

13th February 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

A HUGE well done to all in Goodall and Anning classes. Your assembly was absolutely brilliant. We loved the drama, drawings, stories, dance, gym and singing with instruments. You've settled into Juniors so well and are all working really hard being the best you can be. Thank you grown-ups for all your ongoing support.

Sharman and Turing Classes impressed us all during their **Science Fair** organised by the year 4 team and fantastically supported by parents. Year 4 children, through their experiments and presentations, educated all the classes as they visited their fair during the day. Fantastic. Thank you for your huge support with this project and for coming in to see their stalls.



Public Speaking

The trophies and certificates are ready! Children will begin to present their research from Tuesday 26th February. If your child is expecting to bring a particularly precious item or live creature to school, please have a chat with the teachers to

arrange a good time. These are best brought in by a responsible adult near the end of the day. Just a reminder that this year children can submit a poem instead / in addition to a research project.

Brookfield Community School invite you to attend their production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast. The Box office is 01246 565828 5th to 9th March 2019

PFA Winter Warmer

Do pop in and join us for a drink and a treat from 2.30pm on Friday 15th February. If you can send buns, cakes or biscuits in on the Friday morning, the PFA would be very grateful. The sculpture by the children and Jason Heppenstall will be on display for you to enjoy too. [NO DANCE CLUB 15.02.2019](#)

Parent Governor

After the break, we will be inviting you to consider becoming a parent governor. Governors have identified that estate management, change management, safeguarding and special educational needs and disabilities will become skills shortages as existing governors end their term of office. Please would you consider becoming a parent governor if you have knowledge, skills or experience in these areas.

THE BBC 500 WORDS COMPETITION – If children would like to submit an entry they must do so by 7pm on Friday 8th March. '500 Words' is the UK's most successful short story-writing competition for children between the ages of 5 and 13. All entrants must write their own, original story, no more than 500 words in length, and submit it online. It can be about ANYTHING you want – space-ships, animals, insects, microwaves. The list is endless! There are many prizes to be won such as winning Chris Evans' height in books, winning 500 books for school and even having your story read aloud on BBC Radio 2. For more information, simply type '500 words' into google. The website is full of videos and advice for writing wonderful and simply fantastic stories. Have fun being creative!



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Everyone Active in the Holidays

Here's a few ideas of how you may keep active this half term break.

Queen's Park Chesterfield - <https://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure/kids-and-youngpeople/holiday-activities-and-kids-club/holiday-activities-at-queens-park-sports-centre.aspx>

Queen's Park have a fun packed programme throughout the school holidays to keep children busy. Activities run over a half or full day and include Survival Squaddies, Team Games, Rounders and Kwik Cricket, Gymnastics & Trampolining plus many more.

EIS Sheffield - <https://www.siv.org.uk/page/mulit-sports-holiday-camps>

EIS Sheffield offer a variety of sports with different morning and afternoon activities each day. An opportunity to try out even more sports! Activities include Trampoline, Football, Hockey, Quick Cricket, Badminton, Rounders, Table Tennis, Dodgeball, Frisbee, Basketball, Short Tennis and Volleyball. Athletics holiday camps cover a range of athletics disciplines including sprinting, long distance running, long jump, javelin and high jump.

School Councillors are leading **The BIG battery Hunt.**

Did you know?

- > It takes at least 100 years for a battery to decompose
- > The UK has one of the lowest battery recycling rates in the EU, as we throw away over 600 million batteries a year (source: Recycle More).

Recycling is a great way to help protect the environment.

Each battery placed in a recycling bin will be taken apart and the materials will be used to make something new, rather than the fragments of toxic metals draining from landfill sites into water sources.

Councillors invite you to put any used batteries into a collection box that is going to be sent home with children wishing to take part. Once you think you've found them all, children can empty their box into our school recycling collection. We'll keep you up to date with texts regarding our overall tally.

World Book Day – As part of the build up to WBD we have invited author Jennifer Killick in to lead assembly and some workshops. It is sure to be an inspirational day. This is funded through the PFA, thank you. Letters have been sent home regarding the purchasing of a signed book which is completely optional. During WBD week staff will be reading extracts of their own favourite childhood books which you can see on display by the library during parent consultations.

Parent Consultations – These are due to take place during the week beginning March 18th. Letters will be sent home soon. Please do call in and see how your child is progressing. If you have any immediate or urgent concerns do come in at the earliest convenience.

Chesterfield in Bloom 2019 Art Competition Years 3 to 6: Super Heroes – a character or scene given a floral twist. Some children may complete an entry at school. Children may also like to do one at home. Please submit your pictures/drawings on a portrait sheet of A3 paper to the school office by Friday 5th April (just ask if you need paper). Please state the name of the pupil, school name and contact number clearly on the back of each entry. The top five designs in each age group will be taken forward by Chesterfield in Bloom and used to promote Chesterfield in Bloom 2019. There will be first, second and third prizes for each age group - comprising of gift vouchers and certificates plus an opportunity to see your banner being produced and attend the awards celebration event.

Just a reminder that 25th February 2019 is a training day and school is closed for children.

Best wishes, Catherine Holmes

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