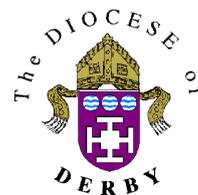




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Newsletter

15th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are always looking to enrich children's experiences and learning, and it is lovely to reflect on what we have been able to provide as a school since the start of term, beyond the scope of regular lessons:

Year 5 had a visit from a Viking warrior; puppets came to Collective Worship; Year 1 and 2 performed in a singing project with the Derbyshire Music Hub; Y5 pupils trained as mini-leaders and started running lunchtime activity clubs for younger children; we held our 3rd book swap; Years 3 and 4 participated in a handball and dodgeball festival at Queen's Park; Class 4 visited the National Justice Museum; Chesterfield FC trust delivered an assembly on plastic pollution in the oceans; Reception children went to Queen's Park for an "Early Racer" event; Year 6 had a visit from the leading UK Maya archaeologist; Premier Sport delivered an assembly on gymnastics; we held a great PTFA Bingo Night; we marked Safer Internet Day with some thought-provoking activities; a Rock musician blew us away with a live performance in assembly; Defeye Creative came and talked to us about the job of a graphic designer, as the first in a series of World of Work presentations.....

....Parents and carers have been invited to share in our learning: at topic showcases; the Year 1&2 singing performance; Nursery "Stay and Play"; Reception phonics and maths sessions; and the "Bedtime Story Day".

And that's just in January and February!

I hope that you agree that we are working hard to give your children a fantastic, broad and exciting Primary School experience. My thanks to all the staff who make it possible.

Have a lovely half term holiday.

Kind regards,
Daniel Sumner

Year 1 and 2 children have participated in a fantastic music project, this term, which culminated in a joint performance with Temple Normanton pupils on 12th February. Sessions in school were led by Debbie Castles, a professional musician from the Derbyshire Music Hub, and supported by our own very talented and motivated staff. The children sounded fantastic, and we could really see their skills developing through the project. Most importantly, they had a great time singing together. Well done, everyone!

A professional coach from Chesterfield Lawn Tennis Club came in, on Tuesday 12th February, to work with all our children from Reception to Year 3. It was a real treat, and we are hoping to get them back to do some more coaching and an after-school club in the summer term. Watch this space!

On Tuesday 26th February (straight after half term), all children involved in the Scouting and Guiding movements are invited to come to school in their uniform to mark Founder's Day and World Thinking Day, which falls during half term. Mrs Oldale will lead a special assembly to celebrate the occasion, which commemorates the birthday of Robert Baden-Powell.

Year 3 children have been tasting bread, linking healthy eating in science with food technology. They will be baking after half term!



Year 5 have had fun making authentic wooden Viking Longboats in Design and Technology lessons. The children have been very responsible and careful in their use of saws and other equipment, and their boats are looking fantastic already. Well done, Year 5!



Our Reception and Nursery children had a lovely "**Bedtime Story Day**" on Wednesday 13th February. They dressed in pyjamas, read stories through the day, and did lots of related activities to celebrate the joy of reading and story telling.

Thank you to the PTFA committee for organising another fab **Bingo Night** on 6th February. We hope that everyone had a great time! As with all our PTFA events, the money raised goes towards providing enrichment opportunities for our children beyond the scope of the regular curriculum.

Mighty Maths week was a great success, boosting children's arithmetic skills and providing an extra layer of fun motivation for them to practise especially hard. Congratulations to the Tigers for winning the house competition element of the week.

Dr Davies, Britain's most prominent archaeologist specialising in the Maya, came to deliver a fascinating workshop for our Year 6 pupils on 1st February. She brought lots of artefacts for us to look at and handle, and taught us a huge amount about the Maya civilization. She also explained the work of an archaeologist and talked about how she studied and worked hard to get to this point against the odds.

When a **Viking warrior** stormed into the hall, at the end of Collective Worship, addressed us all in the Norse language and instructed us to get into battle positions, we were a little surprised! This was a real treat near the start of term, especially for the Year 5 children, who dressed up and had a whole day of workshops and activities as part of their history topic.



Chesterfield Football Club are best known for their skills on the field and their excellent coaching, but they proved equally capable of delivering an important and convincing message about reducing our plastic usage to stop the pollution of our oceans. On behalf of the Premier League, their coaches delivered a great assembly on rescuing the Earth's oceans. As a school, we are committed to reducing, reusing and recycling as much as possible, and we know lots of our pupils feel passionately about this issue.

Clubs will start on the first week back:

Breakfast club – every morning (£3)

R-Y6 Choir – Tuesday, 3:05-4pm

KS1 multi-sports – Wednesday, 3:05-4:15pm (£3)

R-Y6 Gymnastics – Thursday, 7:45-8:45am (£3.75)

KS2 netball – Thursday, 3:05-4pm (£3)

KS2 football – Friday, 3:05-4:15pm (£3)

We are looking into running a science club and some extra athletics and tennis in the summer term – watch this space!



Key Dates:

- 25/02/19 Back to School
- 26/02/19 Founder's Day and World Thinking Day
- 05/03/19 Year 6 Smoking Prevention Workshop
- 06/03/19 Learning Conferences
- 07/03/19 Learning Conferences
- 07/03/19 World Book Day
- 12/03/19 Y5 Dance Festival (Winding Wheel)
- 15/03/19 Y1 and 2 Infant Agility Festival (Hasland)
- 19/03/19 Y3 and 4 Netball Festival (Netherthorpe)
- 26/03/19 Y3 Reading Brunch and showcase
- 27/03/19 Y4 Reading Brunch and showcase
- 28/03/19 Y5 and 6 Reading Brunch and showcase
- 29/03/19 Y1 and 2 Reading Brunch and showcase
- 02/04/19 Reception and Nursery Reading Brunch and showcase
- 10/04/19 Easter Service (St Peter's Church)

- 13/04/19 - 28/04/19 Easter Holidays

- 29/04/19 Back to School