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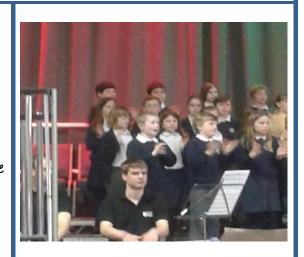
March has been an incredibly busy month, with visitors, visits, performances and Book Week. It always makes me very proud to see how well the children cope in different situations and how they are praised by adults that have not met them before for their enthusiasm and engagement.

I hope over the Easter break you will get an opportunity for some much deserved rest and relaxation as April and May will continue to be busy and full of exciting learning. The children have great plans for the wildlife garden and our new whole school topic will have us travelling the world!!!

Kind regards, Mrs Puszczynska.

Young voices

On Sunday 13th March a group of KS2 children met at the Riverside Conference Centre and joined 4 other schools from across the city and county to form a massed choir. They performed the 5 songs they had been practising since half term. Myself, Miss Bennett and their parents were all incredibly proud of their efforts. The children also enjoyed a stunning performance by the City and County Youth Woodwind Orchestra who were accompanied by an accomplished soprano singer.





A lot of people don't claim free school meals even though they're entitled. That's why Derbyshire County Council has launched a campaign to encourage people to check if they're eligible.

You could save £400 a year for each child and the school will benefit too – they'll get the pupil premium of £1,300 a year from the government for each child on free school meals.

Further information: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Arboretum School Visit

On Friday 18th March the school played host to 30 children from Arboretum School. Rhino's class had organised a 'treasure hunt' around the village and even though it was quite nippy the children enjoyed a visit to the church and also met a range of animals at the farm. A highlight for most was feeding the lambs and meeting the piglets.



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St. Wilfrid's Church Organ

On the 1st March the children in Rhino's visited St.Wilfrid's to complete a series of workshops about the newly refurbished organ. They were treated to a range of musical performances that showed off the versatility of this marvellous instrument.

Following this a group of KS2 children were involved in the rededication of the church organ at St. Wilfrid's. The children demonstrated how an organ worked and spoke with confidence about the science behind sound, vibrations and the size of organ pipes. They also showed the large scale model of an organ which had been made by the class and the sound pipes that had been decorated.

PTA News:

Many thanks to the PTA for supporting our trip to see 'Gangsta Granny' at the Theatre Royal Nottingham. It was a fabulous trip and I am sure all the children had a memorable visit. Their behaviour was impeccable. The 'trumpy' granny and disco dancing queen were particular highlights!



Bonus Ball Winners:

05.03.16 - No. 47 Jo Czechowski 12.03.16 - No. 1 Helen Hartshorne 19.03.16 - No. 22 Tricia Stubbs

If you wish to join the Bonus Ball club please see Mrs Pepper in the office or Mrs Hartshorne.

Next PTA Meeting: Thursday 5th May. 7pm at school.

Swimming Rota:

| Date | Helper | |
|------------------------|----------------|--|
| 21 st April | Mrs Breen | |
| 5 th May | Mrs Czechowski | |
| 12 th May | Miss Wood | |
| 19 th May | Ms Crosby- | |
| | Richards | |
| 26 th May | Mrs Hartshorne | |
| 9 th June | Mrs O'Brien | |
| 16 th June | Mrs Breen | |
| 23 rd June | Mrs Czechowski | |
| 30 th June | Miss Wood | |
| 7 th July | Mrs Hartshorne | |

Book Week Competition Winners

Well done to all our extreme readers
Winners: Luke (KS2)
Adalie (KS1)
Congratulations to our poster winners:
Jake (KS2)
Emily-Rose (KS1)

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We are currently looking for a part-time midday supervisor to join our team. If you are interested please talk to Mrs Pepper or Mrs Puszczynska

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Book Week Dress Up Day. What a colourful bunch!









Stars of the Term

For being great role models and having a positive impact on others.

Meerkats - Emily-Rose and Daniel C

Tigers - Grace M and Maisie

Rhinos - Tom and Georgina

Extra-Curricular Clubs in School.

| Monday | Monday Club | All years | 3.20pm- 4.20pm |
|-----------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Tuesday | SATs Club | Year 6 | 12.30pm-1pm |
| Wednesday | Recorders | All years | 12.30pm-1pm |
| | Sewing | KS2 | 12.30pm-1pm |
| | Sports Club (Fencing) | KS1 | 3.20-4.20pm |
| Friday | Lego Club | Rhinos/Tigers | 12.30pm-1pm |
| | Drama club | KS1 | 12.30-1pm |



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| Date | Event | |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Monday 11 th April | SCHOOL REOPENS | |
| Tues 12th April | Autism Awareness workshop Rhinos/Tigers. | |
| Fri 15 th April | 9am - Coffee morning for JDRF | |
| Tues 19th April | Rec, Y3, Y4 and Y5 Parents' Evening (details to follow) | |
| Thurs 21st April | Y3,Y4, Y5, Y6 Swimming- Mrs Breen | |
| Tues 26th April | 8.45 → School Photos | |
| · | FGB meeting 7pm | |
| Fri 29 th April | Y2, Y3, Y4 'Camp out' at school. (7pm - 10am 30 th April) | |
| Mon 2 nd May | BANK HOLIDAY | |
| Thurs 5 th May | Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 Swimming - Mrs Czechowski | |
| | 7pm PTA Meeting at school | |
| Mon 9 th May - | Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6) | |
| Thurs 12 th May | | |
| Thurs 12 th May | Y3, Y4, Y5 swimming - Miss Wood | |
| w/c Mon 16 th May | Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2) | |
| Thurs 19 th May | Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 Swimming - Ms Crosby-Richards | |
| Thurs 26 th May | Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 swimming - Mrs Hartshorne | |
| Fri 27 th May | 9am Celebration Assembly | |
| | BREAK UP | |
| Mon 6 th June | SCHOOL REOPENS | |
| Tues 7 th June | Queen's 90 th Birthday Celebration Picnic (TBC) | |
| w/c 13 th June | Year 1 Phonics Screening week | |
| Tues 28 th June | Sports Morning, picnic lunch and activity afternoon | |
| Thurs 30 th June | 2pm- New Reception intake visit (1) | |
| Tues 5 th July | Y6 - John Port Transition Day | |
| | 2pm - New Reception intake visit (2) | |
| Wed 6 th July | Y6 - John Port Transition Day | |
| | Whole school transition morning (new classes) | |
| Tues 12th July | 11am-1pm New Reception intake visit (3) | |
| Fri 15 th July | 9am - Celebration assembly followed by open morning in | |
| | school for parents. | |
| Fri 22 nd July | 2.30pm - Leavers assembly | |
| | BREAK UP | |