



Believe and Achieve

Monthly Newsletter

February 2015



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am very pleased to report that staff and pupils have been working hard since the start of this term which is most important if the school is to make further strides forward and become one of the best schools in the area.

I am sure that as parents/carers everyone will want their children to make good progress and succeed at what they are doing.

There are three ways in particular in which every parent/carer can help. Firstly make sure that every child attends school regularly and always arrives in school on time. Secondly make sure that children bring everything to school which enables them to be successful learners. Thirdly be sure to make time and space at home to follow up learning in school and hear children read.

Thank you for your continuing support

Best Wishes

Judith Lloyd-Williams

Headteacher

Community News

OSCAR Work Club takes place every Monday between 10-12 – just drop in for free career advice, finding a job or just a course that interests you!



Half term starts on Friday! Want to keep the children busy? See here for a list of activities:

<http://www.derby.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/sport-recreation/february-holiday-activities/>

Celebrations this Month

- February 4th – Tu B'Shevat (Jewish)
- February 14th – St. Valentine's Day
- February 17th – Shrove Tuesday (Christian)
- February 18th – Ash Wednesday (Christian)
- February 19th – Chinese New Year

Independence Days:

Sri Lanka (4th); Serbia (15th); The Gambia (18th); Kuwait (25th)



Dates for your diary

School Events

Friday 6th February
Chameleon Class Assembly
Non-Uniform Day
Children break up for half term holiday

Monday 16th February
Children return to school

Tuesday 17th February 3.30 – 5.30 pm
Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 19th February
Fire Talk to Year 6 and Year 2 pupils

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Friday 20th February
Rolls Royce to visit Panda Class

Friday 20th February
Bee Class Assembly

Tuesday 24th February
Selected children to visit Calke Abbey

Friday 27th February
Dolphin Class Assembly

Term Dates

Half Term
Monday 9th February until Friday 13th February 2015

INSET DAY – Friday March 6th 2015

Easter Holidays
Monday 30th March until Friday 10th April 2015

Half Term
Monday 25th May until Friday 29th May 2015

INSET DAYS
Monday 1st June 2015
Friday 10th July 2015

Last Day of Summer Term – Thursday 23rd July 2015

Attendance from September now stands at

95.53%

Thank you for your support

MFL

La phrase du mois:



French

Je t'aime
Zhuh tem



Nursery

Goldilocks and the three bears is very popular at the moment ! Our next parent's activity session is on 4th February - morning and afternoon. It is linked to the theme of Polar Bear Polar Bear. There will be a range of activities for parents to do with their children who are all very excited!



Foundation Stage 2

Rabbit, Squirrel and Lemur Class are really enjoying learning through themes linked with a range of story books (fiction) and information books (non-fiction). The Jolly Postman has been delivering post in the form of letters and parcels. Encourage your child to look at different types of letters you receive in the post. Explore the different styles of letters; hand written, letter, junk mail, flyers, invitations and cards. Collect some and bring them to school.

Feed Me Fridays!

FS2 have started "Feed me Fridays" where children will be taught to understand and apply basic rules of safety and hygiene associated with food preparation, cooking and making choices for a healthy balanced diet. focus this term is on making different types of sandwiches using fillings ranging from egg, cucumber, cheese, cress honey and marmite!



Happy New Year from the Key Stage One Team **Key Stage 1**

All the children are settling back into a new year of learning, in their newly refurbished classroom.

Year 1 are busy preparing for phonics screening in June. This is a national test to check the reading ability of all year one children. They had a practise in January to help them prepare and so their teachers know what sounds to focus on next. You can help your child at home too, by practising their sounds with them, hearing them read and playing phonic games on the computer. There are some good games you could use on: <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ParentsMenu.htm>

Year 2 are working very hard preparing for their SATs tests in June. They are doing lots of practise to make sure they achieve their best in the real tests. Please help support your child at home by listening to them read, completing any homework tasks with them and talking about their learning. The children will also be taking part in lots of fun activities including, a sports afternoon and fairy tale day. You can read about these in the next edition!



Fire Safety

Fire Officers from Ascot Drive Community Fire Station will be visiting school on 19th February to talk to children in Years 2 and 6 about the dangers of fire.

Key Stage 2

Year 5 and 6 at The Galleries of Justice in Nottingham

The children in Years 5 and 6 went to the Galleries of Justice in Nottingham as part of their topic work on Crime and Punishment. They took part in a mock Tudor trial - the children dressed up and pretended to be key characters. They also discovered what

punishments children and adults endured in Victorian times and what prison cells were like.



Rolls Royce



Rolls Royce have arranged for speakers to come fortnightly into Year 6 to inspire children about the different avenues they can take when they leave school and the different types of occupations available to them.



Hair Care

A problem that comes up regularly in school is the itchy one of nits. Outbreaks are common in any community where children play and work together in close contact. So common, that every year there are three 'Bug Busting' Days. For further information, please visit the comprehensive set of advice and guidelines at:

<http://www.chc.org/index.cfm>

Head lice are not fussy – 20% of community outbreaks fall amongst the over 16's and under 4's! Live eggs and head lice are not easily spotted on the head, therefore the school nurse cannot solve the head louse problem for schools and parents – especially as they can take up to 10 days to hatch.

As well as visiting the 'bug'busting' website for advice, why not try this aromatherapy based solution whenever there is a breakout:

use a base of olive oil with 6 drops Citronella, 6 drops Tea Tree and 6 drops Eucalyptus essential oil in and comb through with a nit comb every evening for a week



Our Value for February is LOVE FOR OTHERS

- . . . doing little things for others
- . . . caring even when life is hard
- . . . being there
- . . . the greatest gift you can give.

