



# The FitzHerbert C of E (VA) Primary School

*Learning as a Family, Growing as a School*

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Dear Parents

February already! This half term is traditionally quite a short one and this year is made even shorter with us having an early half term holiday due to Shrovetide, I can't believe we only have a week left! Next week, we are learning all about Chinese New Year which will fall whilst we are on holiday on 16<sup>th</sup> February. We have lots of exciting things planned for the children to do over the week, and if any children would like to read up this weekend about Chinese New Year and the way it is celebrated then we would love to be wowed with their facts next week!

## Celebration Assembly - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

As per our text, on Monday we are holding a 'mini' Celebration Assembly in Church in our usual Worship time slot, starting at 8.50am. Everyone is welcome - wider family and friends as always - and achievement and progress certificates will still be given out as well as the usual colour certificates, but as it has been a short half term it won't be as big as our usual Celebration Assemblies. We will do a full Celebration Assembly just before we break up for Easter as usual, we will let you know the date nearer the time.

## Swimming Lessons

We have been informed that Ashbourne Pool will be closed when we return after half term, meaning Key Stage 2 children won't start swimming lessons again until Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February and will only swim for 4 weeks. This means we will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £4 (£1 per week) after half term for each child in Key Stage 2 please. The last date Key Stage 2 children will swim is 19<sup>th</sup> March. **After Easter, Key Stage 1 children will start swimming on Monday afternoons instead - their first swim date is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

## Parents' Evening - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

As Mrs Hack announced in last week's newsletter, we are holding our Spring term Parents' Evening on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Appointment slots run from 3.45pm - 8.30pm so we hope that all families will be able to attend at some point. **Please return the slip below to request your appointment by next Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, at the latest.** Ms Miller will confirm appointment times to all families via text next Friday afternoon.

## World Book Day - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Just a reminder that we are taking part in World Book Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March and would suggest children use the half term holiday to make a start on their book covers. As per our newsletter on 5<sup>th</sup> January - "this year our School Council have decided that they would like each child to design a new front cover for their favourite book, and to bring it in on the day to talk about it in their class. We would also invite children to wear clothes of a specific colour or pattern i.e. purple if their favourite character is Violet Beauregarde from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, or a blue coat if its Paddington Bear - however your child interprets the colour theme from their favourite book is fine. We cannot stress enough that we are not wanting you to buy costumes or spend hours pulling something together - just something simple is all we want, as the emphasis for us remains the love and interpretation of each story. Please ask for clarification if you need to, and we look forward to seeing everyone on the day!"

## Key Stage 2 Residential - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Only 4 months to go before our Key Stage 2 children travel to Liverpool for their residential! Thank you to everyone who has brought in the deposit of £10, we are now asking for the next instalment of payment please. The total cost of the residential is £90 per child, and we would like a further payment of £30 per child to be made by the end of February please, leaving the remaining £50 per child to be paid by the end of May. Payment can be made sooner if you would like, and can also be spread over each week to make it more manageable. Please agree with Ms Miller in the office how you would like to make the payments, and thank you in advance for your support. Don't forget that children who are or have been entitled to Free School Meals will have the cost of the residential covered entirely by their Pupil Premium money - what better reason to check whether you are entitled by going to [derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) !

**Spring Ball & Raffle Tickets**

To help us to raise our target of £7,000 for our Kilimanjaro Challenge, Mrs Fentem and I are holding a Spring Ball on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March at Yeldersley Hall. Tickets will be on sale very soon, so make sure you get the date in your diary! We have sent home today 5 books of raffle tickets per family with the hope that you will be able to sell them to your friends and family and then return the ticket stubs and money back to us. Individual tickets cost £1 each, so if you sell all 5 books then you will raise £25 for us! Thank you in advance for your support with this and please let us know if you would like any more tickets!

Have a lovely weekend, fingers crossed the snow threat is an idle one!

Best wishes  
Annette Froggatt

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**PARENTS' EVENING - TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

Child(ren)'s Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred time - please circle up to three.

3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15
6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30
7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30			