

Hassell Newsletter

Spring Term (2) 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy end to the term with exciting visitors in school, chicks hatching and visits to different places to support learning within the class topics. I would also like to say well done to all the children that attended Laches Wood for the outdoor education residential trip. We took 74 pupils with us from years 5 and 6 and they were a credit to school in terms of their attitude and behaviour. Both myself and the staff that accompanied the children for the week were very proud of their achievements.; I'm sure that they had many stories to tell when they got home!

Easter Egg Competition and Easter Service

Thank you to all the children that have taken part in the Easter egg competition; we have had some brilliant designs. Winners for each class will be announced in church during the Easter service at St Paul's on the 2nd April. Father Derek will be leading the service at 9.30 on Thursday morning. If you are able to join us we would love to see you.



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Some of you may have already seen that we have a new school website. It is still in the very early stages but will soon be populated with lots more information, including dates, newsletters and general information and updates (including a school blog). Please bear with us as it becomes more established, but feel free to let us know if there is anything that you feel is missing that would be helpful to have on the site. There is a suggestions box in the office reception area that can ideas can be put in.

Thank you to those parents who have contributed suggestions already; so far they have included ideas for promoting reading within nursery and asking about the possibility of email communication for parents. Both of these ideas have been discussed and are being looked into further, please watch for further information.

Building work update

Over Easter we will be having a small amount of building work completed at the junior end of school to address some drainage problems with the roof. This should not affect the children in any way and will be completed before the end of the Easter holiday. However, should you need to come onto the playground for any reason, please be extra careful.

Reading Challenge



Well done to all the children in Early Years and KS1 who have been gaining their certificates for completing so much fantastic reading. This will be continuing after Easter and we will be completing a similar challenge in KS2 (letters to follow). Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting school by listening to your child read. Just reading for 5 minutes extra a day has enormous benefits and really helps your child's reading to progress.



Important Dates:

April

2nd - Easter Service in church. School closes for the Easter holidays

20th - School opens for the Summer term

22nd- Year 5 and 6 swimming gala

23rd or 24th - Y2 to Newcastle fire station

28th - Year 2 to Ford Green Hall

29th - PTFA meeting (time to be confirmed)

30th - Parents evening for new Nursery children

May

7th - Parents evening for new Reception children

7th - 4OH class assembly (time to be confirmed)

8th - 3D class assembly (time to be confirmed)

8th - Year 6 Police Cadet training starts

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11th - KS2 Sats week. Timetable to follow

14th - Reception classes to Birches Valley

18th - Disability sports week (all children participating in different sports e.g wheel-chair basketball)

21st - 5/6 BP to Potteries Museum

22nd - 5/6G and 5/6M to Potteries Museum

22nd - Finish for half term

25th -31st - Half Term Week

June

1st - Return to school after half term



School Uniform and PE clothes

During the summer term, Governors agreed that children do not need to wear their ties as part of the uniform, if they do not wish to do so. Summer dresses and shorts may also be worn.

Please can I also remind parents that the uniform for PE is a white t-shirt, black shorts and a plain coloured tracksuit. Bright coloured tracksuits, t-shirts or clothes with slogans on are not appropriate. Thank you

Head lice

We have had a number of children who have had head lice over the past few weeks. Please can you take extra time to check your child's hair so that we can try and eliminate the problem. If you would like any help or advice, please let me know. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support,

I hope you have a lovely Easter break with your families.

Kind Regards

Kirsty Broome

Head Teacher