

Diary Dates

Fri 28/02/20 Reception and Year 6 Height and Measurement check

Year 4 Science Event in school Fri 28/02/20

Tues 3/3/20 Class Dakin/Beckett assembly 9.10-9.30am

Thurs 5/3/20 World Book Day

Thurs 5/3/20 Class Kendall assembly 9.10-9.30pm

Fri 6/3/20 'Yellow Day' non uniform charity donation

Friday 13/3/20 Sport Relief

Thurs 12/3/20 Class Strike assembly 9.10-9.30am

Tues 17/3/20 Class Daniels/Conidi assembly 9.10-9.30am

Wed 18/3/20 Key Stage 2 Merchant of Venice Performance

Dear Parents

Welcome back after the half term break, we hope you had an enjoyable week. We are looking forward to a busy half term which includes several key events. Please remember to use the school website as a source of information as we try to make sure it is always up to date with current dates and the topics the children are covering in class.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

To celebrate World Book Day this year children will be involved in a range of book related activities in school including a paired read with an older/ younger child. We are not asking children to dress up this year. In addition on Wednesday 29th April we will be inviting parents in at the end of the day to visit the reading café.

Science Fortnight

A huge thank you to everyone who completed the 'Science Family Homework' project about the Olympics. The children brought in some amazing work which was shared in assembly and after school. A selection of the work has been displayed in the entrance hall.

Lateness and Attendance



As a school it is our duty to ensure that attendance is good and we are legally obliged to tackle families where attendance drops below 90%. This is the percentage which is now classed as a 'persistent absentee'. Currently, we have 88 pupils who fall into that category. We are aware that sickness levels have been particularly high but we are still receiving large numbers of requests for holidays during term time. We are not able to authorise these and we are now referring any holidays taken in term time to the EWO for a fixed penalty notice. Please support us with this issue and ensure children attend whenever possible. Please try and encourage your children to be punctual. The register closes at 9.05am and after that children receive a late mark. Well done to the winners of our attendance lottery, enjoy spending your vouchers.

Thurs 19/3/20 Class
Westwood assembly 9.10-
9.30am

Thurs 19/3/20 Rock Steady
Concert 2.45pm

Friday 20/3/20 Mother's
Day Event in school

Tues 24/3/20 Class Sewell/
Chamberlain assembly 9.10-
9.30am

Wed 25/3/20 Year 4 The
Great Orchestra Experiment

Thurs 26/3/20 Parent's
Evening 3.30 – 6pm

Week beg. 30/3/20
Shakespeare Week 'The
Merchant of Venice' – whole
school

Mon 30/3/20 Class Sewell/
Chamberlain Parent's
Evening 3.30-6pm

Tues 31/3/20 Parent's
Evening 3.30 – 6pm

Thurs 2/4/20 F1 Easter
Bonnet Parade and Concert
time 10am

Fri 3/4/20 Break up for
Easter Holiday
Mon 20/4/20 Return to
school

Parents Evenings

We are almost half way through the school year and the children will be completing different assessments in reading, writing and maths. These help to inform us about their progress and areas of strength or weakness. We use this information to ensure that all children are making good progress and we identify any additional support that might be needed. We will discuss your individual child at Parent's Evening. There are two dates Thursday 26th March and Tuesday 31st March. Appointment times usually run from 3.30pm to 5.50pm and are for a 10 minute slot. If you feel you need longer than this to discuss a particular issue please let your child's teacher know in advance and they will try and make an alternative arrangement. You will be able to request appointments from Wednesday 11th March. We expect all parents to support their children by attending these meetings. Mrs Gregg will be available in the hall to talk to parents.

Coronavirus

The risk of coronavirus is currently very low. Advice to schools is children should attend as normal. The best prevention is by regular and careful handwashing with soap and hot water when you arrive home and before eating. Also to use a tissue if you sneeze then bin this and wash your hands. See gov.uk/coronavirus for more information.

