

Dates for your Diary

6th June	Return to School
16/17th Jun	Bikeability Year 5 & 6
22nd Jun	Whole School Photo
23rd Jun	Bikeability Reception to Year 4
29th Jun	Sports Day-Kirk Langley (please note change)
30th Jun	Infant Trip - Twycross
6th July	School Performance 6pm
8th July	School Performance 2pm
22nd July	End of Year Church Service-2.30pm-Everyone
25th July	INSET day - School closed to pupils
26th July	INSET day - School closed to pupils
5th Sept	INSET day - School closed to pupils
6th Sept	Return to School

Building Work

We would like to renovate the back area of the infant classroom leading out to the learning garden. Our plan is to extend the area and add double doors to add light and for easier access in to and out of the classroom. We are working with our area surveyor and other specialists to assess whether the plan is feasible from a building and a financial perspective.



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Mugginton News

The newsletter of Mugginton C E Primary School

Message from Mr Green

The May half term was an extremely busy and exciting seven weeks. We have visited other schools, the children have run Collective Worship on the theme of Forgiveness and the juniors spent a very memorable three days at Lea Green (check the Twitter Feed for evidence!). In addition, children across the school sat assessments in reading, writing and mathematics. Our year twos and year sixes showed a superb attitude when sitting their SAT tests and Mrs Tunnicliffe, Mrs Jones and I are extremely proud of them all.

The final half-term promises to be just as busy! We will welcome our September starters into school for 'taster' activities and have the difficult task of saying goodbye to our wonderful year six children. In addition, the infants will visit Twycross Zoo; the church should re-open in mid-June and Bikeability training will help to keep everybody safe. We have plans to introduce 'Forest Fridays' to give the children more opportunities to learn out of doors (and to hold Collective Worship outside when the weather allows). Finally, we have begun preparations for our summer performance. This year we have chosen *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, although I am determined to squeeze in a Gilbert and Sullivan song somehow!

SATs

Our year six pupils are the first cohort to sit the new, more difficult SAT assessments in Reading, Grammar and Mathematics. They did superbly, showing real maturity and determination. One child was quite unwell during the first two days. She showed what a talented and dedicated person she is by doing her very best and not giving up. All five children should be very proud of themselves.

School Dinners

We hope that being able to choose specific items from our school menu has been useful. The new system has started well and we now have 29 pupils taking school dinners which is very pleasing. We are very keen to ensure that the children get a good amount of time with their friends on the playground and we hope that an additional benefit of our new system is that it will help the children to get outside earlier. If you have any questions or feedback about the new dinners system, please speak with Mr Green when you have time.

Infant Learning for Term 5**English**

Plays, Stories by the same author, Poems to say aloud, Playing with language.

Maths

Number & Place Value, Addition & Subtraction, Multiplication & Division, Measurement & Time, Statistics, Money.

Science

Animals Including Humans

Topic/ History, Geography, Art & Design

Far East, Asia, Great Wall of China, Painters & Designers from the Far East.

RE

What does it mean to belong?

PE

Multiskills, Athletics

PSHE

British Values, Values Through Stories

Music

Our Senses

French

Holidays

Computing

Animation

Parking

Several parents have expressed concern about the number of cars parked at the top of Taghole Lane, particularly as the children come into school in the morning. I appreciate how busy the road gets at the beginning and end of the school day and the difficulties this brings. However, could I ask that parents do not stop their vehicles at the top of Taghole lane please. Firstly because of the obstruction this creates in the road and secondly because the pupils can lose concentration as they walk across the road into school. We are absolutely committed to our pupils' safety and a second adult will now be outside at 9am to help the children cross the road safely.

School Improvement

We enjoyed visiting All Saints Huthwaite school with Alex and Emily (who both represented our school superbly) at the end of April. We shared teaching and playground ideas and look forward to welcoming their Headteacher, Mrs Redfern, to our school in the next academic year.

This week, pupils have all taken home brand new reading records. We would like to thank parents for continuing to hear your children read and also for encouraging our older, more confident readers to update their records by themselves. New reading books will continue to be introduced into school and we remain committed to fostering a love of reading in all our pupils.

Den Building Day

In support of the Save the Children charity, we are looking forward to a 'Den Day' on Friday 17th June. The children will work together to create dens in either the classroom, our playground or our outdoor classroom. The Dens theme has been chosen to help us understand the conditions which children are forced to live in after natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods and tsunamis. We would ask for a donation of £2 for the event and look forward to sharing pictures of our dens with you all.

Collective Worship / HOW

Our new collective worship theme is 'Determination'. We have already had some interesting discussions with the children about times they have shown this quality. We look forward to the Collective Worship Crew sharing more stories from the Bible linked with this theme.

We were delighted to receive another visit from the Handful of Worship (HOW) team. The children enjoyed meeting the HOW puppets again and we enjoyed their play, which encouraged the children to think about what true forgiveness means.

