



NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We were hoping that the bad weather was now behind us but it seems that we spoke too soon with what has happened this weekend! Thank you again for your understanding when we had to close the school at the start of the month. It is done as the last resort. However when the health and safety of children and staff are at risk both travelling to and from school, as well as actually being open, we have to make that difficult decision.

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.

Newsletter to go paperless

A reminder that after the Easter holidays we are proposing that the newsletter will go paperless. This will be the last paper copy to be issued. 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.

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

Governor Questionnaire

At parental consultations you were all asked to fill in the governor's annual questionnaire. The results have been collated and the governors will be sending out the results and findings in their own newsletter before Easter. Thank you to all who completed these.

SIAMs inspection

As you are aware the school undertook its SIAMs inspection last Thursday. As soon as the report is sent to us from the diocese we will share it with you. Thank you to everyone who supported us on the day.

KS1 and KS2 SATs

A reminder that these both take place next half term in May. KS1 assessments are carried out across the month and the week of KS2 testing

starts Monday 14th May. Please remember attendance in school for the children in Year 2 and 6 is vital during this period.

Sport Relief – Friday 23.3.18

With everything else going on we have not planned a lot for this event this time. However our sports leaders have asked for a non-uniform day. Please can the children bring a minimum donation of 50p if they wish to come in sportswear rather than their uniform.



As part of Sports Relief this year there is a 'Billion Steps' challenge. Every day at our school we have an active challenge for at least 15 minutes. On Friday we are going to ask the children and staff to complete a steps challenge to see how many we can add to the total. We will let you know how we get on before we send our scores in!

Our Value of the month – March 2018 'Trust'

As you may know, each month in our worship we have a value that we explore with the children both in assembly and class time. Following advice from our recent church inspection and to help parents and carers understand more about the work we are doing and to support your children we will update you each newsletter as to which value we are covering and what we will be looking at.

The value of 'Trust' can be explored in many different ways depending on the context of discussions. In school, much of our work will be around trust between friends, the consequences of friendships being broken and how they can be mended. We will also focus strongly, as we do on a constant basis, on how children can and should trust adults in school should they have problems. We have very little poor behaviour in our school as a result of excellent behaviour management throughout the school and staff being very proactive in their care for all pupils, spotting problems early and dealing with them. However,

children will not always tell an adult about a concern they have. Sometimes children tell parents about issues in school but haven't told a member of staff when incidents actually happen. Please encourage your children to think hard about this value and to trust adults in school to help them with any problems they have. The last thing we want is for any child to be worried about anything in school; we always take action and work hard until a situation is resolved once we are made aware. Thank you.

World Book Day March 2018

Our revised date for World Book day is now Thursday March 29th 2018. As stated before 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.

Academy Status

Just to update you all – the Governing Body would like parents and carers to know that we are, as a school, still working our way through the legalities of converting to academy status. All of these are out of our control in terms of time frames and clearly this has taken longer than anticipated but hopefully all should be concluded in the Summer Term.

Indoor Canoeing



Congratulations to our Year 6 indoor canoeing team who won the school games competition in East Staffordshire! Coincidentally the evening they won on was the day of the floods in our area but as you can see they stayed dry and warm.

Special mention also to our Netball, Football and Year 3 and 4 hockey teams all of whom have had excellent performances in recent weeks. Thank you to all staff and also to parents and carers for taking them.

Arts Festival

As you are aware, we have been working with our colleagues in the local primaries on a project that

has been organised with many arts organisations in Burton and Derby. Lots has happened in school and next week we will be part of the showcase events. The children have really enjoyed the activities that have been put on.

A big thank you to Miss Bussey who is co-ordinating our school events working in conjunction with all the other schools involved. This has involved complicated logistics beyond our control especially for the outdoor events and we apologise for the changes made and any that still may happen. Please check texts and the website for any updated arrangements.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 21 st March	KS2 to Tutbury Church for Communion Service – please note we are leaving from school after registration.
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	

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