

18<sup>th</sup> March 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic couple of weeks we've had. Thank you so much to all the children who came in non-uniform, in red, to support Comic Relief. The whole school dance was 'liked' by Claudia Winkleman! Well done everyone. You also were fabulous on World Book Day. We loved looking at your character outfits and favourite stories. Children say they enjoyed the author visit – Jennifer Killick has inspired many of them to write some wonderful stories.

Both Year three classes and a group of Year 5 and 6 children attended the Chesterfield Primary Dance Platform at the Winding Wheel on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. You were all brilliant. All the children showed how determined they are – one of our school values. We hope you had a lot of fun too.

### **Parent Consultations**

These are taking place from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Miss Lenthall is now back in school and has sent letters home to children in Mandela Class. If you have not yet received an appointment, please do get in touch. There is no STEM Club this Monday. Jumping Clay and After School Study Support Groups will be on as usual.

### **Sporting and Physical Activity Update**

#### **Year 3 Bikeability**

If you gave permission for your child to participate, your child will have been allocated a group and a day this week. Thank you for bringing bikes in from today – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Children will only need their bike for their allocated day and we will text you any updates for clarification. The original information letter has all the details. It may be more comfortable if your child has a coat and gloves and they must have a helmet (although the Wheely Fun Wheels qualified instructors will have some spare ones). Level 1 training is just the start so I hope the children really enjoy their sessions.

#### **Athletics**

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Our Beaver Team (Twenty-Two) has progressed to the Chesterfield Plate Final which is at Queens Park Sport Centre. Parents and carers asked to collect at 5.30pm from the venue.

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Our Badgers Team has progressed to County Finals. This is at Derby University during the school day. Twenty-One children will participate representing Chesterfield – Good luck everyone.

#### **High 5 Netball Festival – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Thirty year 4 children will be taking part in this festival held at Parkside Secondary School. Parents and carers asked to collect at 5.30pm from the venue.

#### **Chesterfield Golf Club**

CGC are in school working with Year 5 and then Year 4 for a few sessions before signposting them to the local club. Please ensure your children have PE kit fit for all weathers to ensure they make the most of these sessions.

### **Parents and Friends Association**

Please be advised that the meeting that was due to take place has been cancelled and rearranged for Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in the staff room. The agenda is initially for the PFA of the Juniors 9am to 9.30am to make arrangements for the disco and followed by initial plans for the events later in the year.

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On **Thursday 21st March children are invited to come in non-uniform** in return for a donation for our spring raffle. Please send any raffle donations – chocolates or 'smellies' for example – to the front of the hall on the morning.

**PFA DISCO** this is on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> after school until 5pm. Tickets are now on sale at £2.50 and include a hot dog and drink. Children are asked to bring a change of clothes for the disco to school and some pocket money if they would like to go to the tuck shop or have a transfer during the disco. Please collect from 5pm entering through the main door and leaving through the hall and long corridor.

### **Public Speaking Final**

It is nearly here! We've had animals, photographs, props and so many wonderful presentations. Children you are all winners. We've learned so much. Thank you all for your enormous support. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March is the final when we welcome the Rotary as our independent judges. Best wishes to all our finalists – more than anything enjoy the experience. The event is just for children and staff at school.

### **Year 4 and 5 Visits**

#### **Year 4 Trip to Kelham Island**

This is on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Children are asked to come in warm, non-uniform clothes with waterproof coat. Please be in school by 9am with a packed lunch and drink. The coach is expected to return by 3.25pm.

#### **Year 5 Trips**

Shakespeare Class, you have two days in a row. On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March you will be going to Eden Camp followed by a local Tower trip on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Mandela, your Tower trip is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

**Eden Camp Year 5 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Please arrive promptly at 8am in uniform with a waterproof coat. You are welcome to bring £3 to spend if there is time to go to the shop. The coach is expected to return at 5.30pm.

**Towers** – Please arrive by 8.50am for a prompt setting off time of 9am. Children are asked to come in uniform and they will be back in school for 3.25pm.

For all these trips a packed lunch is required. If your child has free school meals and you would like us to provide one, please would you get in touch as soon as possible to let us know. We must be informed before the day of the trip and preferably when you are made aware of the trip.

### **Additional dates for your diary:**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April Year 3 Fun to Run Event

This is an intra school event in school time with all children taking part. Following it, 10 children will represent the school in the Cross Country Event at Holmebrook Valley Park.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April Year 5 Assembly 9.15am – parents and carers welcome (approx. 35mins).

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April Easter Service with Reverend Harris at school 9.30am – children only.

As you can see, it is a very busy time and I thank the staff and yourselves for ensuring our children are as best prepared as possible.

Best wishes, Catherine Holmes

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