



NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week sees the halfway mark reached in the academic year and we are looking forward to continuing the hard work and progress seen by the children in the second half of the year. Please continue to help support us by hearing your child read and supporting with homework activities. Feedback is always appreciated and supports the home school partnership which strengthens all pupils' development. Thank you

There will always be issues that arise in school but please speak to the staff, Mrs Lowe or myself if you have any queries or concerns however minor. Parent consultations are in early March this term with the letters having gone out earlier this week, but as we say on each newsletter do not wait till then as the sooner we know about any issue the quicker we can resolve it.

Parent's consultation evenings

Thank you to all those who have returned letters already. Slips confirming times will be issued on Monday 26th February straight after half term. On the reply slip it did not mention Mrs Lowe. Once the year 5 and 6 replies are returned Mr Fisher, Mrs Bramley and Mrs Lowe will allocate slots to the children in each of their maths and English teaching slots.

Newsletter to go paperless

After the Easter holidays we are proposing that the newsletter will go paperless. On the day of issue a text will be sent informing parents that the newsletter has been placed on the website. As our website is completely useable on a range of platforms the school feels that this will be a more efficient method of communication as well as reducing costs in school. Also, following the positive feedback from our website questionnaire it is clear that the majority of parents surveyed find access to our website quick and convenient. If you have any views or comments please contact the office.

Permission slips will still be sent out in paper form for the time being.

Worship questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed this. The findings will be sent out by Mrs Bramley shortly.

New Sports Kits

Before Christmas we were very fortunate to receive a donation from Tutbury Parish Council of £500 towards new sports kits for the children to use when representing the school at the many events we participate in. This was an incredibly generous gesture and the kits are now in use in school. Below is a picture of the children wearing our fantastic new kits..



KS1 SATS MEETING – a reminder

On Monday 12th February at 5:00pm, Mrs Wiles and Mrs Jeffrey will be holding a meeting similar to that for KS2 to explain the testing process around KS1 and what the school will be doing to support all our Year 2 pupils. **Again please make every effort to attend as this is a really important meeting and your support would be really appreciated.** As with the KS2 meeting, for anybody unable to attend a summary of the contents will be provided as well as the chance to speak to the staff concerned at a mutually convenient time.

The Visit of the Bishop of Stafford

On Monday 22nd January the Bishop of Stafford, Bishop Geoff, came to visit our school. He arrived with Reverend Pip and then joined the children for lunch in the dining hall. After that, he popped into our weekly Christian Club before leading our afternoon worship. First he explained what his job was about and then he welcomed up a willing volunteer to hold the mitre and the crook. It was fun to hear about the clothes he wore and what they were about. We all really enjoyed his visit and thank you to Reverend Pip for organising it.

The Worship Committee.



Arts Festival

As part of our school continuing links with the local primaries we are fortunate to be included in the arts project that has been organised with many arts organisations in Burton and Derby. This will involve work in school and opportunities to showcase the work across the town for many of our youngsters working in partnership with other schools. Miss Bussey is co-ordinating our school events working in conjunction with all the other schools involved. As you can imagine this will involve complicated logistics and possible changes especially for any outdoor events. A letter detailing arrangements will come out shortly and we will keep you up to date via the website with news and examples of the work being done.

World Book Day March 2018

This year World Book day is on March 1st 2018. Each of our classes will be choosing a book and focussing all their activities for that day on their selected book. Children are welcome to come dressed as a book character if they wish and we will celebrate their work in school and share this with you on the website.

READERS IN SCHOOL

We asked in the last newsletter whether anyone could offer some regular time to help us in school by listening to individual readers. We still are looking for people to help us. Volunteers can be parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles and only a

short time commitment each week would make a big difference. Please note that we have to undertake safeguarding checks for volunteers in school and we would not ask you to work with your own child. Please contact the school office or Mrs Wiles if you can help. Thank you.

Parent Forum

The meeting scheduled for early January was cancelled due to non-attendance.

This is a meeting for parents and school to share ideas and develop the links between the two. In the past we have talked about issues such as report formats, playground resources, times of the school day etc.

As a school we are asking anyone interested in attending such meetings to suggest the most convenient time for them to be held. In the last few years we have always arranged for these to be at 9am after morning drop off but this time is clearly not working. Please contact the office if you have any thoughts.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 12 th February	KS1 SATs meeting for parents 5:00pm
Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February Half Term – School Closed	
Tuesday 27 th February	Swimming lessons start for Year 5 – further details will follow
Monday 5 th March	Parent Consultations 3:45pm – 6:00pm
Tuesday 6 th March	Parent Consultations 3:45pm – 6:00pm
Sunday 11 th March	Mothering Sunday service at Tutbury Church – School choir invited to join church choir 10:00am (further details nearer the time)
Wednesday 28 th March	End of Term/Easter Service in Tutbury Church 9:00am
Thursday 29 th March	End of Spring Term
Friday 30th March to Wednesday 11th April Easter break – school closed	
Thursday 12th April and Friday 13th April Inset Days – school closed	
Monday 16 th April to Friday 25 th May Summer Term 1	
Monday 7th May May Day – school closed	
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June Half Term – school closed	
Monday 4th June – Inset Day School closed	
Tuesday 5 th June to Friday 20 th July Summer Term 2	