



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

*Welcome to all our new families, children and staff!*

It has been a lovely settled start to a new school year with new children and families not only in reception but also across the school in different year groups. We welcome you all to the school community.

In addition to all our fantastic reception children and new starters in other year groups, we warmly welcome Mr Ormiston, Deputy Headteacher, who is also Co-Headteacher on Wednesdays, Mrs Dawson in Falcons class (Monday, Tuesday afternoon and Fridays), Miss Gale as she returns from Maternity leave in Falcons and Mr Jowett in Robins. Mrs Fisher-Jones is also with us for this year in Kingfishers (mornings) and Robins (afternoons). We have a new staff board outside the school office – pop and have a look. ***Please do not hesitate to come and see Miss Dixey, Mr Ormiston or your child's class teacher if you need to have a chat about anything or just need some information***

#### **SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE: Macmillan Coffee Morning**



The School Council, supported by PTFA members and Mr Ormiston, will be hosting this year's Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 10 – 11am in the school hall. ***It would be great to see you all there supporting this splendid annual event.*** One in three of us are likely to face cancer and the money we raise at the Coffee Morning will help us make sure no one has to face cancer alone. Thank you.

#### **SUN AWARENESS – BE SUN SAFE**

It has been unseasonable sunny – thank you to everyone who has ensured that their child is in school with a sun hat. It would be great if all the children kept one in school as part of their essential school kit so that they have it whenever it is needed.

We do still have some legionnaires style sun hats for sale in the school office, in team colours, for KS1 children at a cost of £2.50.



#### **. WANT US TO EMAIL LETTERS TO YOU?**



Please pop into the school office and let Mrs Collins or Mrs East know your email address – all letters can then be emailed to you. This is more environmentally friendly for the school and it won't end up on the corridor floor! All letters are also put on the school web site, so please check there too. If you type the school name into a search engine it will come up for you. It is always on the top of school letters

too.



#### **LITERACY COMMITTEE 2016-17**

Miss Warburton is looking forward to beginning work this year with the Literacy Committee. We will be starting with focusing on promoting reading for pleasure in school, and one of our first jobs will be to sort out books which have been kindly donated by Mrs Toynbee's son Matt. We are going to use these books to refresh the class reading shelves, so there are plenty of inviting new books to read! Thank you Matt. This year's committee are Katy (Falcons) Molly (Eagles), Scarlett



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(Kestrels), Jack (Ospreys), Keesje (Sparrowhaws), Isla (Little Owl), Joshua (Kingfishers) and Annabel (Robins).



### **MAGICIANS AND BOOKS**

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September we enjoyed a fabulous enrichment day with a visiting magician, Paul Brown. This was to support our work on the whole school book 'Leon and the Place Between', that we have used to start off our school year. We enjoyed a wonderful assembly in which Paul did some magic tricks, and also some exciting visits to classrooms, where he taught us a bit about magic and did some more amazing tricks for us. We were mesmerised! Thank you to the PTFA for paying for this day for us. It was FANTASTIC!



### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

The new Breakfast Club seems to have got off to a good start and has been used by many families. Please continue to provide Scott and Phil, and also school, feedback so that we can all respond as appropriate. The children are enjoying their breakfast and the activities provided – they have quickly managed to include the lego from the KS2 corridor! Scott has said that the online booking system is almost ready after some glitches were found, so we will let you know when it is fully up and running.

### **SCHOOL CLUBS AUTUMN T1 2016**

The following clubs are available for the children to choose to participate in:

#### **Mondays :**

Lunchtime Library club – Mrs Hall and Recorder Club – Mrs Carter

Sports Lunch time with Progressive Sports

3.30pm Imagineering Club Y5/6 – Mrs Hendriksen and Mrs Silvester and KS1 Gymnastics (Premier Sport)

#### **Tuesdays :**

Lunchtime: KS1 Lego Club – Mrs Robinson and Sport lunchtime club with Premier sport

3.30pm KS1 Soccerstars and EYFS/Y1 French with Mrs Elliott

#### **Wednesdays:**

3.30pm Y1/2 French club with Mrs Elliott

3.30pm KS2 Netball Club – Miss Cox and Mrs Draper

3.30pm: Code Club with Miss Marriott

#### **Thursdays:**

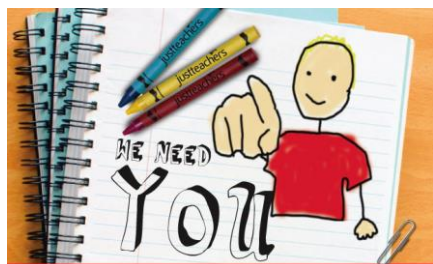
Lunchtime: Y3-5 French Club with Mrs Elliott

3.30pm KS2 Soccerstars

#### **Fridays**

Lunchtime KS2 Lego Club – Mrs Robinson

3.30pm Karate – James Stringer



### **PTFA : SUPPORT NEEDED**

Our school PTFA are an incredibly hardworking group of parents and friends of the school and they need your help. ALL parents and carers are automatically a member of the PTFA and the school would strongly encourage you to get involved. We appreciate that many of you have jobs and busy family lives – the current committee are all hardworking folk leading busy lives too and they

need people to help organise specific events throughout the year as they can't do everything. The children really benefit from the tremendous funds raised through such things as outdoor equipment and enrichment activities, but this can only continue with your support. *The schools summer fair will not be able to go ahead unless we are able to get more parents interested in the PTFA and the events offered to the school community.* We would love to see you at the meetings or volunteering your time for specific events. Thank you.

**Dates: please put up somewhere at home or in your diary.**

**PLEASE REFER TO THE SCHOOL WEB SITE CALENDAR – for key dates for 2016-17**

**INSET Days for 2016-17** : The following days have been set for 2016-17. Children **will not** be in school on these further 4 days.

Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> 2016, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### **SEPTEMBER 2016.**

- 20<sup>th</sup> 5.15pm FGB AGM at school
- 21<sup>st</sup> PTFA Committee mtg at Spread
- 29<sup>th</sup> Toyota visit Y5/6 30 chn only
- 30<sup>th</sup> 10-11am MacMillan Coffee morning in hall – school council
- 27<sup>th</sup> KS1/EYFS Phonics workshop 6-7pm

### **OCTOBER – Black History Month**

- 4<sup>th</sup> 5.15pm T&L Gov Committee mtg
- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Phonic demos for KS1 parents 9-9.30am
- 6<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm – 7.30pm Governor Cluster night at Etwall
- 10<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations 3.45pm – 6.30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations 3.45pm – 6.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> 10am Harvest Festival assembly with Rev. Fiona
- 17<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Residential week to Hollowford
- 17-21 Travel Smart week
- 18<sup>th</sup> 5.15pm Resources Gov committee mtg
- 21<sup>st</sup> 9-10 JPS German Band visitors concerts for KS2 9-9.30am and KS1 9.30-10am
- 21<sup>st</sup> Y5/6 return from Hollowford
- 21<sup>st</sup> End of Autumn Term 1
- 31<sup>st</sup> Back to school

### **NOVEMBER – International Anti-Bullying Month**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Diwali workshops/enrichment day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 6.30pm PTFA mtg
- 4<sup>th</sup> PTFA FIREWORKS EVENING



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- 7<sup>th</sup> Anti Bullying week –
- 9<sup>th</sup> Whole school anti-bullying show (Firehorse productions)
- 11<sup>th</sup> INSET day
- 17<sup>th</sup> KS2 Gangsta Granny @ Derby Theatre visit
- 24<sup>th</sup> Roald Dahl 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday whole day enrichment
- 28<sup>th</sup> PTFA KS1/2 discos
- 29<sup>th</sup> whole school annual Safeguard training 4-6pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> St Andrew's Day

### DECEMBER

- 5<sup>th</sup> Y1/2 Nativity (parents) 2.30/45pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Y1/2 Nativity (parents) 2.30/45pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> EYFS Nativity performance to parents 2.30/45pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> PTFA Secret Santa
- 12<sup>th</sup> PTFA Christmas Hamper Raffle
- 14<sup>th</sup> 1.45pm KS2 Christmas at church
- 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm KS2 Christmas at church
- 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm Rev Fiona KS1 Christmas assembly at school
- 15<sup>th</sup> School Christmas lunch
- 16<sup>th</sup> KS1 Party
- 19<sup>th</sup> Lower KS2 party
- 20<sup>th</sup> Upper KS2 Party
- 20<sup>th</sup> End of Autumn Term 2

### JANUARY 2016

- 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET day
- 4<sup>th</sup> Children back to school
- 17<sup>th</sup> 5.15pm Resources Gov committee mtg
- 24<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm PTFA AGM in school
- 30<sup>th</sup> whole school enrichment Chinese New Year

### FEBRUARY

- 6<sup>th</sup> Online safety week
- 7<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day – whole school
- 7<sup>th</sup> PTFA Film Night
- 7<sup>th</sup> 5.15pm Teaching and Learning Gov Committee mtg
- 9<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 St. John Ambulance 1<sup>st</sup> aid day
- 10<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 St. John Ambulance 1<sup>st</sup> aid day
- 10<sup>th</sup> End of Spring T3
- 20<sup>th</sup> Start of Spring T4
- 27<sup>th</sup> World Book week
- 28<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday

### MARCH

- 1<sup>st</sup> St. David's Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> World Book Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> Spring Parents Consultation 1 – 3.45pm – 6.30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Spring Parents Consultation 2 – 3.45pm – 6.30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Science and Engineering week
- 15<sup>th</sup> Brain Awareness Day





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- 17<sup>th</sup> St Patricks Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> 5.15pm FGB mtg
- 24<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day – Sch Council
- 31<sup>st</sup> School Council Chocolate Bingo Charity event

### APRIL

- 6<sup>th</sup> Whole school Happy Puzzle workshops
- 7<sup>th</sup> Last day of Spring T4 – Easter holidays
- 24<sup>th</sup> Start of Summer Term 5
- 24<sup>th</sup> St George Day class activity (was on 23<sup>rd</sup>)

### MAY

- 1<sup>st</sup> May Bank Holiday
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 5.15pm FGB Annex 1 budget mtg + Resources Gov mtg
- 17<sup>th</sup> Languages Day
- w/e 20/21<sup>st</sup> Well Dressing in Etwall TBC
- 26<sup>th</sup> End of Summer Term 5 + 1<sup>st</sup> day of Ramadan

### JUNE

- 5<sup>th</sup> INSET day
- 7<sup>th</sup> PTFA summer discos
- 12<sup>th</sup> Phonics check week
- 13<sup>th</sup> New Intake Evening 6pm – 7pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Whole school Sports morning / picnic – 12.15pm Ice Cream van
- 20<sup>th</sup> 5.15pm FGB Gov mtg
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Reserve Sports morning / picnic (no school picnic provided today) + Ice Cream van
- 28<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm PTFA mtg
- 30<sup>th</sup> KS2 World Cup morning

### JULY

- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Changeover days – new classes + Y6 to JPS TBC
- 7<sup>th</sup> PTFA Summer Fair 5-7pm – all staff to support please
- 10<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY
- 13<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Show 2pm AND 6.00pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Reports out today – whole school
- 17<sup>th</sup> Open Evening 3.45pm – 5.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> 5.15pm FGB/T&L Committee: Pupil progress 2016 – 17
- 21<sup>st</sup> End of Summer T6 2017

***Any changes in dates will be advertised well in advance and a text sent out. Assembly and Showcase dates will be in the next newsletter.***

***Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher, Miss Dixey or Mr Ormiston should you have any concerns or questions. Thank you.***

**Miss Dixey and Mr Ormiston**

**Headteacher and Co-Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher**

