

High Academic Standards: Sporting Opportunities: Caring Relationships: Musical Excellence: Christian Values

Hello and welcome to the latest edition our newsletter!

Can you believe it – we’re already half way through this half term. The children have all settled back in very well and are enjoying the wide variety of exciting and interesting learning we are doing at school. Please don’t forget to go to your child’s class page on the website, to find out more about their learning if you haven’t already done so.

A little bit further down this newsletter, you will find some information about what Class 3 have been doing as part of their young leader’s award.

Dates for your Diary

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| Tuesday 11 May 2021 | 3.50pm - 5.50pm Parent child and teacher meeting on teams |
| Thursday 13 May 2021 | 3.50pm - 7pm Parent child and teacher meeting |
| Friday 14 May 2021 | Pyjamarama Book Day – see details below |
| Thursday 17 June 2021 | Class 6. Minster School Transition Talk |
| Monday 5th July 2021 | School photos |
| Friday 23rd July 2021 | Last day of term for children |
| 26 – 28 July 2021 | INSET days |

Parents’ Meetings Next Week

In preparation for parents’ meetings next week, can you please check you can access your child’s ‘Teams’ account with the username and password which you already have. These are the same as your child used to access live lessons during the last lockdown, as well as the parents’ meetings last November. If you are unable to access ‘Teams’ with these details, please get in touch with the school admin team, who can re-send the logon details to you. Please do this **BEFORE MONDAY 10 MAY 2021**, to give you, and us, time to sort out any issues before the parents’ meetings begin.

During the meeting, we will share with you the progress of your child, especially in relation to the lockdown and what their targets are. These targets will then be sent home after the online meeting, as a paper copy.

A reminder of how to use Teams, was sent in an email that went out on Tuesday 4 May 2021. Please check your inbox/junk mail folder if you have not seen it yet. You can also access the guide by going to the ‘Useful Links’ section of the website <https://www.woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk/useful-links> as scroll down to the end of the page where you will find the ‘Parent Meetings’ tab.

Pupil Premium Scheme

I would like to remind you of the Pupil Premium scheme. This is a government scheme that provides extra support for families who are on a lower income, who are fostering or who have adopted, or who are service families.

If you think you may fall into one of these groups, please email office@woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk . Any application for Pupil Premium will be handled in the strictest of confidence. If successful, school will be given money to provide further support to your child. This support may be academic, pastoral or practical (e.g.

payments for music lessons, milk, fruit, trips). If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Pyjamarama Day – Friday 14 May 2021

Due to being in lockdown during World Book Day, we have decided to celebrate our love of reading by supporting the Book Trust (Getting Children Reading) fundraising event – Pyjamarama! As I'm sure you'll agree, every child deserves a bedtime story so by participating in this organised event we'll be celebrating our love of reading but also helping less fortunate children have access to good quality books.



To support this, we're asking children to come to school on Friday 14th May in their pyjamas (book character costumes and normal clothes also acceptable) ready to snuggle up in class and listen to some popular bedtime stories.

There will also be a collection pot in each classroom for anyone wishing to make a small donation (£1) to the Book Trust fund. Should you wish to find out more, further information about Book Trust and Pyjamarama day can be found on the following website: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/pyjamarama>

Class 3 Tap Twinning

As part of their 'Young Leaders' session on 'National Community', Class 3 have chosen to support the Tap Twinning Charity. As a class, they listened to and read about different charities and the work they do in various parts of the world. Some of the children remembered when they did our 'Toilet Twinning' work prior to lockdown. After reading more about the work that can be done, they were very interested in trying to 'Twin Taps'.



By raising £60, the class found out that they can help to provide safe water and promote good hygiene in a community in need, anywhere around the world. This means each child would have to raise just 3" each to achieve their goal. All the children in Class 3 have been busy over the last week doing lots of different jobs around their house to raise their money, from washing cars, folding clothes to tidying rooms. Some children even suggested that they would be happy to donate from their own pocket money.

It's wonderful to see the children responding to their learning about communities around the world in such a commendable manner. We look forward to seeing if Class 3 manage to raise their £60 and receive their framed 'Tap Twinning' certificate.

Free School Meals

We want to make sure that all our eligible pupils are claiming their Free School Meals. If you believe your child is eligible and would like to apply please visit: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk/apply-for-free-school-meals-and-milk.



Are you entitled?

Lateral Flow Tests

Any adult who does not have symptoms, can now get rapid lateral flow tests to use on a regular basis, to check for COVID-19. This is particularly useful as 1 in 3 people do not have symptoms but can still infect others. It's an effective way of trying to stop the transmission of the virus.

You can get a kit from many local pharmacies. A list of these can be found by visiting <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/> You can also order the tests online by going to <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> .

