



Learning, Laughter and Friendship

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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day and Book Fair

As always, the children (and worryingly some staff too much) enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters, and taking part in reading activities. Harry Potter remains a firm favourite along with a few Elsas, Peter Pans, Alices, plenty of super heroes, various animals, Red Riding Hoods and Oompa Loompas. Staff joined in too as characters from the 3 little pigs, Queen of Hearts and Woody to name a few. I found Captain America up a ladder with his head through the ceiling – strange day. Thank you to everyone who made the effort to take part.

The book fair also starts today and will remain in school until Friday next week.

Building Update

It feels like we are on the final stretch of the build. Thank you for your patience at drop off as the new pathways in to school and fencing are being created – I recognise it is a bit of a log jam. The classrooms are now almost complete with some internal works still to be finished, then signed off, so we can begin to move in. We have slotted in a large roof repair into the project as well which hopefully will mean we no longer need buckets on the worst days in Mr Dowell's class. The builders have lost time due to weather earlier in the year, but are catching up having worked the last few weekends. Hopefully we will be almost in by Easter. The laying of the all-weather pitch and groundworks on the field will then become the focus and we hope we will be able to use the space in full sometime in May. Fingers crossed. The children have been fantastic over the last 6 months adapting to whatever we have asked of them, as have the builders, who have planned their works as best as possible to minimise the impact on school.

Trips

Year 2 had a fantastic trip last week to Think Tank in Birmingham. They were able to take part in many hands on displays to challenge their thinking and creativity. Mrs Austin and Mrs Leese were both very impressed with the children, their engagement and behaviour during the day.

Year 1 will be going to the Visitor Centre at Manchester Airport on 27th March as part of their Geography work around Transport and Travel and develop a better understanding of people, jobs and the world. This visit is always exciting especially if they manage to see the huge Emirates A380 take off or land. Just a shame we can't actually get on one.



Year 6 have planned to visit the Imperial War Museum in Salford to support their History topic on the 22nd March. If you haven't yet given permission and paid, please log into your account on Arbor.

Year 5 Residential.

The residential for Year 5 is fast approaching and we are requesting that final balances be paid. Again, please log into Arbor and make the necessary payment. Don't forget the coach will be leaving at 8am and we would like the children to arrive in school between 7:30 and 7:45 am. If you do have any questions please call or email school and ask for Mr Griffiths.

Sport Update.

The **Dingle Netball Teams** have been in action over the last few weeks. All the children who attended practice have played for the school. Both the A and B teams are doing well. The A Team remain unbeaten and the B team are holding their own against the other schools in Sandbach. The A team will also be playing in the finals in Congleton later this term. Well done to both teams.

Following on from the World Indoor Athletics this weekend, the very prestigious Cheshire County **Indoor Athletics Finals** in Ellesmere Port are taking place on Monday 11th, next week. The team has been picked, training almost completed and the children are tapering their training programme ready for their explosive efforts next week, when they compete against the other 6 best schools in the county. Again, this is an early start so please could the children be in school for 7:55am. They need to bring their packed lunch, a snack and drinks.

Love Music Trust Performances next week.

Our Choir and Band will be performing in the Love Music Trust's annual music competition on Monday 11th March from 5:30pm at Sandbach School. Please ensure your child arrives for 5:30pm to meet up with the rest of the children and prepare for their performance. Miss Hadzik and Mrs Levy will be there from 5:30pm. The event is expected to finish shortly after 7pm, however you are welcome to take your child earlier, after their performance.

Supporting Down Syndrome Cheshire Charity

Each year we support the Cheshire Down Syndrome charity by offering for sale gingerbread sock biscuits to the children. The cost of a sock is £1 and there are enough for every child to have one. We will sell them at break time until we are sold out. If your child wants one, then please send them in with a pound. I can vouch for them being very tasty.

Parents Evening

It was great to welcome you all into school this week to meet with teachers and to see some of your children's work. While walking round it was lovely to see parents looking surprised and impressed with the progress their child was making. We are very lucky to be able to share this with the children every day and praise them for their efforts. It was a pleasure to see so many of you doing the same. I heard the word 'proud' used many times!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Cox





Dates for the Diary

March

- 8th Reception Class Vision and Hearing checks- no parents needed.
- 11th £1 for gingerbread man for Down Syndrome Charity.
- 11th Love Music Trust Choir and Band Competition
- 11th Indoor Athletics County Finals- Ellesmere Port
- 22nd Year 6 to Imperial War Museum, Salford
- 26th Drama Club performances – tickets available at the office
- 27th Year 1 trip to Manchester Airport
- 28th School closes normal times for Easter

April

- 15th School reopens to parents
- 17th -19th Year 5 Residential to Wales

May

- 3rd INSET day School closed
- 13th Year 6 SATS – all week.
- 23rd Sports Day Juniors AM; Infants PM
- 24th School closes normal time for Spring Half Term

June

- 3rd School reopens normal times.
- WC 3rd Year 4 National Tables Tests Assessment Week (compulsory for all year 4)
- WC 10th Year 1 Phonics Assessment week (compulsory for all Year 1 and Y2 resits)
- 12th Year 3 visit to Tatton Park
- 25th and 26th Year 6 Transiiton to Sandbach high schools
- 28th Year 2 Trip to Blue Planet, Chester

July

- 2nd Reception Class Sept 24 meeting for parents
- 10th Summer Music Concert
- 12th Parents and Grandparents afternoon and summer fair
- 17th Year 6 Leavers' performance to parents
- 19th Last day of summer term