Governor entry for newsletter T6 2015/16

In the newsletter for Term 2 Governors wrote about the impending changes in the school and concluded: "We see most of these changes as an opportunity to enhance the education of your children - we hope you will join us and support us on this ride into an exciting future." Many changes have come about in the last six months and it has been an exciting ride. The school is now in the social media world with the twitter feed, it has a new assessment system and we have more, and use more, technological innovations. We even have a new Headteacher! We did say that we would not be able to prevent or even delay change – the best that we can promise is to manage change so that the impact is always beneficial. The consensus is that the changes have been favourable but this is as much a function of the very positive response and huge support from the greater school community as it is to anything else.

Thank you all for your backing and encouragement – it could not be done without you! The ride continues.

Sports

Mr Green is looking forward to experiencing his first Mugginton sports day, to be held at Kirk Langley school on Wednesday 29th of June. The juniors have football matches with Brailsford and Kirk Langley to look forward to on Thursday 16th of June. We are running a Euro 2016 sweepstake in the juniors and look forward to learning more about each of the 24 countries entering the competition this year.

SIAMS

This term we expect a one-day inspection from the diocese. The Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) occurs once every five years and evaluates the degree to which we are a 'distinctively and recognisably Christian institution.' Unlike an OFSTED inspection, lessons will not be observed; the inspection will focus on our ethos, values and on Collective Worship. A judgement will be made following discussions with Mr Green, Mrs Tunnicliffe (RE Coordinator), Governors and children. Parents will also be asked to share your thoughts and opinions about our school. We look forward to sharing with the inspection team everything that makes our school so special.

PGCE Students

Miss Rawson and Miss Bostock will complete their placements on Friday the 24th of June. They will be sorely missed and have made a significant contribution to our school. I know the children will miss their exciting lessons, their warmth and their sense of humour. I have no doubt that they will be real assets to their new schools.

Junior Learning for Term 5

English

Newspaper Report Writing
Misummer Nights Dream

Maths

Calculation, Measures, Real-life Problems, My Money Week.

Science

Life Cycles SRE Plants and Animals

PSHE

Determination

RE - Christianity & Hinduism

Y3/4 - How and why do Christians follow Jesus?

Y5/6 - What does religion say to us when life gets hard?

PE

Outdoor Striking and Fielding Games

Spanish

Weather, Transport, Holidays

Topic

Ancient Egyptians

Music

Music from Midsummer Nights Dream

Computing

Programming and using data.

Art & Design Technology

Egyptian Art, Needlework

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 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 – Outdoor Games **FREE** (Subsidised by Sports Premium)

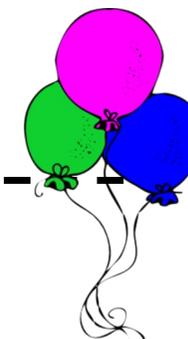
Tuesday – Derby County Football

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.



Birthdays this term

Happy Birthday to: Alice T, Edward T, Freya L,
Mary, Alice B, Brayden, Harry T and Louie who
all have birthdays this term.

FOMs entry

The last half term for this school year is upon us already, and its shaping up to be a busy one for FOMs. I am delighted to report that our fundraising throughout this year has enabled us to recently pledge the purchase of three new ipads and some additional monies for each classroom to spend on toys for 'wet playtime' activities.

The family fun day is set to go ahead on Sunday 3rd July between 2pm and 5pm. There will be refreshments, stalls and lots of fun activities, so please come along. See the Fun Day poster for more details. If you able to offer any donations to the cake stall, bottle tombola (anything in a bottle from shampoo to wine), raffle or any help on the day, please let me or any of the other FOMs team know.

This years end of term party will be held on the last day of term; Friday 22nd July in the village hall, after school. More details to follow.

Claire Cotton has kindly offered to sell ice pops after school on a Friday again. She will be there at 4.30pm and hopefully 3.15pm too, so remember to bring some pennies along if you need to cool down!

Lastly, our next meeting will be held in the new school year and will include an AGM where we will be seeking new nominations all roles within FOMs. So if you would like to see the fundraising for the 'extras' for your children and the school continue, please consider whether you can take on a position within the group.

Many thanks for support throughout this year
Beth Wilson

Forest Fridays

We are very grateful to a parent for offering us the use of their field to develop an outdoor classroom. This is another example of the tremendous parental support which the school continues to receive and for which we are very grateful. Sarah Keogh, the Derbyshire County Council Forest schools lead, visited the site last week and offered a number of helpful suggestions to us. We had a successful trial visit on Friday 10th June and are planning a longer-term sequence of activities for the whole school to enjoy. Please check the Twitter feed for photographs of our outdoor adventures!

Time Capsule Project

Our school has the opportunity to take part in a time capsule project at Heritage Wood this term. Our Mugginton CE time capsule will be sealed with an engraved lid and our school name will be engraved on a plaque and displayed beside a newly built sundial in the heart of the wood. The capsules will be buried on the 1st of July and will not be reopened for 25 years, in July 2041! We plan to write letters to our future selves to place in the capsule and will keep you updated with our progress.