

Friday 21st April 2017

NEWSLETTER No. 27



Dear Parents,

I do hope you are all feeling relaxed and refreshed for what promises to be a very busy and exciting term ahead, especially for our Year 6 pupils as they begin the transition to high school. To all of you who will be at the Bingo tonight, have a fun-filled evening and good luck for the raffle. Many thanks to all our hard working parents who have worked tirelessly to make this event happen.

Spotlight On... Exciting Times Ahead



Prayer for the chicks written by Rosie in Reception

This term our Reception class is expecting 'new arrivals' in their classroom and these new arrivals are due on 3rd May, so exciting times ahead! The equipment was purchased with the funds raised following their very successful 'Cake and Make Sale' just before the Easter holidays. Thank you for your support of this event.

This year we will be delivering the chicks to their new home at Waugh Brow Farm in Mobberley on Sunday 21st May at 10.30am. Further details will be provided nearer the time. More photographs are on our website <http://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/work/reception-cake-and-make-sale/25843>

Awards - Congratulations to our weekly badge winners.

Good Conduct Award – Excellent attitude in all aspects of school life.

Courtesy Award – Good manners and polite behaviour.

Merit Award – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

Year Group	Good Conduct Award	Courtesy Award	Merit Award
Reception	Molly R	Alice A	Jamie R
Year 1	Patrick C	Daisy W	Kane W-W
Year 2	Georgie M	Juliette N	Giorgio V
Year 3	Corey W	Noah K	Johan V
Year 4	Aoife J	Michael O'D	Memphis D
Year 5	Emily C	Any G	Owen W-W
Year 6	Dominic S	Beatrice H	Eli W-R

Year 3 Residential

Year 3 are off to Foxhowl next Wednesday. Please remember to bring a packed lunch for Wednesday (in a plastic bag). Can I also ask that the children help to pack their own bag so they know what belongs to them!

Manchester Airport 'Maths at Work' Workshops

Last Thursday Year 5 took part in three workshops to demonstrate how important Maths is in everyday life. One workshop involved calculating the cost of removing 100 metre of hedgerow for the building of the A556 road which included containing Debbie in the offices at Costain! Another workshop involved booking a holiday where the children were given different amounts of money to spend, they learnt the importance of taking out holiday insurance. The final workshop was run by Tatton and involved making butter and then converting the imperial measurements to metric. Many thanks to the local business who gave their time to create and run the workshops.



KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts)

Children in Y1-5 will be bringing home the KIRFs that need to be learnt for the first half of the Summer term; these are key facts that children need to know off by heart so that they can apply them to their work in class. Year 6 don't have a set for the Summer term as most of their focus is revision of facts learnt this year, in preparation for their SATs in a couple of weeks.

Curriculum Overviews

Details of the curriculum being covered in each class are to be found in the Curriculum Overviews being sent home today. Homework timetables are also included but please be aware there are occasional variations so check homework diaries for the tasks actually set. The diary is also a place where parents can communicate with teachers and vice-versa. Please do spend a little time chatting with your child about homework and if you have any resources or expertise that you could offer, please let your child's teacher know!

General Election

Due to the recent announcement of the General Election we need to make a date change as follows: After the May half term children will be off school on Monday 5th June as originally planned but will now be in school on the 6th June and off on the 8th June instead. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause but we have taken advice and feel this is the best option. Thank you for your understanding.

Parent View

I'm sure you are all aware that OFSTED inspects schools on a regular basis and provides feedback on what the school does well and what needs to be done to make it even better. Our school will be due for a routine inspection and we would like them to know the views of our parents. We are incredibly proud of our school, children, parents and parish community and we want to be able to celebrate this with others and would love to hear what you think. All you have to do is log on to our school website, click on the OFSTED tab and then go to Ofsted – Parent View to give your views. We can then log on and look at the results and act on feedback. There are 12 simple multiple choice questions.

We will also be sending out our own Parent Questionnaire later this term when you will be able to give us direct feedback specifically linked to each class.

If you do ever have any worries or concerns pop in and have a chat – our door is always open!

