



Spring Newsletter I 12/01/2018

Dear Parents,

A Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the first school newsletter of 2018! We've had a great start to the term. It sounds like you have given your children a super Christmas and I'm sure you're ready for a rest now! This term is about 10 weeks in length, which is almost equivalent to the mammoth half term before Christmas!! We should have details of the curriculum sent out to you early next week and diary dates for events such as the Easter service, parent-teacher interviews and sports tournaments will be sent out as soon as possible.

Mrs Quine has returned to work and will be settling back into the office over the next few weeks. She wishes to thank parents and staff for their help, patience and support while she has been out of action. Please bear with us in the office until after half-term when we are hoping to be fully staffed again. Thank you.

In class this week

Beech Class

On Tuesday, we dressed up as Pirates or Mermaids to start our project, 'What lies beneath the sea?' We made our own pirates and have posted them to our friends around the world. For our novel study we have been looking at the book, 'Pizza for Pirates' and have written about our favourite part of the story. In maths, we have been working out 1 more and 1 less with numbers up to 20.

Holly Class

In Holly class this week, we launched this term's project, *what's in your memory box?* by dressing up in a memorable outfit from our Christmas holiday and had great fun shared our wonderful Christmas memory boxes. In Literacy we have started to look at information texts and the difference between fiction and non-fiction. In numeracy we have been investigating odd and even numbers.

Oak Class

This week in Oak class, we launched our project by dressing up as Victorians and having a Victorian school day. Our project answers the question 'What lies beneath our feet?' We are aiming to explore what features of Victorian Britain are still surviving today. This also fits our novel study which this term is the story of Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens. In maths we have been finishing our module on multiplication and division by recapping some key skills.

Sycamore Class

In class this week we have been making Gingerbread houses and dishes from around the world. This has helped the children write instructions and persuasive texts using imperative verbs, connectives and a variety of punctuation. In maths we have been using weights and measures linked to ingredients and understanding and applying ratio and proportion.

Telephone Numbers

If you've had a new mobile phone for Christmas, please don't forget to inform us of your change of number!

If your child has been fortunate enough to have been given a phone for Christmas, then I'd like to remind you to check their security settings on ALL their Apps, especially social media sites.

First Time Admission

The deadline for first time admissions is Monday 15th January. Please inform anyone you think needs to know. Thank you.

Woodland adventure / Forest School

No woodland adventure / forest school sessions this half-term.

Swimming

PE will take place for all classes as normal on Thursdays. Swimming also takes place on Thursdays this term for all children in years 1 to 5. Please remember to bring swimming kits each Thursday and come to school in PE kit. The cost per child is £30. Please send monies in a named envelope marked 'Swimming' if you have not already done so. Thank you.

PE and Dance this term

Dance on Tuesdays for Oak and Beech classes. These children to come to school in PE kits please.

Thursday PE lessons this term will be Gymnastics at the village hall. Please could all classes wear PE kit on Thursday including shorts or leggings (under black or navy jogging bottoms), as requested by Mr Wing.

Please drop Oak class children at the village hall EVERY THURSDAY this term, at 8.40am, for PE. Thank you.

Parents of Y5 Boys

We have been informed by King's School in Grantham that registration is now open for boys to sit the 11+ tests in September 2018. Letters are going home today with all the necessary information. Please contact us if you would like me to request practice papers on your behalf (this can only be done by the Head teacher.)

Shine yoga, art and relaxation classes for children in Melton

We have been asked to notify parents about a new series of yoga, art and relaxation classes for children from 4-8 years at Sage Cross Methodist Church, Melton Mowbray. These will take place on Thursday 18th and 25th January and 1st and 8th February, from 3.45pm to 4.45pm. Cost £18 for 4 weeks. Run by qualified yoga teacher Rachel Harrison and Arts Practitioner Sam Kitson. To book call/text Rachel on 07946 545126 or email rachelaprilharrison@me.com

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium, this is something they could be supported with. Please speak with either myself or Mrs Marsh in confidence.



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Messy Church



It's Messy Church this coming Sunday - 14th January, 10.20am at Waltham Church.

At the beginning of the year, when many of us make resolutions/promises to change something in our lives or in the lives of other people, our theme this week is God's Promises....

We will have lots of activities including decorating rainbow biscuits, making Rainbow decorations, some fun science experiments, parachute games, table talk and more, as well as learning all about God's promises to us.... and we will have the usual worship time and tea, coffee and cake!

We do hope that you can join us!

Parent E-safety survey

LCC Children and Family Services have asked us to share the following link to a survey they are conducting on e-safety. Please take a look and complete the survey if you can spare a few minutes. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/internetsafetysurvey4parents>

Village Party

We have been asked to notify families that all are invited to Waltham Village Hall's Annual New Year's Family Party on Saturday 13th January between 4pm and 7.30pm. There is a disco, a children's entertainer, face painting, games and a raffle. Admission is free and there will be refreshments on sale and a licensed bar.

Special welcome to Mr Smyth and Miss Pritchard who begin their school placement with us from Nottingham Trent University.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs J V Hopkins,
Executive Head teacher

A Prayer for the New Year

**Lord, the sight of the guiding star
brought hope, courage and joy
to those who had journeyed to find you.**

**When our journey seems long,
when hope seems far away,
when our courage is failing,
fill us with faith and trust;
shine your light on our fears,
lift our hearts with your joy.**

**Help us to recognise you
in our brothers and sisters throughout the world;
show us how we can work together,
so that we may all come to share in the life
promised to us by Jesus,
the Saviour of us all.
Amen.**