning to play musical instruments have performed brilliantly at the end of year concerts. The Year 6 pupils' performance of 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies' was just wonderful to watch; the children put so much effort and enthusiasm into the production. They have also enjoyed their end of year trip to Planet Bounce and Cosmo. We are now looking forward to the Graduation tonight.

At both schools the children and staff enjoyed taking part in the Race for Life and we raised £200 (CH) and £170.86 (ML) - thank you for your kind donations. We also enjoyed the Open Day on 7th July when we welcomed many visitors into school including ex pupils, staff and local residents. The school councillors and ambassadors from both schools did a great job leading the guided tours where they also learned lots about how school used to be. Thanks to the staff and governors who helped research the history, set up the displays and served drinks on the day. We have created some lovely memories of the two schools to keep for the future.

Hello and Goodbye!!

It was lovely to welcome our new teachers Miss Buckley, Miss Boyle and Miss Culverhouse to the transition days – they are all really excited to start working with us.

Good luck to Mrs Lewis who will be going on maternity leave at the end of this term. Her baby is due at the beginning of September – we will let you know when we have any news. Mr Wilkins is also due to become a father for the second time at the beginning of the holidays and we send him all our good wishes.

We will be saying goodbye to Mr Lee who has finished his placement with us and will be starting his first teaching job in September. We will also be saying goodbye to Mr Poole as he moves on to pastures new. We wish them both every success and happiness in their new jobs.

Transition

The children and staff really enjoyed the three transition days and both schools were very calm. It was lovely to see the children in their new classes, meeting their new classmates and getting to know their teachers. We also welcomed our new Reception children to the Meadow Lane site for their visits, which was great.

Following on from the success of the transition visits, we have now decided to change the arrangements for the first day back. The new Year 2 children should go into their classes and the Year 3 children should line up on the playground at College House instead of going into the hall. Just a reminder that Meadow Lane school day starts at 8.55am and finishes at 3.20pm, Cator Lane school day starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.30pm.

The rest of this week!

Wednesday 19th July – Year 6 Graduation 6-7pm

Thursday 20th July – Year 2's Got Talent 2pm

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Please note that the Friday morning assembly at College House is for staff and children only – the graduation event is for families to attend.

Friday 21st July – Last day of term. We will be commemorating the closure of the schools with some special assemblies for the staff and children and a party at both schools.

Friday is NOT a non-uniform day at both schools. All pupils including Year 6 need to come to school in their uniform. Year 6 pupils can bring a spare shirt for signing – you will also be given an autograph book for your friends to sign.

If you have any uniform that you want to get rid of we will be collecting it at both schools to give to charity – Operation Orphan/Kings School. Any lost property that is left will automatically be donated.

Parents Fundraising

Both fundraising groups have continued to work hard this term and have raised lots of money for school. The summer term Meadow Lane disco raised £297.60. The College House Carnival raised approximately £3,500 and the disco approximately £350. We will confirm the final figures after the holidays along with the grand total for the year.

The money raised by these groups is vital to school as it subsidises many trips, visits and visitors to school. It has helped to fund the libraries, the wildlife garden at College House and ICT equipment. A big thank you to everyone who gets involved at any level – particular thanks to Catherine Stacey, Clare Chapman, Helen Ramwell and Belinda Hughes who organise everything so efficiently.

As we become The Lanes Primary School the two fundraising groups will obviously become one group therefore, we would love as many people to be involved as possible – either joining the committee or maybe just helping out at events – the more the merrier! We have already arranged two meetings in the new term both to be held on Wednesday 20 September (the first at 9.00 am at the Meadow Lane site and the second at 7.00 pm at the Cator Lane site) all welcome to come along and find out more about how you can help. Please look out for more information in the new year.

End of term reminders – Please make sure that you send in all reading/choosing/library books into Meadow Lane this week. We will not be sending any more books out this week and would like you to have a good look for any school books you may have at home so that we can audit our stocks and order more. Please check any story sack materials you may also have at home and return them to school.

- At College House – just Year 6 children need to return their books please.
- We will be sending the children's work books up to their new teachers this week. We will return them to you in September. We will be keeping a selection from each class as evidence, but these will be returned to you as soon as possible. We will let you know if your child's books have been chosen.
- Lost property will be outside school every day – please check daily, any items remaining in school will be disposed of.
- Various Information/Leaflets for Summer Activities – will be in the school entrance – please call in & help yourselves if interested.
- Inhalers/Medicine – Please remember to collect all inhalers and medicines on the last day of term.
- Contact Forms – We will be sending home contact forms during the first week back in September for you to complete and return with all up to date information regarding your child.
- Attendance Certificates – We will be presenting certificates on Friday to all those children who have managed 100% attendance for the 2017 Summer Term and for the whole of the 2016/17 academic year

On a personal note I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at both schools who are genuinely committed to providing a great education for all the children. The two schools have been on quite a journey in the last two years during the collaboration and I have been so lucky to have such a supportive staff, children and parent body who have embraced the changes with such a positive attitude. I feel privileged to be leading the amalgamation as we move into The Lanes officially from September.

I hope that you all have a great summer – relax and enjoy the hopefully sunny weather. I look forward to welcoming you to The Lanes in September. Final reminder that children return on Wednesday 6th September 2017 (Staff return on Tuesday 5 September 2017). However, if you need to contact school during the holidays please email either office using the details below as either Mrs Colton or Mrs Gosling will be around to pick these up:

College House (Cator Lane Site) – office@collegehouse.notts.sch.uk

Or

Meadow Lane (Meadow Lane Site) — office@meadowlane.notts.sch.uk

Best wishes for a lovely summer

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Revill'.

Mrs Joanne Revill

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