



## **March Newsletter 2019**

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of the Spring Term which has been a busy and exciting one in school. The children and staff have enjoyed an amazing range topics and activities during the last few weeks.

### **Class 3 Greek Day**

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March Class 3 were transported to the glorious times of the Ancient Greeks! Surrounded by mountains and olive trees, the class entered their Greek temple to a day filled with fun and adventure. A mezze fit for Apollo himself, the children all experienced some of the traditional food that would have been enjoyed by the Ancient Grecians.

### **Infant Monster Café**

The children discovered a brightly coloured book in the classroom, it was called "Monster Max's Shark Spaghetti". Max (a monster) and his friends went on holiday and experienced a range of delicious foods! The children enthusiastically thought of 'delicious' menus for their very own café. After lunch the classroom had been transformed into a 'Monster Café'. The children took their seats and chose from an appetising menu of: Bug Juice, Dung beetle crisps, Mud Sandwiches and Snakeskin Krispie Cakes!

### **Science Day**

We had a wonderful day exploring the science of the world around us with Simon Edwards. The infants were discovering about gravity and rockets! Class 3 looked into the Apollo missions to the moon, the children were very interested in the video clips and images. Some children struggled to believe it was real! Class 4 took a more maths based approach to the STEM activities by looking at the Enigma Code and how it was broken by the team of crypt analysts at Bletchley Park during the Second World War.

### **NEW PTFA**

Thank you to all those who have volunteered their time to form our new PTFA committee. This is a really positive move and I am sure there will be lots of fun and exciting ways we can all help raise vital funds for our school. The first event is the Spring Fair on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 2-4pm. Please encourage all your friends and neighbours to come along. We would be grateful for donations of items for the stalls. Bric a brac, books, good quality toys and cakes. Please feel free to bring them to school over the next week but please do not bring cakes until the Friday.

### **NON UNIFORM DAY**

We are having a non-uniform day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April where children can come to school in their own choice of clothes in return for a chocolate donation for the Spring Fair.

### **Comic Relief**

We had lots of fun for Comic Relief. Children came in their colourful pyjamas, Mrs Ward was sponged and everyone had fun watching the sponsored pancake competition. We have raised £413.82. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you for your generosity.

## **Ellen**

We are delighted that Ellen in year 6 was invited to represent our school at the National Primary Cross County Championships last Saturday at Prestwold Hall, Leicestershire. She ran amazingly well and came in 152 out of 419 runners. Many congratulations to Ellen from everyone in school.

## **Important School Housekeeping Information**

### **Car Park and Road Safety**

A reminder that the school car park is for staff, visitors and deliveries only. Please do not use the car park or car park entrance to collect or drop off your children. The car park is not a safe place for children at the beginning and end of the day. Disabled badge holders are the only exception to this rule. I understand that parking is difficult on the main road but the safety of your children is paramount. Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside school as this obscures the view of parents and children who are trying to cross the road.

### **Dinner Money, After School Club and Breakfast Club**

Please remember that school dinner money should be paid in advance for the week, month or term. We also need two weeks' notice if your child wishes to stop having school dinners. Please can After School Club and Breakfast Club invoices be paid promptly, thank you.

### **P.E Kit**

There are still children who do not have a P.E kit in school. PLEASE ensure your child has indoor and outdoor P.E kit in school EVERY DAY. P.E Kit should remain in school during term time. The number of children without P.E kit in school has increased and we are unable to provide enough spare kits each time.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

The school attendance target is 96.00%. We regularly monitor attendance and punctuality and contact parents and carers where there is cause for concern. Please ensure your child is on time and in school ready to learn at 8.50am. Arriving after this time is disruptive to other children in the class and persistent lateness is monitored along with attendance. If you know your child is going to be absent from school please contact the school office before 9.30am.

### **INSET DAYS**

There are two further INSET days this school year. These will be taken on MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE AND MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY. The last day of the school year is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**Please use the school website for all the latest school information, checking calendar dates and finding copies of letters. If you have recently changed your address, telephone number or email address please ensure you let Mrs Bednall know.**

**Please make a note of all the important dates overleaf.**

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Foster  
Executive Head Teacher

## **Spring and Summer Term Diary Dates**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – NON UNIFORM DAY – BRING CHOCOLATE FOR EASTER FAIR

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Fair 2-4pm

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Service St Giles Church 2.45pm

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Break up for Easter

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Back to school

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – May Day Bank Holiday

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – PTFA meeting in school 7.00pm

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATS

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Bunting Cup

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Break up for half term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – INSET DAY

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June- Back to school

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 first visit to Highfields

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – South Peak Sports

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Y6 visits to Highfields and Lady Manners

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 visit to Anthony Gell

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Parents Evening

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day 9.30am

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Presentation Evening

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers Service 11.00am St Giles Church

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Clap out Year 6 3.15pm