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Welcome Back

A huge welcome back. Everyone has made a positive start to the new term following our Christmas break.

I am very excited about becoming Head of School and am really looking forward to taking our school onwards and upwards.

Mrs C Smith

School Census

This will be taking place this week on Thursday 19th January. It is vital that we have all our information up to date for this. If any parent/carer thinks that we might have out of date information about their child could you please update the school office as soon as possible. It is especially important that we have correct phone numbers and addresses. We also need to know if any of our children were not born in the UK and hold a passport for any other country apart from the UK. Again, can you please let the school office know if this applies to your child.

Free School Meals

It is also really important that if you think you may qualify for Free School Meals that you apply for them via Nottinghamshire County Council. Information about who can apply can be found at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk

There is also a link to follow to apply online or alternatively you can phone 0800 500 8080. If you are successful in applying for Free School Meals then school will provide your child with a free item of school uniform.

As a school we may qualify for extra funding for any children we have who are claiming Free School Meals. Even if your child is currently in reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is accessing the Universal Free School Meal, please apply if you think you qualify to allow us to get extra funding.



Happening this week

Monday 16th January

EYFS Coffee Morning 9am
Phonics Club 3-4pm
Football Club 3-4.15pm
Sport 4 Kidz lunch time activities

Tuesday 17th January

Phonics Club 3-4pm
Choir Club 3-4pm

Wednesday 18th January

Lego Club – lunch time
Y6 Art Workshop @ Meden
1.15-2.45

Thursday 19th January

Newspaper Club 3-4pm
Year 6 Maths Club 3-4pm
School Census

Friday 20th January

Year 5 Library visit
Corporal Butcher after school club 3-4pm

PE Days

Reception – Monday
Year 1 - Weds & Thurs
Year 2 – Mon & Weds
Year 3 – Thurs (tennis) & Fri
Year 4 – Mon & Fri
Year 5 – Thurs (swim) & Fri
Year 6 – Weds & Fri

Lates

We are having a lot of children arriving at school late. Can you please ensure that children are in school by 8.45 ready to start their learning. It is really important that children do not miss any of their lessons as every day is planned by the teachers to start after registration.

If your child is going to be in school after 10am you must inform us as soon as possible as dinner orders have to be given to the kitchen by this time. If we haven't heard from you by 10 o'clock and your child arrives late then you must send them with a packed lunch as it will be too late for us to provide them with a hot meal.

Lost Property

The lost property box is already overflowing and we are only 1 week into the term! If you have lost anything can you please check as we have a few winter coats in there! Every term the box is emptied and the clothes in there with no names on are disposed of. Please ensure that ALL of your child's clothing is labelled including PE Kits and coats.

International Week

Next week will be International Week. Each class will focus on a different country and will learn about the culture, food and traditions of that country. During the week, parents will be invited in to take part in an activity.

Class Newsletters

All classes will be sending termly newsletters with information about what the children will be doing in class. Look out for yours coming out soon.

Parents' Evenings

There will be a change of dates for Parents' Evenings later in the term. They will now be held on Tuesday 7th February and Wednesday 8th February. Letters will be send out nearer the date to arrange appointments.

Year 6 Prom

This year the PTFA are organizing a Prom for Year 6 to take place on Saturday 15th July. The event will be held at Oaklands in Warsop from 6pm til 9pm. The children will be treated to a buffet and a disco and we will do lots more things to make this a memorable and special treat for the children. More details will be sent out in the next week or so but don't forget to put the date in your diary!

PTFA Dates

The PTFA have been busy arranging several events for the children over the next few months. Here are some important dates for your diary:

Valentines Disco – Thursday 9th February

Mother's Day Gifts – Handmade gifts, money to be in by 20th March and gifts taken home on Friday 24th March

Easter Fair – Thursday 30th March

Summer Event – First week in July, date to be confirmed.

FREE Sleep Workshop

27th January 2017 / 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

Location: The Crossing Church & Centre, Newcastle Street, Worksop, Notts, S80 2AT

For parents and carers of children with additional needs and disabilities.

- Does your child have difficulty sleeping?
- Do you never get a good night's sleep?
- 86% of children with additional needs have issues with sleep
- Do you just want practical solutions?

The session will last for 2 hours and there will be plenty of time for questions.

Workshop delivered by Contact a Family.

Booking is necessary, e-mail enquiries@nphub.co.uk Nottinghamshire Participation Hub (NPH)

Contact Information

Nottinghamshire Participation Hub

Library Visits

Don't forget library visits will be taking place this term on the following days:

13/01/17 – Y6, Goldcrest

20/01/17 – Y5, Nightingale

27/01/17 – Y4, Siskin

03/02/17 – Y3, Kittiwake

24/02/17 – Y2, Dove

03/03/17 – Y1, Jay

10/03/17 – Reception, Robins

Please ensure your children have their library cards and books on the appropriate day.

More Important News



Stars of the week ending 13th January were:

Reception – Caleb Palmer & Sophia Reilly

Year 1 – Jacob McRell & Olivia Smith

Year 2 – Leo Bedford & Tyler Clarke

Year 3 – Liam Clarke & Caine Wilson

Year 4 – Caitlin Farrell & Joshua Walters

Year 5 – Rhianna Floyde & Logan Grimley

Year 6 – Alex Brown & Kali Butcher

The best behaved classes last week were the Robins in Reception and the Nightingales in Year 5 – well done!

Attendance

Attendance last week was 96.68% which is better than it has been and means we are hitting our target. We still need to improve if we are to meet our target for the year. The class with the best attendance were the Goldcrests in Year 6 with 99.23% - congratulations!

Please remember that children can come to school with minor illnesses such as headaches and coughs/colds – we will look after them!

We are currently working with Meden's Attendance Officer who will be making home visits if we do not have a valid reason for your child's absence.

We would love you to...

Join us for Maths games on a Tuesday morning from 8.30am.

Reading every Thursday morning from 8.30am.

CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A TEAM POINT EVERY TIME THEY ATTEND!!

Breakfast Club is held on a daily basis from 8.00am to 8.30am at a cost of £1.20



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