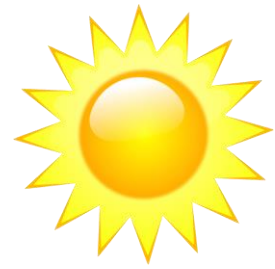




May 2016



This Half Term

This half term Foundation Stage's topic is 'New Life' and they took delivery of 10 hen's eggs on Monday 25th April. We are delighted to announce that most of them have hatched and we now have 8 lovely fluffy chicks in the unit until they are collected on Friday 6th May. What excitement!

Key Stage 1 have a science based topic this half term on Parks and Key Stage 2 are studying Ancient Greeks. The staff sent out an overview of the topics recently for Key Stages 1 & 2. If you are able to help in any way please contact your child's teacher directly.

Mrs B Armstrong

You may be aware that Mrs Armstrong is absent from school as she had her appendix removed on Monday 25th April. She is recovering well and we wish her a speedy return to school. Meanwhile we welcome her supply, Mrs Ward, who is working with Mrs Lovatt, Mrs Foster and Miss Charlton to ensure the best of provision for the children.

Mrs Massey

Mrs Massey will be returning to school following her maternity leave on Monday 16th May and we look forward to welcoming her back. Miss Burns will continue to teach in Year 3 until school closes for the half-term holiday after which Mrs Massey will take over.

The Big Pedal

The Big Pedal took place from 18th April until 29th April and children and their supporters (ie older or younger siblings and parents/carers) were invited to travel school on bikes or scooters. We had an average participation rate of 24% of our pupils and 13% of supporters this year. We came 53rd in the league table for schools in our region.



Glowercise Sponsored Event

We are overwhelmed by your support of our sponsored Glowercise event to raise funds for a defibrillator. The grand total raised is £1900.80! This is a fantastic sum and exceeds our wildest imaginings! Huge thanks go to everyone who has contributed. The arrangement we have with the company supplying our defibrillator is that this sum goes to them and they provide the defibrillator and training for staff in how to use it. The excess funds will be used by the company to help fund defibrillators for schools who are not able to raise the full amount. As a Church school part of our mission is to support those less fortunate than ourselves and this is an excellent example of that aim in action. Thank you. We will find out very soon when we will get our defibrillator and the relevant training.

Children's Cancer Run

Mr Pickett and Mr Scott-Harden have very kindly offered to co-ordinate our school's entry for this year's Children's Cancer Run on Sunday 15th May. Yesterday morning (and next Wednesday morning) they ran a training session before school - a very big "thank you" to them and to all the parents and children who took part. A great start to the day!



Science Workshop

Last Friday children in Key Stages 1 and 2 enjoyed science workshops, led by Fusion STEM, in which they made bath bombs. This was the prize we won for the entries into the science competition in February. Several children from both key stages entered the competition and the company running it was so impressed they awarded a prize to the whole of Key Stages 1 and 2 so everyone benefitted from the enthusiasm and talent of those who entered. Well done and thank you to them.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are collecting *Sainsbury's* vouchers. Please pass the word round family and friends! This year many Sainsbury's stores are printing the vouchers with your till receipt so do look out for them. In previous years we have collected significant numbers of vouchers and secured cookery and sports/play equipment with them. Please send them into school by 8th July.

M & M Productions

On Monday 13th June we will be welcoming this excellent theatre company with their performance of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*

Use Your Head Day!

Thank you to the children and staff who took part raising the fantastic sum of £241.04 for Parkinson's UK. Mrs Bunn has forwarded a cheque to the charity.

Nursery Applications

We have a few spare nursery places for September 2016 so if you know of anyone whose child will be 3 by 1st September and are looking for a place ask them to contact Mrs Bunn.

School Crossing Change

We have been asked to let you know that Yvonne, the School Crossing Patrol on Church Avenue is moving to a new site at the traffic island on Station Road, between St Nicholas Church and the Metro station, with effect from 3rd May.

Topic Money

We would be very grateful if you were able to support us by sending in £5 per family for this term. This money helps us to enrich the curriculum on offer to the children by providing additional resources and experiences. If you are unsure whether you have already paid then please see Mrs King or Mrs Bunn in the school office.

School Grounds

We would be grateful if parents would not allow children to walk on the cross at the front of the school building. This is a special symbol to our school and we show respect by not walking on it. We'd appreciate your support with this.

Please be aware that as a security measure Mr Ladler is now locking all but the car park gates at 3.30 each afternoon. The children in school know that they are not allowed to climb the trees, play on the climbing equipment or with the playtime equipment before and after school. This is a safety measure as there have been a few accidents in recent weeks.

Half Term Holiday

School closes for the half term holiday on Thursday 26th May and re-opens on Monday 6th June.

Dinner money for the half term will be £70.

May Dates

Monday 9th May - Michelle Fowler - Class Photographs - separate letter sent with details

Wednesday 11th May - 8.15 Run Club

Sunday 15th May - Gregg's Children's Cancer Run - Gosforth Park

Monday 16th May - Mrs Massey returns to school

Monday 23rd May - KS2 Mini Olympics - separate letter with details

Thursday 26th May - PTFA - Non uniform day in aid of Summer Fair - details to follow

Thursday 26th May - School closes for half term

Friday 27th May - Training Day

June Dates

Monday 6th June - School re-opens

Tuesday 7th June - KS 2 Lee Steery Football Tournament - details to follow

Tuesday 7th June - KS 2 All Saints' Moses workshop - details to follow

Monday 13th June - M&M Productions - The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe

Thursday 16th June - 5pm New Parents' Meeting - Nursery

Thursday 16th June - 6pm New Parents' meeting - Reception

Wednesday 22nd June - Y4 Leavers' Service at St Nicholas Cathedral - details to follow

July Dates

Friday 1st July - PTFA Wear school uniform plus summer T-Shirt - in aid of perishables for Summer Fair - details to follow.

Saturday 2nd July - Summer Fair - details to follow

Tuesday 5th July - Cluster Concert at Gosforth Academy - details to follow

Thursday 7th July - Y4 Transition Day at GCMS

Friday 22nd July - Y4 Leavers' Assembly at school

- School closes for Summer holiday

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