



March 2020 Newsletter

New Teacher

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Holanda will be our new Class Teacher for years 3 and 4 after Easter. Mrs Holanda will be spending a day with the children in Class 3 in the next few weeks. Mrs Holanda is an experienced teacher who joins us with experience of teaching both infants and juniors.

Science Week

On Wednesday Simon Edwards and Lizzie Whittall STEM ambassadors spent the day with us in the juniors. The children looked at the diverse planet and how differences make us stronger, used simulation glasses to see how people with visual impairments see the world and experimented with their taste buds.

On Friday the infants have started some activities towards achieving a CREST Star Award in science. They have carried out three investigations and they were called "Sniffly Sneezes, Brilliant Bubbles and Testing Timers". We will continue to carry out a range of investigations during the rest of the year towards the award.

World Book Day and Sponsored Read

It was great to see all the children in their costumes for World Book Day. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers in school reading with the children. If your child took part in the Sponsored Read please send in their sponsor money on Monday.

Wednesday 18th March – Parents Evening

Reminder of the informal parents evening next Wednesday from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. This is an opportunity to see your child's work and have an informal chat with their teacher if you wish. Our Special Needs Teacher Mrs Welham will also be available if any parents would like to speak with her.

Easter Fayre – Saturday 28th March

The PTFA and school have taken the decision to postpone the Easter Fayre. We will hopefully have a summer fayre instead and will let you know the date as soon as it is decided.

Year 3 & 4 Netball Competition

Ten children from Class 3 took part in a Highfields cluster Netball Tournament last week. They braved the cold weather and played with great enthusiasm. The children were full of excitement on their return to school with silver medals.

After School Sports Clubs

If your child takes part in after school sports clubs please ensure they have a change of clothes or P.E kit. They will not be able to take part in their school clothes.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

If you would like your child to come to Breakfast Club there is no need to book, just arrive anytime from 8.00am. If you need After School club at short notice please telephone school before 3.00pm; leave a message if there is no one in the office.

Parent Pay

If you have not yet activated your account please do so and if you need a reminder of login details please ask Mrs Bednall. Parent pay is updated weekly with school meals taken and attendance at After School Club and Breakfast Club. Please check your account balance regularly; payments can be made at any time. Statements are not routinely sent out but reminders will be sent if regular payments are not made.

JIGSAW FOOD BANK APPEAL

The food bank IN Matlock is running low of several items and are appealing especially for the items listed below:

Tinned fruit

Rice Pudding

Custard

Jam

Tinned meat

Tinned tuna

Tinned potatoes

There is a box in the school entrance if you would like to donate anything; or you will find donation points at Sainsburys, Co-op, the Library and at County Hall.

Coronavirus Update

Please see attached letter with updated information and guidance.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 18th March – Informal Parents Evening

Friday 3rd April – Break up

Monday 20th April – INSET DAY

Tuesday 21st April – Back to school

Friday 8th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May KS2 SATS

Thursday 4th June – Y6 first visit to Highfields

Thursday 11th June – South Peak Sports

Wednesday 1st June – Y6 second visit to Highfields

Monday 6th July – Y6 visit to Anthony Gell