

Easter Newsletter
March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an action-packed, eventful half-term, enjoying World Book Day, a School Council trip to the Mayor's parlour, trips for Reception (Fire Station), Year 1 (Farm), Year 6 (Police Museum) and Year 4 (Roman Museum in Chester on 24th March) and Year 2 had a visit, in February, to Manchester Airport where they were allowed to sit in the pilot's cockpit and try on aircraft personnel costumes and all sorts of other treats! Trips for other classes are planned for after the Easter holidays.

You may have noticed that we are having the Reception play area completely re-designed, landscaped and built. The work has already started and will continue during the Easter holidays so that it is complete by the time the children return after Easter. Meanwhile, the area has been closed to all children and the Reception class are temporarily playing in the large and small playgrounds. We are really excited to seeing the finished result!

Next term is crucially important for all children (Y1 – Y6) as tests in reading, writing and maths are imminent!

Year 6 SATs

Revision over the Easter Holidays

Year 6 children will be given a revision pack to work on over the holidays. It is important that the children keep the learning part of their brain ticking over. Experience tells us that children (after a holiday) come back to school and seem to have forgotten a lot of learning! Year 6 children cannot afford for this to happen as they will only have 2 more weeks after the holidays before the tests – they must keep their brains learning and revise all they need to know for their tests. Parents must ensure that their children do at least 2 hours of learning/revision EACH day (don't do it all in one chunk – REGULAR learning each day is far more beneficial). If they work for a couple of hours each day, then they will be ready for the final push when they return to school after the holidays.

Research has shown that junior-aged children who have at least 9 hours sleep each night, both on the run up to exams and during the exam week, perform better than those children who do not have enough sleep. To this end, we ask that all Y6 children, from the day that they return from the Easter holidays, get at least 9 hours sleep each night. Also, research has shown that carbohydrates contribute hugely to the creation and multiplication of new brain cells which help in the process of learning. Please ensure that your child eats plenty of carbohydrates (potatoes, pasta, bread etc) two weeks prior and during the week of the tests.

*Y6 PARTICULARLY HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THEY WORK HARD DURING AT HOME TO ENSURE THAT THEY GET THE LEVELS THAT THEY DESERVE DURING THEIR SATS TESTS IN MAY. THE TESTS WILL BE HELD FROM **MONDAY 8th MAY TO THURSDAY 11TH MAY 2017**. Y6 CHILDREN **MUST** BE IN SCHOOL FOR THESE DAYS. BREAKFAST CLUB WILL BE OPEN TO ALL YEAR 6 CHILDREN, FREE OF CHARGE, FOR THAT WEEK. THIS ENSURES THAT CHILDREN ARE IN SCHOOL EARLY, HAVE A BREAKFAST TOGETHER AND THEN TAKE PART IN WARM-UP EXERCISES READY FOR THE TESTS. CHILDREN SHOULD BE AT SCHOOL BY 8AM.*

Year 2 SATs

Y2 will be taking their **SATs tests** the week beginning 15th May 2017. They will be taking tests in Reading, Writing and Maths. These tests will be very low-key and should not affect the child's day too much.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY BEFORE WE BREAK FOR EASTER

Friday 24 th March	Red Nose Day	Non-Uniform and red noses	£1
Thursday 30 th March	Class Photos and individual Y6 photos (for albums)		
Thursday 30 th March	2pm	Easter Service	St Stephen's Church
Friday 31 st March	9am	Final Sunshine Assembly of the term	
Friday 31 st March	'Super-Hero Day'	Dress as your favourite Super-Hero!	£1
Friday 31 st March	Y3 Cake Sale	Bring 20p.	