

Hassell Newsletter

Spring Term (1) 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

It doesn't seem possible that Christmas is long gone and the children are settled into their classes once again, working hard on their new topics. Thank you to those families who have sent in information to help with the new topics; it has been very much appreciated. If you have any queries about this term's topics, please do not hesitate to pop in

Culture Week



The week beginning the 8th of February is Culture Week. During this week we collapse the usual timetables and concentrate on a whole school project. This year the children will be learning about life and culture in Australia and New Zealand. During the week the children will experience lots of different activities such as dancing, art work, food tasting and cookery in order to learn more about the , people, history, geography, landscapes and cultures of the two countries. **To celebrate at the end of the week we will be having an own clothes day.** The theme is anything from Australia, New Zealand, or red, white and blue to represent the colours of the countries flags. There is no cost for this own clothes day.

Winter Weather



As we continue through the season of cold weather, we will endeavour to keep school running as normal. Please ensure that your children have warm coats and appropriate footwear with them each day. If we do get any snow and you wish to check if school is still open, please go to the school website or the Staffordshire County Council information page: <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/>

We will also send a confirmation text to notify parents if we are open or closed.

Staffordshire League Tables

Many of you will be aware that the year 6 results for schools are published in league tables which rank schools. We are delighted to be at the top of the school in North Staffordshire for our results last year. Please follow the link if you would like to find out more.

Important Dates:

February

2nd - Academy Class photographs

8th - 12th Culture Week—South Asia theme

8th - Parents Evening

10th - Smoothy bike in school for KS2

12th - Non uniform day for Culture week (Australian / New Zealand or red, white and blue theme)

15th - 19th Half Term

22nd Children return back to school

26th - Police cadet programme starts for selected pupils in year 5/6

29th - Year 6 SAT's information evening for parents (details to follow)

29th - Book Fair in school

29th - Governor's finance meeting

March

3th - World book day (details to follow)

8th - Full Governors meeting

14th - Year 3/4 to Commonwealth Ceremony in Newcastle

14th - 18th - Year 5/6 to Latches Wood

22nd - 9.30 am Year 1 Play for parents

23rd - 1.30pm Year 1 Play for parents

24th - Easter service in Church

24th - School finishes for Easter.

Children return to school on Monday 11th April 2016

Nursery Piano Lessons

I am delighted that our nursery children have begun to have weekly piano lessons with Tatyana Isandrakova. The children are working in groups of 4, learning how to play through a range of activities and games. Mr Mason will soon be sending out details of private piano lessons that we will be offering to other pupils within school.



Headlice

We have continuing outbreaks of head lice in school. Please continue to check your children's hair and treat if needed. Advice from the school nurse and NHS states that if found, then the whole family needs to be checked and treated if required.

I am aware that there is conflicting messages regarding the availability of treatment on prescription, I have forwarded this to the School Nurse Team and the Local Authority Health Service for clarification.

The school nurse is happy to offer individual support to families if required. This can be accessed directly through the school.

Please show consideration towards other families and all work together to help limit the spread of head lice in school.

Other News....

Well done to our Year 5 pupils who attended a masterclass at NCHS. Their behaviour was excellent and the children and staff had a wonderful day. Well done to Year 2 who enjoyed a great day out at Hanley Museum learning all about puppets. They have created some excellent puppets following the interactive workshops that they took part in.

Welcome to Mr Cadwallader, Miss Morris, Miss Cook and Miss Heath, who join us from Keele University and MMU, we look forward to working with them over the coming weeks.

Football for fun has been a great success this term with nearly 60 students taking part in the afterschool club funded by our sports premium money. Thank you to Becky Spencer for running the programme for our children.