Attendance

Reception	96.7%	Year 1	96.6%
Year 2	99.1%	Year 3	100% - Well Done!
Year 4	94.4%	Year 5	98.5%
Year 6	95%		



Cricket

KS1 Sessions - On Saturday 22nd April, Ashley Cricket Club will be hosting a free cricket taster session for boys and girls in Key Stage 1 (Yr1 & 2). Invites have been extended to children from several local primary schools, and places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

The session will also act as a taster for 'All Stars,' a new entry-level cricket programme for 5-8 year old children created by the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB). Ashley CC will be a host centre for 'All Stars' this summer, and more details will be available on the day. See attached flyer for more information.

Year 2 and above - Cricket sessions start up at Toft Cricket Club on Saturday 22nd April 9:30-11:30am for girls and boys in year 2 or above, all welcome. Come along any time in these first few weeks and have a free trial! There's also a BBQ available at the end and time to socialise in the British Summer sunshine!

For more details contact Victoria Williams at victoria@mortgagesolutionsknutsford.com

Fun run and Duathlon

Introduce your children to the world of multi-event sport with Canute Kids Duathlon on 16th July from 9am at Egerton Youth Club. The event involves a run followed by a bike ride on grass and finishes with a second run to finish the event. There will also be a fun run for younger children. This is a fun and friendly participation event with all finishers receiving a momento and also entry into a prize draw to win a bike kindly donated by Bikes and Gear. More information can be found on facebook at CanuteKidsDuathlon or follow us on twitter @canuteduathlon1. Entry forms available in the school office.



Bags2School

Thank you to Emma Marshman, who coordinated our second Bags2School of the year and to all our families who donated so generously to this mornings collection. As a result our PTA has received £92.00.

Family Bingo Evening - Tonight!

The PTA is looking forward to welcoming our 78 guests to this evening's Bingo Event. We are indebted to Richard Mansell who will be our Host for the evening. Not to mention his assistant, Jac Mansell! Doors open at 6.30 and following 3 games of Bingo, a light supper will be served. After supper we will play a further 3 games of Bingo and aim to finish our evening at 9.00. Bingo cards will be available to purchase on the evening at £1 per card or 6 cards for £5. There will be a bar open serving alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Soft drinks will be provided FOC for our younger guests. No tickets will be sent home for this event as Mrs Corrigan has a record of all guests and their supper choices. Please use the main entrance when you arrive where you will be greeted by Mrs Davies.

Finally, thank you to all our volunteers who have made the planning of this event possible. As I type there are jacket potatoes being prepared in at least 4 volunteers homes. Without the support of our volunteers and teachers and those who have donated prizes we simply would not be able to host this event.

We look forward to welcoming you all this evening.

Knutsford Schools Ball – Friday 16th June 2017

Please be advised that the table orders for the ball need to be in by 5th May.

If you need help putting a table together please see Charlotte Gildart-Butler 07976815768 or Emma Lees 07968162440.


Competition Time

Please find attached Mask templates to help celebrate the Knutsford primary school ball, happening on the 16th June this year. The ball team would like children to decorate the mask sent home in school bags today or design their own. Feel free to embellish elaborately. The masks will be used to decorate the marquee and there will be a winner from KS1 and KS2. The prize is a Waterstone voucher.

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 24th April 2017		
Multisports	15:15	16:15
Tuesday 25th April 2017		
Bendy, Balancing Bodies	15:15	16:00
Wednesday 26th April 2017		
Year 3 trip to Foxhowl	09:00	
Y1 & Y2 Parent readers (No reception due to chicks)	09:00	09:20
No Nature Explorer's Club (Y3 in Foxhowl)		
Streetdance	15:15	16:15
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
Thursday 27th April 2017		
Year 3 back from Foxhowl	15:15	
Mixed Sports Club (Tennis & Golf)	15:15	16:15
Drama Club	15:15	16:15
Arts & Crafts Club (Y3 & Y4 – 10 max)	15:15	16:15
Friday 28th April 2017		
Y4 Remember Musical Instruments		
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15
Halle adopt a player final concert at Knutsford Academy	18:30	19:15

Please check our online calendar for all future dates / events.



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