

# March and April Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carers,

Hopefully Spring and warmer weather is just around the corner and we can put Winter behind us and spend more time outside. I would like to thank you all for your support for the many activities the children have supported at a time when funds are short.

David Hall

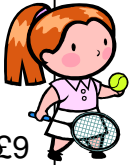
## PE days:

We are having a bit of a problem with children not having their PE kit in school on the right day.

As a reminder for you, PE days are:

Mr Tee – Tue & Fri	Mr Harton – Mon & Thur
Mrs Neale – Tue & Thur	Mrs Chappell – Tue & Thur
Miss Mortlock – Mon & Tue	Mrs Pearson – Wed & Fri
Mrs Fox – Mon & Tue	Mrs Price – Tue & Fri

As the weather is improving, it is a good idea to have PE kits in school every day and take them home for washing at half term. PE kits are available from the school office for £9



**To encourage everyone to cycle, we have joined the Big Pedal.** The Big Pedal is a FREE national cycle-to-school race taking place **Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March**. To help the school win the race we need as many children (and adults) to cycle to school each day. We will count the journeys made each day and there are some great prizes to be won. More information on [www.bigpedal.org.uk](http://www.bigpedal.org.uk) We are using this to launch a series of cycling events for children and families.

## Parents evenings:

This is a great time to find out how well your child is progressing and to look at some of the work they have done. We are trying to get 100% attendance this term on 25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March 3:30 – 6:00pm. If those dates/times are not convenient, please contact the class teacher to arrange another time.

## Red nose day March 15<sup>th</sup>

We are having a non-uniform day with the theme of 'Silly hair'. The children can do something silly to their hair or wear a funny wig. We are aiming for a £1 donation to the charity. We are also selling Red Noses in reception for a £1 each. On the Friday afternoon we are looking for good, suitable and funny jokes that the children can tell on our stage. A prize will be given for the funniest.

## School lunches:

Responding to feedback from parents and children we have worked with Chartwells, the lunch provider, to revamp our lunches. The children now have more choice and can mix & match the food on offer. It has proved to be more popular than before. If you would like your child to try a school dinner, they are £2.10 and there is no obligation to carry on. We are also running a 'Come dine with me' project where a parent can eat with their child/ren. The adult meal will cost £2.10, compared to the normal adult price of £4.10, and we are doing Y5&6 on Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March and Y3&4 on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Please let us know by 12<sup>th</sup> March.

## Football team:

Our football team is doing very well this year. They have already won their local 5 a-side league which took them to the Area Finals. They won this tournament and will now go on to



play in the Regional Finals at Leicester City Training Academy with the prospect of the National Finals at Wembley. They are also the NPOWER Kids Cup Club Final Winners. We are very proud of them and congratulate them on their success. A big thank you to the team coaches, Mr Tee & Mr Fairbrother, and the parents who support us.



**Richard Felix:**

We are very lucky to be working with Richard Felix (from Most Haunted TV programme) on a local history project. He is coming in to speak to the children on 3 occasions and is giving the Y5 & 6 children 2 guided tours of Derby. This fits very well with our topic on how Derby has changed and he has told us that parents are very welcome to come and listen to his talks. The next talk is on Thur 21<sup>st</sup> March at 1:30pm on Derby in the Middle ages (Tudors & Stuarts) this will be followed by a talk on Thur 25<sup>th</sup> April at 1:30pm taking the history of Derby up to the 1950s. We hope to generate interest in our fascinating city and involve the local media and the Mayor.

**Easter Service:**



This year we are holding our Easter Service at St Barnabas Church on Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00am. Y3 & 4 children will be doing a short part of the service. All parents are welcome to join us.

**Book week - w/c 15<sup>th</sup> April:**

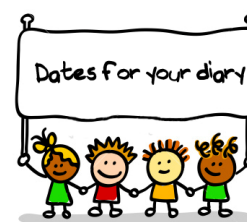
We are having a book week during the first week back after Easter. We have planned some book-based activities for the children including a Book Fair and the visit of a poet, Andy Tooze. We will also be holding workshops for parents to share good ideas for helping children to read. We hope many parents will help us show the children that reading is a valuable skill and, just as important, FUN!

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**Dates for your diary.....**

Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>RED NOSE DAY</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 3/4 to Sea Life Centre
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 / 4 'Come Dine with me'
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5/6 'Come Dine with me'
25 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evenings
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for the Easter break
W/C 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Book Week activities and books on sale in the hall
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Children back at school
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week for Y6
W/C 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Art week
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Break for half-term
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET day
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Children back at school
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out to parents
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports morning
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers assembly at 1:30 pm
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Children break for the Summer
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Training days for staff (INSET)
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Training day for staff (INSET)
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Children return to school for Autumn term



**A reminder: The school bell goes at 8:55am. If your child arrives at 9:00, they are late!**

