

25th March 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our visitors from Chesterfield Rotary were greatly impressed by the standard of our Public Speakers during the final on Friday. They spoke to the children highlighting how courageous they had been and how confident and clear their presentations had been. They were amazed by the thought children had given, props they had used, and the use of computers too. I can't express to you enough how brave the finalists need to be. The hall is so full with all our children, staff and the panel sitting at tables at the back. The talks were informative, funny and moving. We're all so proud of you all.

Everyone who took part will be given a certificate and our finalists have taken home a trophy. Thank you once again for all your support. Our guest judges issued some extra break as the audience had listened so respectfully throughout the afternoon!



### **Derbyshire Local Authority Link Adviser Visit**

On Wednesday 20th March our Link Adviser visited school and spent time in all the classrooms before spending time with senior leaders in school. Her full report will be with us soon but I'd like you to know that she was pleased with the quality of teaching and learning that she saw. Children were showing their values brilliantly – being respectful, determined and responsible in particular. Many volunteered their individual learning goals and achievements in their learning. She saw peer coaching where children were collaborating fantastically. She also saw how we are using mathematical equipment to help children move between concrete learning and abstract methods such as short and long division. Many children spoke about their learning challenges and the whole class reading books that they have shared. She noted the wider curriculum that we have always championed, currently including science week events, the Public Speaking Competition, community artwork, digital literacy and music which she always compliments.

Here are a few reminders and updates...

### **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.

*In partnership with parents, the whole school will deliver excellence at all levels with a clear mission to...  
be SAFE, SMILE and SUCCEED.*

*Kindness – Honesty – Determination – Respect – Responsibility*

## **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.

**Chesterfield Golf** are in working with Year Four on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

**County Final** for Sportshall Athletics in on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Please come to school in sports clothes and see Miss Lenthall regarding Brockwell Team kits.

**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.

**EASTER RAFFLE** Some of our attention will now focus on Easter celebrations and service. Raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle are now on sale at breaktimes and after school. They are £1 per strip or 25p each available from the office. We do note names of the tickets held in school so don't worry too much if your child appears to have lost their ticket by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April when we will do the draw.

We have a PFA meeting this Friday at 9am in the staff room. Please come along if you can.

Just to clarify...

Year 5 Assembly is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 9.15am. No tickets are issued but parents and carers are very welcome to join us for approximately 35 minutes.

Best wishes, Catherine Holmes