



Newsletter 5

June 2019



The Year 6 pupils were a real credit during this year's SATs week. They worked hard, concentrated well and gave of their best. We are very proud of them all!

Evening of Music

Well done to all of our talented musicians who performed so brilliantly at this year's Evening of Music.



A massive thank you to the amazing FOCS team for all their effort and hard work that went into organising and running this year's fete. Thank you to all who supported this event.

Thank you especially to the fantastic Tess Price, Pete Kenney and Erika Abdelrahman who have tirelessly worked as the core FOCS Committee and who are now stepping down.

FOCS are a vital part of the School Community and it is important that their work continues. Come along to the AGM on Tuesday 11th June at 6:15 p.m.

SUN CARE



Please ensure that children have water bottles and sun hats in school and that sun cream has been applied before coming into school.

In the vast majority of cases, an application of high factor cream should be sufficient for the day, as staff are not permitted to apply sun cream to children.

Only in exceptionally hot weather should children bring sun cream to school, and then it must be kept for their own use and will need to be applied by themselves.

SHERLOCK MEETS CINDERELLA



Rehearsals are well underway for the Key Stage 2 Performance on 3rd and 4th July at 7:00 p.m. You will shortly receive a letter to order your tickets.

HOLIDAY DATES 2019-20

Autumn Term

- School Opens Thursday 29th August 2019
- Mid-Term Break Monday 14th to Friday 18th October 2019
- School Closes Friday 20th December 2019

Spring Term

- School Opens Tuesday 7th January 2020
- Mid-Term Break Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020
- School Closes Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term

- School Opens Monday 20th April 2020
- May Day Bank Hol. Monday 4th May 2020
- Mid-Term Break Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2020
- School Closes Friday 10th July 2020

P.E. News



As you may have heard, our Year 6 Boys football were knocked out of the Blaby Schools cup on penalties to Badgerbrook A. The boys played magnificently and were a real credit to the school. I am so proud of how they played and how they conducted themselves at the end of the match, well done boys.

We took part in the Thomas Estley Athletics event just before half term and had some excellent results. Well done to everyone who took part, as a team we came third overall. Congratulations to: Ethan (1st 400m), George (1st 75m), William (1st Throw) Zac (2nd 75m), Lily (2nd 75m), Rhys (2nd Long Jump), Cerys (3rd 50m), Dylan (3rd 50m), Tabby (3rd 50m), Maisie (3rd Throw), Owen (3rd 600m) and Joel (3rd 75m).

Thanks,

Mrs. Aubrey



Summer Term Dates



- 11th June - FOCS AGM - 6:15 p.m.
- 18th June - 6:00 p.m. New Parents' Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Year 5 Parents' Meeting - PGL
- 6:30 p.m. Moving to Year 3 Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Moving to Year 1 Meeting
- 18th June - Athletics Event at Saffron Lane
- 21st June - Sports Day (reserve date 28th June)
- 3rd/4th July - KS2 Concerts, 7:00 p.m.
- 5th July - School Reports
- 8th/9th July - Transition Days
- 8th July - 3:30 p.m. Parent Meet and Greet with teachers of new classes
- 8th/9th July - Year 6 Induction Day at TECC and Lutterworth College
- 12th July - 2:00 p.m. School Closes (No Primary Patches today.)

SPORTS DAY

Friday 21st June 2019

Reception and KS1 - 10:15 a.m.

KS2 - 1:45 p.m.

Your child will need to have a house coloured t-shirt to wear for this event.

Amber - Yellow

Emerald - Green

Ruby - Red

Sapphire - Blue

We look forward to seeing you there to support the children!

Don't forget to bring hats and water bottles and apply sun cream before school.

Any photographs or video film taken by parents or relatives must be solely for the individual family's use and must not be distributed more widely.



Skylarks Pre-School

We have places available at all sessions from September onwards. Application forms are available from the School Office.



There are places available at Primary Patches from September. Registration forms can be obtained from the Office.



Authorisation of Term-Time Absence

A reminder that Head Teachers are no longer able to agree leave of absence unless:

- The Head Teacher considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

AND

- An application has been made in advance by the parent/carer. Any leave of absence must be requested using the leave of absence request forms which are available from the School Office. Upon receipt of the form a decision will be made as to whether the reason for the request is exceptional.

Any leave of absence for a reason which is not considered to be exceptional will be coded as an unauthorised absence.

Holiday dates for the coming year are included on this Newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring the excellent attendance record at our school.

Class Organisation 2019/20

The organisation of our classes has to be reviewed every year as a result of the varying size of each year's intake in a village school.

The number of children in each year group, alongside legislation regarding class sizes, has a great deal of influence on how we can organise our classes. As a result, some mixed age classes are an inevitable part of class organisation, not just here, but across the county, and indeed, the country.

For the coming year, numbers in the Key Stage 2 year groups have enabled us to have some single age classes. There will be a need for mixed age classes in Year 3/4 and also Year 1/2.

Classes will therefore be organised as follows:

- 2 Reception Classes
- 1 Year 1 Class
- 1 Year 1/2 Class
- 1 Year 2 Class
- 2 Year 3/4 Classes
- 1 Year 5 Class
- 1 Year 6 Class.



Final decisions regarding staffing are still to be made and children's classes will be included with the School Report.

Children will spend two full days in their new class on 8th and 9th July.

There will be an opportunity for parents to meet their child's new class teacher on Monday 8th July between 3:30 and 4:15 p.m.

Staffing changes

Mrs. Aubrey is leaving to take up a new position at another school. Congratulations on her new appointment. I am sure you will join with me to thank her for all she has done and to wish her every success in her new role.

We have two new members of teaching staff for the autumn term. Mr. Robinson and Miss Potter will be joining the team.

Transition Workshops

Tuesday 18th June, 6:30 p.m. in the Hall for parents of children currently in Year 2 who are moving into Year 3.

7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room for parents of children currently in Reception who are moving into Year 1.



Are you interested in Initial Teacher Training? Or do you know someone who is graduating soon that might be interested in applying for Initial Teacher Training?

The Thomas Estley Learning Alliance (TELA) have School Direct Initial Teacher Training places in Primary and Secondary Schools starting in September 2019 (applications will open in October 2018) across our alliance of schools.

We will be offering:

- Primary School Direct Initial Teacher Training in partnership with the University of Leicester.
- Secondary School Direct training places in various subjects in partnership with the Universities of Leicester, Loughborough and Warwick.
- If you are interested in finding out more about the TELA School Direct Initial Teacher Training for Primary or Secondary, please register your interest in attending one of our Information Evenings by emailing tela@thomasestley.org.uk
- Or calling Jo Robotham on 01455 283263 ext. 222.

Last Day of Term (Friday 12th July)

A reminder that school closes at 2 pm on the last day of term.

There will be no Primary Patches after school on the last day.