

# NEWSLETTER

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

## Attendance

Last week's attendance was 97.76% which is well above our target of 96%. Well done everyone! The best attendance for last week was the Kingfishers Class with 98.71%. Well done Kingfishers!

## Believe Time Theme

The theme for our Believe time next week will be 'Setting Yourself Challenges and Aiming High'

## NEWS

### Sports Relief 2018

To celebrate Sports Relief this year, we will be asking children to run a mile around the school grounds on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**. They can wear sports clothes to school on this day (PE kits are fine) and we shall also be encouraging donations of £1.00 for the charity.

### Class Photographs

Tempest Photographers will be in school on Tuesday 20th March to take class photographs. Please make sure that your child is in correct and smart school uniform.

### Year 1 Nurse Visit - 22.3.18

As part of their Florence Nightingale topic, the children in Year 1 will be visited by a team of nurses. They will take part in various workshops which will include comparing nursing now to nursing from the past, how emergencies are handled by the NHS and simple first aid techniques.

### Founders Day Service - 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2.15pm

Our annual service to formally welcome the Reception children (and any older children who are new to the school) into the ethos of the school and present them all with their first Bible will be held in the school hall on Friday. Parents and Carers are all invited to this service. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

### BPFF AGM

On Monday, the BPFF team held their Annual General Meeting, with a good turnout of parents, teachers and governors in attendance. As is the official process, the 2017-2018 management team stood down from their posts to allow a new team to be appointed.

The new management team now consists of:

Sarah Clay as Chair,  
Gemma Cook as Vice Chair,  
Rachel Dunks as Secretary  
Emma Clifford as Treasurer.

Many thanks go to Catherine Wardega who did an excellent job as Chairperson for the BPFF in its initial set up and what turned out to be a tremendously successful first year.

The school is very grateful to receive the donation of £1000 towards the large playground equipment from the fundraising activities of the group.

The next meeting of the BPFF will be on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March** at 9.30am. This is an open invitation to come along and meet the team and brainstorm fundraising ideas for the coming year. The group really needs more volunteers so please come along if you are interested in finding out more. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to get involved, please let the staff know in the office.

To stay up-to-date with the work of BPFF, please follow them on Facebook or Twitter, or via the notice board at school.

### Adult Learning Course

A group of our parents recently attended a course called 'Keeping Up with the Children' (English). The course was taught by family learning tutor Kate Hall from Nottingham College. This fun filled and relaxed course aims to inform parents about how their children learn English/Literacy at school. Reading, phonics, writing, playing games terminology are just a few of the topics covered.

The course improves confidence, so that parents feel they can support their children more with their learning. Alongside this, parents brush up their own skills and knowledge and have the opportunity to take a recognised accreditation in English at the appropriate level.

Here are the proud parents receiving their attendance certificate from Mrs Shaw. Well done everyone!



Please ask Mrs Ayub if you would like more information on these free, friendly and fun courses

### Afterschool Clubs

Your child will have a letter given to them today to bring home for you. Please check your child's book bag. Children in the Reception classes will also now be able to sign up for one afterschool club. It is important that these slips are returned quickly as places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

### Disabled Parking Spaces

Please could we ask that only our parents with a blue badge use the disabled parking bays.

### Midday Supervisor Roles

We are still in need of Midday Supervisors to help support our lunchtime service. If you would be interested in applying for one of these posts please come and speak to us.

## REMINDERS

### Easter activities:

#### 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 1 - 28<sup>th</sup> March

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 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm, then please feel free to come and get involved with Puffins and Penguins Easter Card Making.

#### 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.

#### Book Fair

The school will be hosting a book fair for parents from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June until Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. This will take place in the hall. More details to follow.

#### Term Dates and INSET Days

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

#### Dates for your Diary

20.03.18	Class Photographs
22.03.18	Sport Relief (Please note date change)
23.03.18	2.15pm Founders Day Service for F2 (Please note change of date)
26.03.18	BPFF Meeting - 9.30am
28.03.18	Year 1 Easter Craft Session
29.03.18	Nursery & Foundation Easter Breakfast
29.03.18	Year 3 & 4 Easter Celebration
19.06.18	World Book Day Events
20.06.18	Book Fair on until 26.06.18
13.07.18	Sports Day

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