

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

## Attendance

Last week's attendance was 96.93% which is above our target of 96%. The best attendance for last week was Penguins Class with 99.31%. Well done everyone and particularly to the Penguins!

**Next week school is closed for February half term. Children will return to school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

## NEWS

### Year 1 Fire of London Showcase

It was lovely to see so many parents attend the Year 1 Showcase this morning. The children put on a fantastic performance. They also had some brilliant work on display and were really enthusiastic with their singing.

Well done to all the children in the Penguins and Puffins class.

### Tales with the Tooth Fairy

As part of our World Book Day events, children in the Flamingos & Peacocks classes will be visiting Bilborough Library on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 10.30am.

During the visit the children will be able to spend time looking at the wonderful range of books on display in the children's department and also enjoy a special story read by the Tooth Fairy. Your child should have brought home a letter with further details.

### World Book Day Arrangements -

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March we are planning to have a 'snuggle up with your favourite book' in school so are asking all children to bring into school the following items from home:

- Their favourite story book,
- A cuddly toy and either a small cushion or blanket.

As some classes are going out of school for a visit, we are not asking children to dress up so everyone should wear their normal school uniform.

### PE Days Next Half Term

Please see below for a reminder of PE days for after half term, week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> February:

<b>Monday</b>	Ducklings, Hummingbirds & Puffins
<b>Tuesday</b>	Penguins, Parrots & Eagles
<b>Wednesday</b>	Kingfishers & Penguins
<b>Thursday</b>	Kingfishers, Flamingos, Peacocks & Hummingbirds
<b>Friday</b>	Flamingos, Peacocks & Puffins

### Stay & Read Session

There will be another Stay and Read session on Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup>. Parents are invited to come in and stay until 9.10am.

### Year 3 & 4 Swimming

Our Year 3 & 4 children will continue swimming after half term, a reminder of the dates can be found below. Can I also remind parents to only send children with the essentials for swimming in their bags. This

should not include items such as glass bottles of perfume.

**Friday 2nd March 2018**  
**Friday 9th March 2018**  
**Friday 16th March 2018**  
**Friday 23rd March 2018**

### Year 2 Swimming

Our Year 2 children will start swimming sessions in the Summer Term. A letter with further details will follow soon.

### Future Swimming Plans

The National Curriculum states that all pupils should be taught to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres before they leave primary school at the end of Year 6.

In order to support our children in achieving this goal moving forwards, our plan for swimming from next year onwards will be for children to start swimming in Years 3 & 4 rather than Year 2. This will enable us to provide swimming for a longer proportion of the year, which should enable more children to make progress and meet the requirements of the National Curriculum.

### Nursery Applications

Applications for children to start attending our nursery in September are now open. The closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Offers will be made during week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Application forms and the Admissions Policy are all available to download from our school website, alternately please ask at the office where we are happy to print them off for you.

## REMINDERS

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Year 2 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Year 3 Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
**Year 1 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

### Parents Evenings - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March

Parents Evenings will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Please turn over.....

### 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 - 29<sup>th</sup> March

**Bring & Share Easter Breakfast** - This is a warm invitation for you to join us on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 - 28<sup>th</sup> 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 - 29<sup>th</sup> 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 - 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**

### 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

26.02.18	Y4 Visit to Waterstones
27.02.18	Stay & Read Session until 9.10am
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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