

### **Greek Workshop for Infants and Juniors**

The juniors have made a terrific start to our new literacy and history topic: the Ancient Greeks. We have read a bit of The Iliad and look forward to following Odysseus home and learning more about Theseus and Perseus this term. To bring the topic to life still further, we have booked a Greek Workshop for school on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January. We could not possibly leave out the infants, so the first part of the morning will focus on their history topic: castles.

### **Fire Service**

We look forward to a visit from the Ashbourne Fire Service on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January. The children have been a credit to you and a credit to our school during our half-termly fire drills and we look forward to learning more from the fire service about how to stay safe.

### **Parliament Friday 10<sup>th</sup>**

The juniors are very excited to be visiting Westminster and the Houses of Parliament on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. We have already sent emails to Andrea Leadsom MP via a very generous parent governor and to our local MP, Patrick McLoughlin. We hope they will be willing and able to spare the time to meet with our children and answer questions.

### **Snow**

We had our first snow and ice of 2017 last Friday. Thank you very much to parents for getting your children into school and to Jack and Matthew for helping me to 'salt' the entrance to school!

Our bad weather protocol is displayed on the 'What's On' page of the school website.



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# Mugginton News

The newsletter of Mugginton C E Primary School

### **Message from Mr Green**

A very happy new year to all. The Inset day at the beginning of the term was used to review our school rules. It was a very useful morning, made more so by Mrs Pegg and Mrs Birks giving up their time to come into school, so we had our whole team together. We have agreed to reduce the school rules from 11 to 5 'Golden Rules' which will be displayed in both classrooms. The children will be able to earn 'Dojos' by modelling the behaviour which the golden rules ask of us. We remain incredibly proud of the outstanding behaviour and attitudes of our children.

### **Young Voices**

I am sure parents will agree that the Young Voices concert was a wonderful experience for the children. We have put some photos and video on the Twitter Feed (apologies if any staff singing can be heard!). I am very grateful to Mrs Horobin for all of the administrative work she has done in preparation, Mrs Tunnicliffe for covering the after-school club and to Mrs Jones and Mrs Sweeney for giving so much of their time so the children could enjoy a very special experience. A big thank you to our junior parents for collecting your children so late in evening and for getting them to school the following morning.

## Junior Learning for Term 2

### English

Daily reading, Myths and legends from ancient Greece, Letter writing, Writing stories inspired by Greek mythology, Use of clauses and passive voice.

### Maths

Written calculations, Fractions, decimals and percentages, Area and perimeter, Basic Algebra, Angles in polygons.

### Science

Rocks and materials

### PSHE

### Motivation

### RE

Judaism

### PE

Fencing

### Japanese - Nihongo

Numbers, Self-introduction followed by adjectives.

### Topic

The Ancient Greeks

### Music

Exploring melodies and scales.

### Computing

Linking pages of work together.

### Art & Design Technology

Ancient Greek theme, Sculpture.

## Infant Learning for Term 2

### English

Recounts, Traditional Stories, Poems, Information text

### Maths

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

### Science

Scientists & Inventors, Light & Sound

### Topic

History - Kings & Queens, Castles

### RE

What can we learn from Bible stories?

### PE

Dance, Multiskills

### PSHE

Relationships

### Music

Music in the round

### French

Food

### Computing

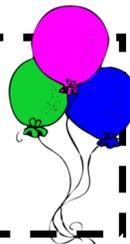
Programming & control

## Safer Internet Day

February 7<sup>th</sup> is Safer Internet Day. This year's theme is 'Be the Change: Unite for a Better Internet' and we will plan a range of activities to make sure our children continue to be confident using the Internet.

### Birthdays this term

Happy Birthday to: Bella, Rosie and Amelia who all have birthdays this term.



### **Money Into School**

Mrs Horobin does a super job dealing with the administrative side of school life. Please put all money for dinners, clubs and trips in a named envelope with details of what it is for. Please post envelopes into the letterbox in the entrance area. This guarantees that we have an accurate record of all monies received.

### **Website and Twitter Feed**

A lot of work continues to be put into the website and into the Twitter Feed. The website is updated frequently and governors continue to spend a lot of time working to further improve the website. If you have any feedback or suggestions regarding the website, please let the office know.

### **FOMs**

During our last meeting, which included the AGM, Lucy Gayton agreed to share the Chairpersons role with myself for this school year. Kelly Wainwright remains as the secretary and Lynne Allen (McKinley Cotton's grandma) will be taking over as treasurer.

Our next meeting will be held at The Cock Inn on Thursday 26th January at 7.30pm. Following on from the meeting, Katherine Tatham has booked a table for a meal at 8.30pm for any Mugginton School mum's. This is for any mum's as a social get together, whether you attend the FOMs meeting or not. If you would like to come along to the FOMs meeting, please let me know so that I can get some ideas of how many people will be attending, and if you wish to come along to the meal afterwards, please let Katherine know on 07792864128.

Thank you to everyone who was able to help/contribute towards the FOMs fundraising events during the Christmas period. We managed to raise a fantastic **£316.05!** B Wilson

### **Parent Governor Work**

Our Parent Governors ensure that procedures at school are changed and updated to reflect suggestions from all the parents and carers. In the latest development, teaching materials used in the classrooms will be available on the website. If you have a child in the infant classes, then you will be familiar with the phrase: "Your child needs to know the 100 high-frequency words by the end of year 2"; but which words go on the list? This, and other useful items, will soon be on the web site. This change has come about as a result of Parent Governors presenting your views and requests to the school. The webs site is just one of the ways in which the school communicates with parents and carers – speak to the Parent Governors to make sure the web site is working for you. The web site should be a help to you – please tell us what will make it more useful.

### **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.

### Dates For This Term

3rd Jan	<b>INSET Day</b>
4th Jan	Children Return to School
12th Jan	Young Voices - Sheffield Motorpoint Arena
26th Jan	Greek & Castles Workshop
7th Feb	Safer Internet Day
10th Feb	End of Term Church Service-2.30pm-Everyone
18th Feb	Children in Need
20th Feb	Return to School

### **Handful of Worship March 21<sup>st</sup>**

We look forward to our next visit from the Handful of Worship puppets on March 21<sup>st</sup> in the village hall. We are very grateful to Dr Connell for his continuing support of our school as a governor and with his wife Mary, as part of the HOW team.

### **World Book Day – March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

We are looking forward to World Book Day on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Children are free to dress up as their favourite character from a book and we look forward to another fun day in school celebrating literacy. The official website ([www.worldbookday.com/](http://www.worldbookday.com/)) gives plenty of additional information.

### **Forest Friday**

We continue to enjoy our weekly Forest Friday sessions. Mrs McKay has planned a super range of activities for this term. Please ensure your child continues to bring warm outdoor clothing every Friday.

### Future Dates

2nd Mar	World Book Day
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
21st Jun	Devizes
30th Jun	<b>INSET Day</b>
7th Jul	Reports to Parents
21st July	End of Year Church Service-2.30pm-Everyone

### **Playground**

We are aware that the playground can be quite slippery, particularly during wet and cold weather. The safety of your children is the most important responsibility of all staff and we have recorded our plans for the playground in a document which is accessible from the 'What's On' page of the school website.