



Spring Newsletter 9
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Dear Parents,

In class this week

Holly Class

Holly class have been tasting bread and baking bread this week. They began designing their own bread which they will make next Friday. They used Maths skills for weighing the ingredients and clock skills for timing how long the dough needed to cook. In Literacy, the children have been writing instructions.

Oak Class

In Maths, Oak class have been learning to tell the time with analogue and digital clocks. They have been looking at angles or turn and Roman numerals. The children have been reading the book, 'The Wolves in the Walls', writing character descriptions and 'hot-seating'. They made predictions using pictures and have been writing sentences using commas. In company groups, the children made their invention designs.

Sycamore Class

Sycamore class have been practising reading comprehension in Literacy this week. In Maths, they have been looking at area and perimeter linked to times tables. In RE, they began the Headteacher's Challenge in preparation for the Easter celebration at the end of term. The children have almost completed their first design technology project.

Vale Concert Rehearsal and Performance

Oak class will be taking part in a final rehearsal for this concert next Tuesday afternoon 15th March, prior to the concert at 7pm. All children in Oak class will therefore need a packed lunch and a drink (no fizzy drinks or glass bottles). Please bring your child to Belvoir High school by 6.45pm, wearing school skirts / trousers and school shoes and the YELLOW T-shirt they have been given. They will also need a bottle of water with them. Please remember to bring your yellow programme / ticket (admits one adult). T-shirts and programmes will be sent home next week.

Big Bang Trip

This takes place for Sycamore class next Friday 17th March. We will be leaving at 8.20am, so Sycamore class children need to be in school **by 8.10am prompt please**. They will need to bring a packed lunch and drink and we are expected back around 4pm.

Special Assembly

There will be no special assembly next Friday 17th March as Sycamore class are out for the day.

Parents Evenings – Reception to Year 5

These will take place on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st March. Letters have been sent out this week and appointment times will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Red Nose Day / Science Show

Friday March 24th is Red Nose Day and the Owl Ministers will be fund-raising for Comic Relief by inviting the children and staff to dress up in return for a donation (minimum amount suggested £1). Instead of a special assembly that day, we will be inviting parents to come and watch our Spectacular Science Show from 2.45pm to 3.15pm. All welcome!

Spelling and Grammar (SPAG) Workshop

We will be holding a SPAG workshop for parents of children in Years 1-6 on Wednesday 5th April at 6.00pm. Please save the date. Thank you.

Maypole event – save the date

This year's Maypole event will be held after school on Tuesday 2nd May, from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. All classes will be performing dances at the Maypole event so please try to save the date so you can come and join us. We are also hoping to have a cake stall. Thank you.

Fit-bits

I have been looking into the issue of whether Fit-bits and similar pedometer wristbands may be worn during PE lessons. Advice from Leicestershire and Rutland Sports Committee is that these devices are bracelets and should not, therefore, be worn during PE lessons for health and safety reasons. However, some athletes choose to wear a stretchy towelling sweat-band to cover their Fit-bits, which allows them to be worn safely during sporting activities. We will be trialling this approach, so Fit-bits may be worn for PE and sporting activities but only if covered by a elasticated sweat-band. Otherwise they must be removed.

Parent Governor

Parent Governor Andrew Quine's 3-year term is now coming to an end. He is happy to continue in the role but if any other parent is interested in taking over and joining the governing body, please speak to either Louise Imm (Chair of Governors) or me. Thank you.

Farewell

Today we say farewell to trainee teacher Miss Beth Gerver, from Nottingham Trent University, who has been working with Mr Jackson and Oak Class this term. We wish her all the very best in her future studies and teaching career.



It's Messy Church this Sunday - **12th March, 10.20am** at Waltham Church. Our theme is..... Is God Calling you? The Story of Samuel and Eli. We will have the usual crafts and fun including making popcorn, some fun experiments with sound, table talk and we will have the usual worship time and freshly brewed coffee and cake. We also need some volunteers to help set up/put away before and after Messy church as well as people to help with activity tables - if you are interested and can help then please let us know - many thanks. We do hope you can join us!

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs J V Hopkins,
Executive Head teacher.

