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Newsletter

Note from the Head Teacher

5th April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that it's nearly Easter already. We've had a busy and exciting term, with lots of visitors in and visits out. I would like to thank all the parents who have helped at school or on trips this term. We really do appreciate your help and welcome any parents to come and join in.

Attendance

Children's attendance this term is 95.03% and our target is 97.5% so let's see how well we can do over the summer term, to improve this. Well done to all our children who have already met the 97.5% target.

World Book Day

The children enjoyed celebrating World Book Day in March, we had some wonderful hats, and here are a selection of them. Thank you to all our families for the effort and artistry!



Reading

Wanted Reading volunteers. If you have an hour or two spare every week, we are looking for volunteer parents or grandparents to sit and listen to readers. If you think you could help us out then please let the office know and someone will be in touch with you. Mrs Charlesworth, Mr Fowkes, Miss Lilley-Hale or Mrs Roberts will show you the ropes, so you have nothing to be worried about.

Children who regularly read at home, manage better at school and make better progress. Every child has a home school diary and the expectation for every child is reading with their adult at home at least 4 times every week. This is very important and includes the adult reading to the child, particularly in Early Years. Please keep up the reading over the Easter Break!



After-School Clubs

These will be restarting week commencing 29th April 2019. (2nd week back) As well as some clubs run voluntarily by staff, we will be offering some other options that have a small cost, run by independent companies.



Free School Meals – Reminder



Are you entitled?

We would like to remind parents that if your child is eligible for Free School meals then please apply for them. Any child from Nursery to Year 6 can apply for Free School meals and milk if their parent/carer qualifies. This is different from the Universal Free School Meal that children get in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Please apply for Free School Meals and Milk if you qualify even if your child receives a Universal Free School Meal as we will be able to give additional financial support to your children for other things in school.

Applications for Free School Meals have to be done online by the parent/carer through the Nottinghamshire County Council website.

Go to

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk

You can also visit the school office and we can help you complete the form online and offer you a cup of tea whilst we do it. ☺

Parking



A reminder to parents and carers that the car park is for staff use only and not for dropping off or collecting children. We have sent individual letters to 1 or 2 parents who refuse to follow these expectations. It is all about keeping our children safe. Thank you for your support on this matter.

5 minutes more

If every parent who has to collect their child from school, by car, parked an extra 5 minutes' walk away, the health benefits will be good for parents and children and the road would be less congested and much safer. **Could you do this?**

Y6 SATs

SATs for Y6

Our Year 6 SATs booster after-school clubs are going well. They are on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. We want all Year 6 children to attend at least one of these. Please contact the school office or speak to their class teacher to book your Year 6 child in, if you have not already done so. We would like every child to take up this valuable opportunity and get some extra support from the Year 6 staff. These children can also attend our VIP Breakfast Club from 8am every school day.

SATs tests for Year 6 will be the week commencing 13th May – 17th May 2019.

Friday Cuppa



Please remember you can come and join me for a cuppa, (it doesn't even need to be a Friday) just book it in the office diary. Following chatting with parents at recent cuppa's with me, we are now setting up a Savings Club, to help those who wish to join to save up for Trips and Uniform etc., we have purchased new class sets of aprons for Early Years to reduce paint spills on shirts, and we have some good

ideas for school events planned.

Thankyou

To Mrs Martin for organising last weekend's day trip for families to Nottingham University. It was lovely weather and we hope you all enjoyed it. Watch this space for more opportunities to visit.

Dinner Money £11.50 a week per child

Dinner Money will be increasing by 1p to £2.30 from Tuesday 23rd April. Further to our recent letters, school meals will not be available to anyone who owes Dinner Money to Nottinghamshire County Council, until this has been brought up to date. Any problems please speak to the school office team.

Uniform

Summer Term uniform is now available with a selection of our purple Gingham dresses. Please see the school office.

Please remember we expect full uniform from all children, including black school shoes, plain hair accessories (in school uniform colours) and no dyed hair, no tracks in hair and no make-up (including nail varnish).

PE Kit

School PE Kit should be in school all the time, most of our children have them now, - it should only be taken home for washing either at the weekends or school holidays and returned to school on the next school day. As the weather gets warmer there will be more opportunities for sporting activities so they really need to be in school every day. If you need any replacement items of Uniform or PE Kit, they can be purchased from the school office.

Please make sure that these are named before the children start to wear them.



Things to Do

SWIMMING FOR UNDER 8'S - All you need to do, if you have not already got a leisure card is to apply for one from the leisure centre reception, to renew the card it would cost £5.00 for the whole year. SWIMMING WILL THEN BE FREE FOR A YEAR. This is an excellent facility and will support your children learning to swim as well as give them a fun activity to take part in.

Kimberley Leisure Centre Address:
Newdigate Street
Kimberley
Nottingham
NG16 2NJ
Tel 0115 9173366

Have a lovely break with your children. Remember there are the following numbers if you need help or advice

Helpful numbers over the holidays.

Eastwood Food bank

Telephone Number: 01773 535255

Email: enquiries@eastwoodvb.org.uk

For those in need there is a food bank situated at Eastwood Volunteer Bureau, at the back of Eastwood Library. For more information and eligibility call in on Tuesdays & Fridays between 10.00am - 1.00pm.

Parentline (Nottingham)

Text Parentline on 07520 619919

If you are a parent and you need help then you can contact parentline for advice.

Broxtowe Council

Telephone Number: 0115 917 7777

Website: www.broxtowe.gov.uk

Broxtowe Women's Project

Telephone Number: 01773 719111 - Domestic abuse helpline

07914 634190 - Text phone

01773 718555 - General enquiries

Email: enquiries@broxtowewp.org

We return to school on Tuesday 23rd April 2019.

Have a very Happy Easter.

Mrs Sainsbury
Head Teacher

