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A Message from Ms Clarke and Mrs Johnstone

It is hard to believe that we have already been back at school for three weeks and what a busy time we have had. As you will see when you read what we have been up to, life is never dull at Etruscan!

We managed to stay open during the snow although we had to ask parents/carers to collect their children from 2pm on the Thursday as we had to get all 415 children out through one door due to the playgrounds being unsafe to walk on. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding during this time.

On Thursday 1st March we celebrated World Book Day. Everybody made a huge effort to get dressed up and the children (and staff) looked fantastic in their costumes. The winners were announced in assembly on the Friday; congratulations to Hamza, Skyla, Faroeg and Aisha. The poet Spoz came into school to do an assembly for us all and to work with the Key Stage Two children in their classes. It was great fun and we learned a lot about how to write poetry. One of the many activities we arranged during the week was for the older children to read with the younger children. It was heart warming to see older and younger children reading together and the children told us that they loved it too. The Sentinel came to take photographs and also made a video of Mr Burton reading 'Stick Man' to some children. There is a link on the website to the photos and video or you can access them directly from the Sentinel website.

On Monday 5th March our Year 6 children took part in a 7 Stars Wellbeing day at Forest Park and Werrington Primary Schools. They joined the Year 6 children from St Mark's, Abbey Hulton, Carmountside and Werrington Primary schools to learn about the importance of good health and wellbeing. They took part in workshops learning about healthy foods, yoga, mindfulness and had a motivational talk on the importance of having a positive attitude and outlook by Andy Cope, who is an author and has a PHD in 'happiness'. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school. Their behaviour was, as usual, impeccable. The day was broadcast on the television on 'Midlands Today'. Hopefully some of you saw it and saw Saifuddin and Duha being brave enough to speak on TV!

Children from the after school dance club took part in the dance extravaganza 'Breaking News' at the Victoria Hall in Hanley. Our theme was the first man on the moon and the children looked amazing in their astronaut costumes. Their performance was fantastic. We were so proud of them. Thank you to all of you who brought your children to the theatre and for your support during the performance. We could not take part in events like this without you.

Last week a group of Year 5 children attended the 'Respect For All' conference at the Bridge Centre where they had a great time at the same time as widening their understanding of the beliefs of others.

To celebrate Science week this week all children have taken part in extra science activities in their classrooms.

A group of children have also attended a science event at the Kings Hall in Stoke with Mr Hawkes, taking part in different science and technology activities.



We were treated to a very special Mother's Day assembly by the Year 1 children. There wasn't a dry eye in the house as the children talked about how much they love their mums, aunties and nans! The Reception children also performed a fabulous assembly this week, performing the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff . It was lovely to see the children's enjoyment and confidence. Both assemblies were so well attended; thank you to all of you who came and thank you to the children and staff for all their hard work.

Last week the children in Year 2 went to Liverpool to see the Titanic exhibition at the Maritime museum as part of their learning in History about the Titanic. The children in Year 4 have been learning about life in Tudor times when they visited Ford Green Hall and the Year 6 children have been finding out about life in Anglo Saxon times during their Anglo Saxon day this Monday. On Friday the Year 3 children took part in a "Spanish Day" as part of their learning in Geography.

We were very proud of a group of our Year 6 pupils who organized a cake, biscuit, book and slime sale this week to raise money for Unicef. They came up with the ideas, organized the sale and chose the charity themselves. We had so many donations of cakes and biscuits from you that we will continue to sell what we have left next week. Once we have sold everything we will let you know how much the children have raised. Thank you very much and well done to Jennah, Duha, Musaab, Hamza, Subhaan, Zaid, Marwah, Mahek and Haris and to Mrs Cox for helping. Thank you too for supporting the event by sending in items for the children to sell and providing money to buy them with! You were very generous.

At the end of this week we are saying goodbye for a short time to Miss Savage from the Nursery who is going on maternity leave. Mrs Latif will be the Key Worker for the Sunshine group while Miss Savage is off and Mrs Latif's work will be covered by Miss S. Sajid. Mrs Smith also went on maternity leave at the end of February. Her Year 3 class is being taught by Miss Moore until her return. I am sure you will join me in wishing both ladies and their families well.

Thank you, as ever, for all your support. We hope to see you at the upcoming parent/carers consultation evenings.

Mrs Johnstone and Miss Clarke



Academy Photographers.

Academy photographers will be coming to school on Thursday 3rd May 2018 to take photographs of each class, Nursery graduations, Y6 leavers and any sports or after school clubs.



Nursery- September 2018-2019

If you have a child who will be 3 before August 31st 2018 and have not yet applied for Nursery September 2018/2019, please come to the school office and collect an application form or an application can be done online. The deadline was January 31st 2018.

Reception- September 2018-2019

application forms are also available on request or an application can be done online.

Deadline—February 16th 2018.

www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions

Football Match Dates

Year 5 and 6

Friday 16th March: 3.15pm—6pm.

Friday 23rd March: 3.15pm—6pm.

Year 3 and 4

Friday 4th May: 3.15pm—6pm.

Friday 11th May: 3.15pm—6pm.

Friday 18th May: 3.15pm—6pm.

Friday 25th May: 3.15pm—6pm.

**All of the matches are at Northwood Stadium.
Parents are very welcome to come along and support us.**

On the dates when there is a match there will be no after school football training at Etruscan.

DIARY DATES

Dates for
the Diary:

Tuesday 20th March

Parent/Carer consultation evening. 3pm—7pm—Y1 to Y6 (Reception and Y5 will be on 27/03/2018)

Reception going to Jodrell Bank

Wednesday 21st March 2018.

Nursery going to Jodrell Bank

Y2 parents/carers SATs meeting—2pm in the hall.

Tuesday 27th March 2018.

Reception and Y5 parents/carers consultation evening 3pm—7pm

Year 1 to visit the Brampton Museum -Newcastle-Under- Lyme.

Thursday 29th March 2018.

Easter Egg raffle maximum of 5 tickets for £1 or 20p a ticket — Proceeds to school fund.

School breaks up for Easter Holidays—children return to school on Monday 16th April 2018.

SCHOOL Attendance

Attendance.

The current
attendance overall from
September is **94.33%**

We really need this to improve.

Expected attendance is **96%** and above.

Thank you to all of you who send your children to school regularly and on time.



Toddler Group

Do you have or know a parent with a child under 5?

The parent/carers and toddler group takes place every Thursday from 9:30am until 11:30am.

You will be warmly welcomed by Mrs Cox and Mrs Chalmers.

We hope to see you soon!

Bike Ability Level 1 or Learn to Ride.

Year 4 will be taking part in Bikeability on Thursday 19th July. Parents can sign up for their child to be taught to ride a bicycle or take part in level 1 training if they can already cycle. This will get your child ready for the level 2 training when they reach Year 6.



Car Parking

Please be aware of children when driving to or from the school. The PCSO has noted people driving without seat belts and also with unrestrained children in the car. Please wear a seat belt at all times and make sure that children are always safe and restrained correctly

Please can we also ask parents to park with consideration. Please do not park in front of residential driveways and entries. We have had a number of complaints about cars blocking drives at the start and end of the school day. Thank you for your support.