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## March 2022 Newsletter

It looks like we have turned the corner and Spring is indeed on the way! It has been wonderful to have the children in school all year without interruption. I can hardly believe that the first lockdown was two years ago! Please continue to support your child and ensure they are in school and on time ready to learn each and every day, it really does make a difference. ***If your child is 10 minutes late every day they miss almost an hour of learning each week. If they miss one day every other week that's the equivalent of almost 4 weeks of learning lost throughout the year.*** Regular attendance is the key to strong and continued progress. I would also like to welcome Miss Natasha Richardson to the staff team. I'm sure you will become familiar with her very soon as she is our new Office Administrator, we look forward to working with her. I look forward to seeing you all over the next few weeks at our Parents' Evenings or at our RSE/PSHE meetings. More details can be found below. Kind Regards, J McQuillan.



As we continue our Lenten journey, we think about the sacrifices we can make. All children from Years One to Six attended Mass in Church on 2nd March, Ash Wednesday, to mark the beginning of Lent and to start our period of reflection. All of our staff and children received the ashes on their foreheads.

Classes have now resumed attending Mass on a rota basis each Wednesday. This Wednesday, 23rd at 10am, it will be Y1 and Y3. You are all very welcome to join us in Church.

### Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will take place on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th April in the School Hall. There will be opportunities to view your child's work also. The booking system will open on Monday 28th March at 5pm. Please follow the link that will be sent via text and email to reserve your slot. If you are unable to attend in person please speak to your class teacher. If you have any further queries please contact the school office.

### Attendance

#### September 2021 to February 2022

Reception	92.89%
Year 1	92.87%
Year 2	92.89%
Year 3	92.25%
Year 4	94.02%
Year 5	93.88%
Year 6	93.10%

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL**  
**93.23%**

It is extremely important that your child attends school each and every day unless illness prevents this. We are receiving an increasing amount of holiday requests and, whilst we appreciate that plans have been put on hold because of Covid, we are unable to grant such requests, only in very exceptional circumstances.

**Please check the term dates carefully and book any holidays during the school breaks.**

**Please also note that the term dates for next year, 2022/2023 are based on Staffordshire dates. The main changes are around the time we return to school in September and the Christmas holidays. Thank you.**



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# D A T E S

## FOR YOUR DIARY

### March 2022

#### 28th March -1st April

30th-1st - Yr5 Whitemoor Lakes Residential Trip

31st- PSHE/RSE Parents' Meeting 9am or 2.30pm

### April 2022

#### 4th - 8th April

6th- Whole School Mass at 10am in Church

6th- Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm

7th- Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm

**8th- Children Break Up For Easter Holidays**

## Children return to school Monday 25th April 2022

#### 25th - 29th April

27th-Y5 Swimming resumes

### May 2022

#### 2nd - 6th May

**2nd -Bank Holiday School Closed**

5th- Y4 Trip to Crich Tramway Museum

#### 9th - 13th May

9th-12th KS2 SATs

#### 16th - 20th May

18th- Y3 Trip to Chatsworth House

#### 23rd- 27th May

27th—Children break up

## Summer Uniform

Once we return after the Easter break, children are able to wear summer uniform.

### For boys:

- White polo shirt and no tie
- Black or grey trousers or shorts
- Royal blue sweatshirt or jumper
- Grey or black socks

### For girls:

- White and blue striped or checked dress or culottes style shorts.
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress or
- Black/grey tailored school trousers or shorts
- White polo shirt and no tie
- Royal blue cardigan or sweatshirt
- White socks

Children with longer hair, to shoulder length and beyond, must always have it tied back. This is for health and safety reasons to avoid being caught in equipment or by others playing around them.  
Thank you



## Easter Raffle

We will be having our very own Easter raffle. Our main prize will be an Easter dinner hamper along with an adult hamper and a children's hamper. Tickets can be purchased from Monday 28th March. You are welcome to send in money with your child for tickets.

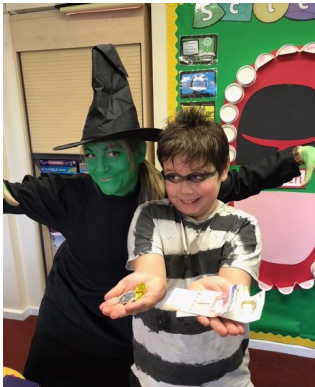


## Jewellery Reminder

Just a reminder that no jewellery is to be worn other than a watch and a small cross or medal on a chain if wished. Any items worn are the child's responsibility; the school is unable to accept responsibility for lost or damaged items. **Plain stud earrings ONLY are allowed for pierced ears and these MUST be removed for ALL PE classes and for EVERY swimming lesson**, otherwise your child will not be able to participate in that lesson. This will also apply to those who participate in our after school sports clubs. If you are considering having your child's ears pierced, then please wait until the first part of the summer holidays. Thank you.

# World Book Day

On Friday 4th March the staff and children celebrated World Book Day. It was amazing seeing everyone dressed up as their favourite fictional characters. We have many photos as children took part in a range of activities throughout the day to celebrate. Thank you for supporting us with all the great costumes.



## Absence Following Sickness.

Please ensure that if your child/children have been sick or had diarrhoea that they remain off school for 48 hours after the last episode. It is important that we keep our environment as safe and as germ free as possible to stop the spread of these viruses. Thank you.



## Ukraine Collection

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who donated items for the 'Ukraine collection'. We were truly blown away by your generosity. As you can see, it barely fit in Miss Holmes's car!



## Wrap around Provision

We are happy to inform you that our Breakfast Club no longer has any restrictions on numbers, if you require a place these can be reserved through the online booking system Teachers2Parents: [www.eduspot.co.uk](http://www.eduspot.co.uk). The daily cost is £3 for your 1st child then £2.50 for any siblings

**If your child requires a breakfast they must arrive before 8.20am**

The 'One and All' after school club run by Jo Griffiths is available to all children and is available from 3.15-6pm. For more details contact the school office or telephone Jo on 07752738575



## Parents/ Carers Meetings—Thursday 31st March

Please look out for an invitation to attend an information meeting where we will share with you our curriculum for Relationships and Sex Education and Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education. Please attend if you can. This will be led by Mr Ward and Mrs McQuillan. We will repeat the event in the Pentecost Term also.