



## April newsletter – 2017

Dear parents and carers,



I do hope that you all enjoyed a lovely Easter holiday and enjoyed some family time – it has been great to see the children again this week and also to hear about all they did during the break.

### Summer term:

The summer term is a longer term than the spring and we have lots of exciting activities to look forward to, including residential trips for Years 2, 4 and 6, sports' days and the end of year performance for upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6). Please do check the diary dates to ensure you make a note of the key events happening for your child.

### End of term:



We wanted to give you advance notice that our **finish time will be 2.15p.m.** on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July and this will be the finish time at the end of each full term moving forward (the end of each half term will continue to be at 3.15p.m. as it has always been).

### Clubs:

Club letters have gone out this week and we are planning to start these on the 2nd May. You will see that we have increased the number of clubs for KS1 children in response to parent feedback.

As part of our focus on encouraging our children to become young leaders, we are



encouraging them all to think about whether they would like to run their own small lunchtime club. We will be talking more about this next Monday in assembly so that the children know more about what is involved in running a club and what they need to do if they would like to have a go!

### Homework:



It has been some time now since we last reviewed our homework policy and we are aware that there are a range of views about homework. We would very much like to send out a homework questionnaire and also to set up a working party to review our existing policy and get as much parent feedback as possible. Please look out for more information on this next week (letters will be in book bags).

### Rabbits:

We have added to our school pets and we now have two rabbits as well as two chickens. Over this term all the classes will be spending some time with them and learning about rabbits!



Eggs are still for sale at 20p each!

### D & T:

Year 5 are creating their own marble run this term. We would like to request that any spare cardboard boxes (no bigger than cereal size) or cardboard rolls ie toilet rolls/kitchen roll be sent into school to help with this large, exciting project. Please drop these off at Year 5 class or the office.

### