

NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th February 2018

Attendance

Last week's attendance was 96.4% which is above our target of 96%. The best attendance for last week was the Puffins Class with 97.33%. Well done everyone and particularly to Puffins!

NEWS

First Aid Slips

In order to improve communication with parents, we are introducing new first aid slips which will be given to any child that receives first aid, not just those who have bumped their head. From Monday, children will be handed their slip at the end of the day to take home so that they don't get lost in book bags. For those families who use Lily & Co Afterschool club, they have agreed to keep these safe and will pass on to parents when they collect their children. The slips will indicate the type of injury and first aid received.

Parents Evenings - 7th & 8th March

Parents Evenings will be held on the 7th & 8th March 2018. Letters for you to book your appointment will be sent out the first day back after February half term. **Please be aware that Lilly and Co will run as usual but there will be no after-school clubs provided by school during that week.**

Easter Activities

As a Church of England School, Easter is an important celebration for us. All classes will be undertaking activities in class to learn about the Easter story and will take part in some Easter crafts. We also have the following events planned for the Easter period:

Nursery & Reception Classes - 29th March

Bring & Share Easter Breakfast - This is a warm invitation for you to join us on Thursday 29th March for a 'bring and share' breakfast from 8:45 - 10:30am.

There will be a carousel of craft activities to take part in with your child to create decorations to complete our Easter Cross masterpiece. We would also ask you to bring in a contribution of breakfast food to share with your child in order to celebrate our last half term together. All parents, carers or other family members are welcome and we hope to see as many of you as possible.

If you would like to take part in this, please speak to a member of the Foundation Team

Year 2 - 28th February

The Easter Experience will be delivered by Rev Clowes from Aspley Evangelical Church. The Easter Experience is a fun, interactive, story based workshop for children in class which introduces the children to four characters who tell the story of the first Easter.

Year 3 & 4 Classes - 29th March 2.15pm

Easter Celebration Assembly - This will be an assembly style performance to parents and the rest of the school which will include songs, prayers, readings and work produced by the children to celebrate Easter.

Founders Day Service - 23rd March 2.15pm

For Founders Day each year we hold a service to celebrate the founding members of Bluecoat back in 1706! It is also an opportunity to formally welcome the Reception children (and any older children who are new to the school) into the ethos of the school and give them all their first Bible. Parents and Carers are all invited to this service.

In the past this has been held at St Margaret's Church but, due to the increased numbers of children at the school, we are no longer able to fit all of the children and their parents into the church. We have been exploring a range of other options for the event and have decided that what is important to us is to be able to share this day with the whole school so will be holding the service in the school hall this year. The service will be led by Rev. Annabel who is not available on the previously advertised date.

Therefore, Founders Day will now be held in school at 2:15pm on Friday 23rd March 2018. Please make a note of this revised date.

Coffee Morning

Our regular coffee mornings are led by Zaqia our fabulous Family Support Worker. They offer a relaxed atmosphere where you can meet with other parents/carers. The next coffee morning will be on Monday 12th February 2018 in the school hall after you have dropped your children off in class, until 10am. On Monday, Mrs Shaw will also be popping in to share some of the exciting plans for our playground improvements and to answer any questions you may have about school. We look forward to seeing many of your there.

Bedtime Routines

We are finding that some children are feeling very tired while they are at school. Please could we ask you to ensure children have a good bedtime routine and are going to bed at a reasonable hour. Our Family Support may be able to offer some advice and support if you are finding bedtimes challenging.

Website - Events added

In the **News and Events** section of our new website under the heading **Latest News**, we have added some photos and information about some of the key events from the last few months in school. This includes details of the money raised and how it has been used. Events that have already been added are: Christmas events, fire engine visit and NSPCC number day. Moving forward, we will keep this section of the website up-to-date with each event we have.



Please turn over.....

Year 3 & 4 Residential Trip

We wrote to Year 3 and Year 4 parents earlier this year to see if they would be interested in their child taking part in the Newstead overnight camp. Because the camp is run by Nottingham City Council, the price of the camp is fixed which means that the fewer people that are interested, the more expensive it becomes for those attending. Unfortunately there was not enough interest in the trip again this year to make it an affordable option. As we did when this was the case last year, we will offer a cheaper alternative within the school grounds for these classes. More details of this will follow in due course.

Waterstones Trip Payment Reminder

Years 1-4 will be visiting Waterstones in Nottingham City Centre on the following dates, please log onto ParentPay and make your £2.00 payment.

Year 4 Monday 26th February

Year 2 Wednesday 28th February

Year 3 Thursday 1st March

Year 1 Friday 2nd March

REMINDERS

Term Dates and INSET Days

The Primary School still has INSET days planned on the following dates: **Friday 25th May, Thursday 28th June and Friday 29th June**

Dates for your Diary

12.2.18	Coffee Morning 9.00am-10.00am
16.02.18	Year 1 Showcase (Great Fire of London Topic) 9:00am - 9.30am -Please note slightly earlier start time
26.02.18	Y4 Visit to Waterstones
28.02.18	Y2 Visit to Waterstones
01.03.18	Y3 Visit to Waterstones
01.03.18	World Book Day
02.03.18	Yr1 Visit to Waterstones
07.03.18	Parents Evening
08.03.18	Parents Evening
20.03.18	Class Photographs
23.03.18	2.15pm Founders Day Service for F2 (Please note change of date)
29.03.18	Nursery & Foundation Easter Breakfast
29.03.18	Year 3 & 4 Easter Celebration 2.15pm
13.07.18	Sports Day

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As ever we welcome feedback. Please email primary@bluecoat.uk.com or speak to the staff in the office. Please let us know what we are doing well or give us any constructive ideas for improvement