

Spring 2, 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day

We will be holding World Book Day on Friday, 8th March. On this day children can come in to school dressed as their favourite book characters with the best costume in each class receiving a book prize from the school Book Fair.

Book Fair

We are intending on holding our School Book Fair in a different way this year. The Book Fair will be on initially during the Parent Consultation on the 12th March and will be 'manned' by some of the school governors. This gives you a chance to buy a book as well as having a chat with your school representatives. The second book fair will be held on 14th March in the Y2 classroom straight after school.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is on the 15th March this year. The children are able to come to school in their own clothes or if they wish, wear something red for the day. We would suggest a contribution of £1 towards the Red Nose Day causes.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations are scheduled for the 11th and 12th March. Letters will be out soon.

Pokemon Cards

Every year there is a new craze in trading cards. This year we have the return of the Pokemon Cards! Children who engage in trading the cards, making swaps, etc are using a wide variety of important social skills that they will need in later life. We try to allow such trading as long as we can but it can lead to upset and falling out when children change their mind about 'swapping' cards. Currently, Pokemon Cards are allowed in school but each individual class teacher will make their own decision if they think their class is not coping and a 'ban' needs to be put in place. Please remind your children that if they do wish to bring in cards that this is at their 'own risk' and the fairness of trades, etc, is part of their judgement. They always have the right to say 'no' to a trade before it happens.

Boundary Wall

As part of the school's push to get the school buildings up to standard, work on the boundary wall started over the February half term. We were expecting this to be along the footpath side of the school initially but work has started within the Foundation Playground instead. The work will be ongoing over the next few months and will affect the whole school at different times.

Electrical Refit

We have been assured that the long awaited electrical refit will be happening over the summer holiday. This will involve replacement of most of the school's electric systems as well as a new fire alarm. It is likely that new ceilings will be required. It is scheduled to be completed over the summer holiday but please be aware that this is an old building and it sometimes throws up a few surprises! Hopefully, once complete we can schedule a programme of redecoration.

Boiler House

In addition, over the summer we have been promised that the boiler 'cellar' will be filled in and a new, smaller building built above to house the boiler. This should remove many of the issues we have with drains as well as the foundations of the main building in that area of school.

ParentPay

Please could we ask you to keep your ParentPay account up to date for school meals or educational visits. If you require a reminder of your activation code to initially set up your ParentPay account please contact the school office. Any new starters will be given an activation letter once the pupil has started school.

Pupils on School Grounds

Over the last holiday we had some children enter the school grounds and throw around a lot of our outside playground equipment, including over the wall and on to the bushes near the Public Footpath. These were not pupils or ex pupils of the school as far as we understand and it has been reported to the PCSO.

We do allow children to play football at the far end of the school field near the high fencing and generally this is respected and they keep out of the main school grounds and the sensory garden. We would ask that if anyone does spot anyone on the grounds during school holidays or weekends that they report it to the PCSO.

Dates for 2019

5 th March	Pancake Day Theme School Dinner & Crackpot Assembly
6 th March	Y4/5 trip to Lakeside Arts Centre, Nottingham
7 th March	Year 3 trip to Chesterfield Library
8 th March	World Book Day in school
11 th March	Parent Consultation
12 th March	Parent Consultation and Book Fair with Governors
13 th March	Year 1 trip to Hardwick
14 th March	Book Fair immediately after school
15 th March	Red Nose Day
21 st March	Y3 Class Assembly (parents invited)
28 th March	Y2 trip to Whistlestop Centre, Matlock Bath
3 rd April	Class Photos Day
10 th April	F1 trip to Twycross Zoo
11 th April	Easter Service
15 th April to 28 th April	Easter Holidays (school closed)
6 th May Bank Holiday	School Closed
13 th to 17 th May	Y6 SATS WEEK
27 th May to 2nd June	Half Term (school closed)
13 th June	Halle Concert
14 th & 15 th June	Lea Green Trip/ Residential (Year 1 to go for the day on 14 th , Year 2 to stay overnight)
25 th and 26 th June	Tibshelf Transition Days
27 th June	Y6 West Notts College Visit
28 th June	INSET DAY (school closed)
1 st July	INSET DAY (school closed)
3 rd July	NSPCC School Visit
10 th , 11 th & 12 th July	Y6 at Dukes Barn
10 th July	Year 1 trip to Hardwick
17 th July	Golden Day - Scooters & Skateboards
19 th July	Children Break up for Summer
22 nd July	INSET DAY (school closed)
3 rd Sept	INSET Day (to be confirmed ASAP)
4 th Sept	INSET Day (to be confirmed ASAP)