

Science Week

During the week beginning 16th March 2015 we will be focusing on encouraging an enthusiasm for and use of science through provision of curriculum enrichment activities including a visit to Magna on 18th March. More information on this is to follow.

Our church school

We had a lot of activities in the church for the Christmas celebrations.

Our end of term 3 service will be at the usual time of 2.30pm on Friday 6th February.

Recycling

Devizes (Ragtex) will collect any donations on 29th April, so if you have had a clear out after Christmas we would be grateful if you would keep it until then.

We continue to collect mobile phones and Box Top for Books Vouchers found on Nestles cereals.

Postbox

Please try to avoid bringing any mail to the office and use the postbox provided in the entrance hall. All correspondence should be placed in an envelope with your child's name. If you have added any money to the envelope please write the amount and what it is for.

Thank you.



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Mugginton News

The newsletter of Mugginton C E Primary School

Message from Mrs. Moore

It was lovely to see so many of our children's relatives and community members at the many Christmas events we held. Thank you to all of you for your support. May I wish you all a happy and healthy 2015.

We have spent the first two days of the term with the staff of one of our partner schools, Kirk Langley, sharing paediatric first aid training from St John Ambulance staff. I am sure you will agree it is a vital skill for us to have and to keep your children safe, though we are all hoping we won't have to use it too often!

Read to Feed

The school council members were delighted with the amazing funds raised for Read to Feed – our sponsored reading challenge for the autumn term. The £578.74 was enough to buy 2 local cows, a goat and a chicken for poor families in Africa. As we live in a farming community I am sure we can all see huge value in this gift. Thank you so much to all those families and friends who supported our children to help others. Watch out for the reading challenge for the spring term in a few weeks time.

Governor entry - Governor Training J2E

This article is the first in a series that will describe the training Governors receive at their regular meetings.

The Chair attended a Strategic Briefing organised by the Local Authority (LA) in October 2014 and reported the proceedings at the Governor meeting on 15th October 2014.

Several topics were covered including a report on the progress of the Derbyshire

“Journey to Excellence”.

This is a county wide initiative to establish a shared vision that all schools in Derbyshire should be “good” or better (in Ofsted evaluations) by 2017. Ofsted evaluations result in schools being graded as “outstanding”, “good”, “requires improve” and “inadequate” so this is a very lofty goal but one that will benefit all the children in the county. The initiative also has a neat acronym “J2E”.

The county implemented a number a strategies to achieve the goal including:

- Establishing a school improvement forum

- Developing an enhanced school improvement challenge and support model

- Engaging in a peer challenge review and

- Lots of meetings, of course

As of autumn 2014 the initiative certainly seemed to be bearing fruit, at least at primary level:

- EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) outcomes had improved by 12% to be above the national average of 60%

- KS1 (Key Stage 1 – years 1 and 2) outcomes were above the national average

- KS2 (Key Stage 2 – years 3 to 6) outcomes were equal to or above national averages.

Although the picture at secondary schools is not as rosy they should benefit from the continuing determination to raise standards including the allocation of extra funding.

Mugginton has been actively involved in this exercise with Mrs Moore contributing to the school improvement forum and attending meetings while Mr Walton was one of a dozen Chairs of Governors invited to participate in part of the peer challenge review.

We support whole-heartedly any initiative designed to improve standards and we will continue to be part of and benefit from this programme.

Extended School Day

We are continuing to run the popular pre-school Early Birds Club from 8am every day and a variety of structured after-school clubs each day until 4.30pm. We have an RE morning most Tuesdays and 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)

Tuesday – Derby County Football

Wednesday – French

Thursday – Arts and Crafts

Friday - ICT



Birthdays this term

Happy Birthday to: Emily T, Rosie, Abner and Amelia who all have birthdays this term.

Sports

At the end of term 2 we entered our pupils into the Amber Valley School Sports Partnership (AVSSP) standing long jump challenge, where all schools in Amber Valley are invited to take part in a competition in their own school and send the results into AVSSP.

Huge congratulations to Ellie who had the highest junior girls score and Alex G. who had the highest infant boys score.

Junior Learning for Term 3

Literacy

Y3/ Y4

Dialogue & Plays, Poems, Letters

Y5/6

Plays and scripts, Stories from other cultures

Maths

Calculation, Data handling, Area, Time, Fractions, Multiples and fractions

Science

Y3/4 Rocks and fossils

Y5/6 Properties of materials

Topic

Our Earth - UK

RE

Y3/4 Beliefs and questions

Y5/6 Beliefs in actions in the world

PE

Zumba

Spanish

Days of the week, Months of the year, Birthdays

Art / design technology

Topographical maps

Music

Music from around the UK

BBC 10 Pieces Project work

Computing

Creating and publishing

Infant Learning for Term 3

Literacy

Instructions, Stories, Playscripts

Maths

Counting, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division

Science

Materials and their properties

Topic

Cold climates

RE

Christianity, Muslim celebrations & family life

PE

Athletics

PSHE

Rules and responsibilities, Keeping safe

Art / design technology

Colour and Pattern, Cookery

French

Seasons

ICT

Multimedia, Word Processing

FOMS

Thank you to everyone who was able to offer help and support during the busy period leading up to Christmas.

Funds raised from the Christmas hamper raffle and the coffee morning totalled £251.49, which is fantastic.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st January at 2pm in The Rainbow room. Everyone is welcome.

Beth

After school clubs

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

Derby County in the Community

With our continued links with Derby County in the Community we have once again been offered 40 free tickets to watch the Derby County v Blackburn match on Saturday 24th January. A letter will follow shortly.

Dates for this term

7th Jan	Pupils return to school
24th Jan	DCFC Match (40 tickets)
27th Jan	Messy Church
6th Feb	End of Term Church Service 2.30pm

Advanced notice of dates set for some activities for the rest of the year

16th Feb	Pupils return to school
18th Feb	Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm
19th Feb	Parents' Evening 5pm to 7pm
13th Mar	Red Nose Day - Undercover dress up day
18th Mar	Science Week
18th Mar	Magna Science Adventure Trip
24th Mar	Coffee Morning 10am to 11.30am
27th Mar	End of Term Church Service 2.30pm
13th Apr	Pupils return to school
21st Apr	Weekly Junior Swimming
28th Apr	HOW 'Caring for others'
29th Apr	Devizes Collection (Ragtex)
4th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
11th May	To 15th May SATS Week
22nd May	End of Term Church Service 2.30pm
1st June	Return to school
1st June	Bikeability
15th June	To 19th June Phonics Week
17th June	Whole School Photograph
15th July	School Production Village Hall 2pm
16th July	School Production Village Hall 6pm
24th July	End of Term Church Service 2.30pm