

Forest Fridays – Willow Weaving

We continue to enjoy our weekly visits to the Forest. Please make sure the children have thick coats and gloves as we enter the winter season. Mrs McKay does an excellent job leading our outdoor learning. She visited a school in Alfreton in October to share good practice and receive some additional training in effective outdoor provision. She is very excited to plant some willow at our outdoor classroom and we remain extremely grateful for the parental support which allows our pupils to enjoy Forest Fridays.

Faith Council - Cathedral Trip

Our new faith council and school captains met with me for our first meeting last term. It was lovely to listen to all the ideas the children have for our school and many took the meeting agenda home beforehand and prepared notes for the meeting, which was very impressive to see. Several members of the council have already been tasked with responsibilities such as talking to the younger children about safe use of lunchtime equipment and preparing timetables for collective worship. In mid-November the faith council have the opportunity to join several other schools at Derby Cathedral for a workshop on democracy and the British Parliament.



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Mugginton News

The newsletter of Mugginton C E Primary School

Message from Mr Green

I hope that you all enjoyed a good start to the new academic year and a relaxing half-term. The Autumnal view from our school early in the morning can be quite stunning – I have posted photographic evidence on our Twitter feed.

We are delighted with the children's work in the September term. This is reflected in the high standards in their workbooks and we appreciated the many positive comments we received during our Parents' Evening meetings. We also enjoyed more outdoor learning, the Mugginton Mile and a number of visits from parents, governors and other local residents, such as Dr Windebank. The children benefit hugely from meeting such a range of interesting and professional local people and we are very grateful for the support we receive from our local community.

We have much to look forward to this term. In November we have a five-a-side football tournament, a free visit to the Quad cinema and a trip to the cathedral for a special 'Houses of Parliament' day. We hope to visit a residential home to sing Christmas Carols in early December as the excitement begins. Mrs Tunnicliffe is already hard at work planning the Nativity performance (14th and 15th of December) and we look forward to welcoming our community to our school Christingle Service on December 9th, our Christmas Fayre on December 16th and to our Christmas Service on December 20th.

CWC

The Collective Worship Crew have delivered some super Collective Worship already this term. We believe that speaking in front of an audience is an important skill and activities such as the CWC and our termly church services (which are now very much pupil-planned and pupil-led) offer our children unique opportunities to speak in front of the whole school and in front of adults. We are very proud of the progress they are making.

Governor Entry

Every week the pupils say the Lord's prayer with the memorable line:

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Sins or debts appear for trespasses in different versions of the prayer but in the school context it might be appropriate to use:

"Please deal with our mistakes as we deal with others who have made mistakes."

We all make mistakes and part of life is to make mistakes and, hopefully, learn from them but what defines the ethos of our school is how we deal with those who make mistakes.

We try never to forget that our mission is a determination to help each of our pupils become the best person they can be.

Infant Learning for Term 2

English

Plays, Labels, lists, signs & posters, Stories involving fantasy, Poetry

Maths

Number and place value, Time, Fractions, Weighing & measuring

Science

Everyday materials

Topic

History - Toys

RE

Who is a Christian and what do they believe?

PE

Dance, Gymnastics.

PSHE

Being Safe and Belonging

Music

Nativity Play

French

Greetings

Computing

All about algorithms

Children in Need

We are looking forward to Children in need on Friday 18th of November. This year the theme is 'Making the school spotty'! The children are free to wear non-uniform on the day – preferably something with spots on. We ask for a voluntary donation of £1. All proceeds will go to Children in Need.

FOMs entry

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th November at 7.30pm at Alison Gowdrige's house (Beeches Farm, Mugginton). Everyone is welcome; the more the merrier! We are always looking for more help and any willing volunteers to join the committee, so if you feel that you are able to offer any help, no matter how small, please come along. Over the next few weeks we will need help with the refreshments after the school nativity plays and at the Christmas Fayre.

Christmas will be upon us before we know it, and this year we will once again be selling tickets for a Christmas hamper raffle. Tickets will be on sale at the nativity plays and outside school nearer the time. The tickets will be drawn at the Christmas Fayre on 16th December.

If you need any more information about the meeting or any other FOMs matters, please feel free to chat to me outside school or on 07964 481531.

Beth Wilson
(Jack Wilson's mum)

Trip to the Derby Quad Cinema

We are very excited to sign up to the 2016 In To Film festival. Part of our membership allows us free entry to a selection of children's films. We have booked a visit to see Kiki's Delivery Service (a Japanese anime film, in English!) on the morning of Friday 18th of November.

End of Term Services

Thank you for your continued support of our end-of-term services. We believe strongly that our services – particularly half-term services – should be pupil-planned and pupil-led. Our church services offer the children a unique opportunity to practise speaking in front of an audience and we are proud of how they respond to this challenge. Please share with us any feedback (positive or negative) you have about our church services at a convenient time.

Birthdays this term

Happy Birthday to: Jasmine UM, Archie, Harvey, Oliver O, Elizabeth, EdwardP, Oliver G, McKinley, Huxley, Harry B EmilyG and Lily. all have birthdays this term.



