



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

What an exciting week it has been! We have had sun, snow, hail and thunder whilst at school. Snow that has kept us at home, visits to Waterstones and visitors from the Aspley Lane Evangelical Church to bring the Easter story to life for Year 2.

## NEWS

### School Closures

We never take lightly the decision to close the school and will only do so in exceptional circumstances. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused for you and thank you for your support in this matter. If we ever need to close again in the future, we will always make sure that we alert parents using all of our communication systems as soon as possible (website, Facebook, Twitter, ParentMail, Marvellous Me and local radio). We will also post work in the children's section of the school website for those parents who would like something to do at home. Please bring any work completed into school for marking.

### Visits this week

Those classes who were able to get out of school on visits this week were incredibly well behaved and didn't let the weather put them off. We will try to rearrange any visits that have been cancelled due to the poor conditions this week. Details to follow.

### Parents' evening reminder

Parents' Evenings will be held next week on the 7th & 8th March 2018. If you haven't already made an appointment with your child's teacher then please do so as soon as possible.

In addition to the parent and teacher meetings, we will also be holding reading and phonics workshops, displaying useful information and giving you the opportunity to speak to key staff members about the growth and development of the school. Please see your letter for full details.

**Please also note that there will be no afterschool clubs running any day next week due to the Parents' Evenings.**

### Year 1 Easter Crafts

The Year 1 team would like to invite parents to join them for some of their Easter crafts in the last week of this term. If you are available on Wednesday 28th March at 2pm, then please feel free to come and get involved with Puffins and Penguins as they make Easter Cards.

## REMINDERS

### Year 2 Swimming

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

### 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.

### PE Days

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

### 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 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.

Please turn over .....

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**

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)
28.03.18	Year 1 Easter Craft Session 2pm
29.03.18	Nursery & Foundation Easter Breakfast 8:45-10:30am
29.03.18	Year 3 & 4 Easter Celebration 2.15pm
13.07.18	Sports Day

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#### **Feedback**

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