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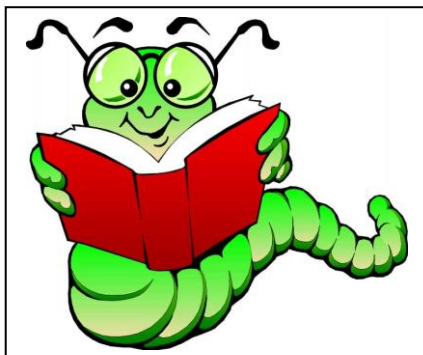
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Newsletter February 2017



World Book Day Thursday 2nd March 2017

We are celebrating World Book Day by inviting the children to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character, in fancy dress or just in their own clothes for a contribution of £1 per child. All proceeds will be collected by the school council and used to buy more playground toys. The children will spend the day taking part in lots of book related activities. Children are encouraged to bring in their favourite book to show to the class.

Sports update

We are constantly looking for alternative sports beyond the usual school curriculum to keep children interested and engaged in sporting activities. Research has shown that if children regularly take part in sport at primary school they are more likely to engage with sport in secondary school and into adult hood so we see our role as vital in keeping our children fit and healthy. This term year 3/4 are having fencing and archery lessons and we have planned for year 5 and 6 to have golfing lessons at the golf club in the summer term. This term's after school sports club is dance and multi-skills.

In recognition of our commitment to school sport the school has received the Silver School Games Mark Award. It was presented in assembly last week by Ozzy the Amber Valley School Sports mascot. Have a look on the news page of the school website to see photos of the event.

School Closure Thursday 4th May 2017

Once again we have been informed that the school building is needed for the Derbyshire County Council Elections on the 4th May 2017. As there will be no catering facilities on site and the building will be open to the public, the school will be closed to all year groups, except year 6. Year 6 pupils should come to school at the normal time and arrangements made for their collection at 12:30 pm. This will be an invaluable time for the Y6 pupils to do some final preparations for the SATs the following week. Structured revision sessions have been planned by the staff to maximise this time. Pupils may come in comfortable, casual clothes rather than their school uniform.

Bad Weather

In the event of school being closed due to snow we will put a message on the home page of the school web site and inform radio Derby. If it has snowed and we are open please send your child to school with a change of shoes such as wellies or walking boots so that we can get outside and enjoy the snow!

Open Afternoon

We are holding an open afternoon on Wednesday 5th April 2017 between 2:30 and 3:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to join their child in class and work with them on the activities. If you have more than one child in school please feel free to wander between classes and enjoy time with all of your children. The theme of the afternoon is making science fun and the children will be doing a variety of activities around this subject.

May Fair

We are starting to make arrangements for the May Fair which is on Saturday 6th May 2017. The celebrations will start with the usual procession through the village and end in school. There will be a variety of stalls at the event so if anyone wants to hire a stall for their own project please let us know as soon as possible to aid planning.

We are hoping that the recorders group and school band will be playing with the village band and they have already started to rehearse for this. The day will finish with a ceilidh in school. There are many other activities planned for the afternoon so if anyone can volunteer to help for some or all of the time please let us know. Help is always gratefully received.

Sainsbury's Sports Vouchers

We are collecting the sports vouchers on behalf of pre-school. Look out for the collection box in the foyer.

Halle Orchestra

Exciting News! The school band has accepted an invitation to play with the Halle Orchestra on the afternoon of Wednesday 21st June at Derby Arena. They will play along with other schools on pieces set by the Halle. More details will follow nearer the time.

Attendance.

Last term we missed our attendance target of 97% with 94.8%. A big well done to Year 5/6 who had the highest attendance with 97.27%. Just to remind you that if your child is ill please contact school on the morning of the absence so that we know not to expect them in school and that they are safe.

Drumming Lessons

There will be no drumming lessons this Thursday as the drumming teacher, Mark Rice, has sadly left. The new teacher, Dan Williams, who is a former pupil of the school, will start the lessons on Monday 6th March 2017.

Retirement

After 26 years at the school, Mrs Davis has decided to retire at the end of the May 2017. I know she will be deeply missed by the children, staff and parents. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Mrs Davies all the best and thank her for her long service to the school.

Wanted

We need old CDs and milk/juice bottle tops for various art projects that we have planned this term. If anyone has any CDs please send them in with your child as soon as possible. A box for plastic bottle tops will be placed in the hall for any that you collect.

Many thanks for your support.

SUMMARY OF DIARY DATES

Tuesday March 14th – Parents' Evening 3:30 – 6:00 pm

Thursday 16th March – Parents' Evening 3:30 – 6:00 pm

Friday 17th March – Inset Day

Wednesday 5th April – Open Afternoon 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Thursday 6th April – Easter Disco 6 – 7:30 pm

Monday 10th April – Easter holiday, return to school Monday 24th April

Thursday 27th April – Class photos

Monday 2nd May – School Closed for May Day

Saturday 6th May – May Fair

Thursday 4th May – School closed for Elections except to Year 6

Monday 8th May – SATs week for Y6

Monday 29th May 2017 – Half Term

Monday 26th June 2017 – Inset

Thursday 20th July 2017 – Leavers' Assembly

Friday 21st July 2017 – Inset

Monday 24th July 2017 – Summer Holidays