Shakespeare Week

As many of you will be aware we are a Lead School for the Royal Shakespeare Company. This means that our staff have received amazing training opportunities with members of the RSC. The teaching techniques have been shared with all teachers and we are looking forward to our whole school event which will focus on The Merchant of Venice. The themes running through this play are as relevant today as they were when it was written over 400 years ago. The children will have an opportunity to unpick the text and look at the key themes such as friendship, love, money, true wealth, exclusion, hatred and justice. By the end of the work they will understand that actions always have consequences. All children in school will be involved and work will be at an age appropriate level. Key Stage 2 children will be watching a live performance of the play in school.

Stranger in the bedroom

Would you invite a stranger to spend the night in your child's bedroom? Of course not. Yet if children have a phone or tablet with internet access they can literally make contact with anyone. Online abusers actively target children through gaming sites pretending to be other children. Please talk to your children and monitor their online activity

Governors

We currently have one place available for a parent governor. We are seeking someone who has a backgrounds/skills in HR and finance. If you are interested in being a governor please call in at the school office and speak to Esther Horsley who will be able



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to explain the role and expectations in more detail. If we have more than one nomination there will be an election.

Unwanted toys or games

Thank you so much to parents who have kindly donated toys and games which their children no longer use. We are always grateful to receive these items as they are frequently used during wet playtimes and lunchtimes. We are particularly keen to receive any unwanted dinosaurs, dolls, cars, lego etc. Please bring these items to the school office and we will ensure they are put to good use.

'Yellow Day'

In school we currently have a pupil who has Portal Hypertension, this is a serious and uncommon liver disease in children. On Friday 6th March the family have asked if we would raise awareness of the work that is being done by The European Society for Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (ESPGHAN) to support children and their families with liver disease. As a school we will be celebrating 'Big Yellow Friday' by asking the children and staff to wear non uniform which includes something yellow (or similar colour). In return we would ask that children bring in a small donation towards this charity. Thank you for your support.

Sports Relief

As we are fundraising for 'Yellow Day' we are not asking donations but we will be selling wristbands for Sports Relief. We will also be running and seeing how many miles we can complete as a school. Children must still wear school uniform for this day.

Year 6 Production

This year the Year 6 children are performing 'Oliver' as the end of year show. We are hoping that parent's may be able to help us with some of the costumes. If you have any of the following items which you no longer need we would be delighted to receive them.

- Old boy's trousers age 10 – 12 years – black, brown or grey
- Boy's waistcoats age 10 -12 years any colours
- Grandad or old shirt
- Flat caps or 'floppy Victorian caps'
- Old dresses – frilly, lacy, denim patchwork etc
- Old shawls (crochet), neck ties etc

Parking

We continue to ask parents to park carefully and respectfully around the local area. Our key concern is for the children's safety. Before the half term break a parent was hit by a car as they brought their child to school. They were unhurt but it may have been a different outcome if the car had hit the child. The school council are currently working with Nottingham City Council and looking at ways to improve certain aspects of the local community and one of the key areas is around road safety and parking. We will keep you informed about this project.



No Markeaton Trip

Sadly we have decided not to continue with the family Markeaton Park trip that we have traditionally had on the last day of the year. It has become busier and busier each year as other schools have already finished and we had quite a few safety concerns. Instead we will plan a fun event in school for the end of the year.

Important dates

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Monday 30th March – Friday 3rd April Shakespeare Week The Merchant of Venice

Thursday 2nd April F1 Easter Bonnet Parade

Friday 3rd April Last day of school - Easter Break

Monday 20th April Return to school

Tuesday 21st April Belton/Waite Class assembly

Thursday 7th May VE Day Community Whole School Event pm

Friday 8th May Bank Holiday School closed

Throughout May Year 2 SAT tests and assessments

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May Year 6 SATS

Friday 22nd May Last day of school

Monday 1st June School Begins

Friday 5th June Class photographs

Tuesday 16th June Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day 1.30pm

17th -19th June Beaumanor residential Year 6

Wednesday 17th June Year 1,2 and Foundation 2 Sports Day 1.45pm

Monday 22nd June INSET day school closed

Thursday 2nd July Transition Day in New Class

Thursday 16th July Summer Concert 6pm