Remembrance Day Poppy Shop

The children have done an excellent job running a playtime and after-school poppy shop. Thank you to all for your kind donations – all the money raised will go straight to the Royal British Legion.

Year 6 Optional SATs Boosters

It was lovely and extremely useful to meet with you all for our first Parents' Evenings of the academic year. We are very fortunate to have parents willing to support us in preparing our children for the year 6 May SATs. Additional SATs booster groups will begin in January 2017, however I am happy to offer early support to any year 6 pupils who would like to begin their SATs preparation this term. I have spoken with the children about this already and stressed that there is no pressure to do so. However, if any year 6 children would like to come into school between 8am and 8.30am to do some additional booster work with me this term, they are welcome to do so. There will be no 'Early Birds' charge for this but it would be very useful to know how many children would like to do early boosters and what days would be convenient.

5-a-Side Football

We are looking forward to more sporting fixtures this year. A five-a-side football tournament has been arranged for the 17th of November. With the help of our new P.E. coach, Liam, we intend to organise school dodgeball and handball tournaments and try to organise fixtures against other schools.

Links with Local Secondary Schools

We continue to build links with our local secondary schools. Rosie Birks, an English teacher at Ecclesbourne, is visiting school on the afternoon of the 18th of November to share ideas and resources for literacy teaching and drama. Additionally, we are excited to visit QEGS on the 2nd of December for a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) morning for our Year 4 and 5 pupils.

Christmas Build Up

It seems incredible, but Christmas 2016 is almost here! We have many festive activities planned including a visit to Emmanuel Church on the 5th of December our Christingle Service on the 9th, a trip to Buxton for the pantomime on the 13th, our Nativity performance on the 14th and 15th, Christmas Fayre on the 16th and Christmas lunch and party on the 19th.

Junior Learning for Term 2

English

Persuasive writing, Sentence level - simile and vocabulary.

Maths

Written methods for 4 number operations, Percentages.

Science

Forces, Magnets, Gravity & Friction

PSHE

Joy/Happiness - Collective worship theme.

RE

Peace, How do different religions view peace?

PE

Swimming (juniors), Dodgeball, Benchball

Spanish

Letter sounds, Animals, Colours

Topic

Ancient Greece (to be continued next term when swimming finishes)

Music

Young Voices preparation

Computing

Slideshow presentations.

Art & Design Technology

Clay sculpture in style of Henry Moore.

Extended School Day

We are continuing to run the popular before-school Early Birds Club from 8am every day and a variety of structured after-school clubs each day until 4.30pm. We have a Cookery club most Thursdays. We strive hard to keep costs for these clubs as low as we can with the average cost being £2.60.

Monday – Dodgeball **FREE** (Subsidised by Sports Premium)

Tuesday – Derby County Football

Wednesday – French

Thursday – Arts and Crafts

Friday - ICT

May we remind parents that our after school clubs finish at 4.30pm and we would ask all parents to ensure that their child/children are collected promptly as staff often have other meetings to attend.

Young Voices

Mrs Jones and the juniors have been hard at work preparing for our January 12th trip to Sheffield Arena for the Young Voices concert. Children are able to purchase Young Voices T-shirts for the concert although this is not compulsory. A letter with more details about the concert will go home shortly.

Dates For This Term

	Swimming-Juniors every Tuesday for 5 weeks
31st Oct	Return to School
1st Nov	HOW in Church
9th Nov	Individual & Family Photo - 1pm
15th Nov	Derby Cathedral - Faith Council
17th Nov	Soccerdome 5-a-side Football 9.30am-2pm
17th Nov	Devizes Collection
18th Nov	Derby Quad - Whole School
29th Nov	Swimming Last Week
2nd Dec	QEGS - Year 4/5 STEM morning
5th Dec	Emmanuel Church - Xmas Activities
9th Dec	Christingle Service 2.30pm Everyone Welcome
13th Dec	Whole School Panto - Snow White - Buxton
14th Dec	Nativity 2pm
15th Dec	Nativity 6pm
16th Dec	Christmas Fayre 2pm
19th Dec	Christmas Lunch - School & Friday Owls Party
20th Dec	End of Term Carol Service 2.30pm in Church - Everyone Welcome

Future Dates

3rd Jan	INSET Day
4th Jan	Children Return to School
12th Jan	Young Voices - Sheffield Motorpoint Arena
10th Feb	End of Term Church Service-2.30pm-Everyone
18th Feb	Children in Need
20th Feb	Return to School
10th Mar	London - Juniors Trip to Houses of Parliament
21st Mar	HOW in Church
24th Mar	Red Nose Day
7th April	End of Term Church Service-2.30pm-Everyone
24th Apr	Return to School
1st May	Bank Holiday
8th May	SAT's Week
23rd May	HOW in Church
26th May	End of Term Church Service-2.30pm-Everyone
5th June	Return to School
21st Jun	Whole School Photo
30th Jun	INSET Day
7th Jul	Reports to Parents
21st July	End of Year Church Service-2.30pm-Everyone