



Welcome Back!

We'd like to welcome everyone back after a restful half term break. We have lots of exciting things planned for the second half of the Spring Term including World Book Day, Comic Relief, the Spring Disco and lots of Easter themed activities. We look forward to seeing you all at our various events over the next few weeks.



Safeguarding Update

We are pleased to announce we now have 5 members of staff Level 2 safeguarding trained, all staff continue to be trained to Level 1. If you have any concerns regarding a safeguarding issue please do not hesitate to discuss the issue with one of our safeguarding leads this includes Mrs Tapp, Mr Cope, Mrs Jones, Miss Harris and Mrs Plant. Further safeguarding information is available in the school entrance alternatively you could call First Response on 0800 1313 126. The NSPCC website has lots of useful links for parents including Caspar <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/newsletter/caspar/> which is a really useful safeguarding child protection newsletter.



Celebrations



We have had many wonderful celebrations at Picknalls so far this term. We raised £180.67 for Art Day, all the children did a wonderful job dressing as an artist or their favourite colour.

Thank you to everyone who supported our book fayre this year. We made a total of £504.53, the school will receive £242.40 worth of books for our library.

We had a very successful Parent's Evening. Thank you to everyone who come, it was lovely to see how well the children have been getting on. Thank you to everyone who entered the Art Box raffle we raised a total of £47.00, the winner was Lotti Morrison.

A huge well done to Millie Dangerfield who donated her hair to The Princess Trust. Millie also managed to raised £1200.00 in donations. Thank you to everyone who supported her.

School Meal

From the 1st April our school meal will be increasing from £2.25 to £2.30, this is due to a charge increase from our meal provider, Chartwells.

Nursery Admissions

Picknalls First School is now responsible for our own Nursery admissions. We are able to provide either 15 or 30 hours provision from 7am—6pm including school holidays. Please book a personalised tour where we will discuss all options available and collect an application form.



Year 4 Residential Trip

The whole of year 4 attended a very successful residential trip to Shugborough. We would like to thank all parents and staff who helped and supported the Year 4's on their trip.



Exciting News



On 16th March 60 children from Uttoxeter Learning Trust will be performing at Uttoxeter Racecourse as part of the Midland Grand National celebrations. I am thrilled to announce that 10 children from Picknalls have been selected to be part of the event.

Emergency Closure Procedure

Although we are now in Spring there is still the possibility for inclement weather.

If after severe weather it looks as if staff from outlying areas will have difficulty in getting to school a decision will be made as quickly as possible by the Headteacher and Chair of Governors. This decision will be made after consultation with other local schools.



Peripatetic Music Lessons

We currently offer violin lessons to years 2, 3 and 4 at a cost of £60 per term. Please let the school office know if you would like some more information. The Entrust Peripatetic teacher has 4 spaces available.



Free School Meal Eligibility

Children whose parents receive the following support payments are entitled to receive free school meals and generate pupil premium funding:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit - provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and annual income does not exceed £16,190
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

To apply online please visit <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/fsmweb/> or call at the school office for more information.

Sports



Well done to the Picknalls sports teams, who took part in the Uttoxeter Pyramid Futsal tournament and won!! Picknalls also took part in the East Staffordshire indoor canoeing tournament and came first!! Huge congratulations to everyone who took part!!

Parentview



Please support us in sharing your views by going on to

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> and click 'Give your views'. Please rate us in the 12 questions so that governors can continue to celebrate what we do well and continue to make improvements.

Contact Details

It is vital that we have your most up to date contact details in case of an emergency and to ensure you receive school texts. Please update your contact details with the school office.

Comic Relief

We will be celebrating Comic Relief on 15th March with a red themed non uniform day. Children are also encouraged to have crazy hair!! Mrs Jones will be selling red noses from Monday 4th March at £1.25 each.



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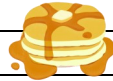




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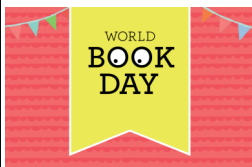
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MARCH 2019	
Monday 4th	World Book Week
Tuesday 5th	Pancake Fundraising Breakfast 8:00am 
Wednesday 6th	Class 4 assembly—2:45pm parents are invited to attend.
Thursday 7th	World Book Dress Up Day
Wednesday 13th	Class 8 assembly—2:45pm parents are invited to attend
Friday 15th	Comic Relief—Dress in red with crazy hair
Friday 15th	PTA Spring Disco EYFS and KS1 5:45pm—7pm, KS2 7pm—8:15pm
Wednesday 20th	Class 1 assembly—2:45pm parents are invited to attend
Friday 29th	Mother's Day Tea Party - Nursery and EYFS from 2:30pm, KS1 and KS2 from 3:30pm 
APRIL 2019	
Wednesday 10th	Class 6 Assembly—2:45pm parents are invited to attend
Thursday 11th	PTA screening of Hop! Details to follow.
Friday 12th	Last Day of Term!! Happy Easter 
Monday 29th	Back to school 
MAY 2019	
Monday 6th	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8th	Early Years Class Assembly—2:45pm parents are invited to attend
Wednesday 15th	Class 2 Assembly—2:45pm parents are invited to attend
Thursday 16th	Year 4 leavers photos 
Wednesday 22nd	Class 7 Assembly—2:45pm parents are invited to attend
Friday 24th	Last day of school Return to school 3rd June

NB—Dates are subject to change please consult the school website calendar

Reading Week—Beginning Monday 4th March



As part of our reading week celebrations Mrs De Soyza is organising a Read for Good sponsored readathon, beginning 7th March to 29th March. Pupils can choose whatever they like to read - from comics to classics, audio books to blogs - the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide books and storyteller visits for local hospitals plus our school will receive 20% of the money raised to buy books.

Readathon is all about students having fun and reading in their own time. Please encourage your child to choose whatever they feel like reading - not just books - newspapers, magazines, audio books, or read a book together - it all counts! Our children's page features fun games, videos and other activities to inspire them.

Mrs De Soyza will be launching the readathon in a whole school assembly on World Book Day (Thursday 7th March) when your child will be given a sponsor form. You can sponsor your child online at <http://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor> and find out more about how the money raised helps children in hospitals at <https://readforgood.org/helping-kids-in-hospital/our-hospital-programme>.

Let's get reading!!

Easter Egg Donations

We have now begun collecting Easter eggs for our end of Term Easter Egg raffle. Please bring any donations to the school office, the raffle will take place at the end of term. We will contact you with more details. Thank You.



Theatre Show

The production of Grammar Girl was unfortunately cancelled due to lack of actors. We have now booked a new company who will perform "The Greatest Fairy Tale Ever Told". The new performance date is 7th June. All ParentPay income will be transferred to the new payment item.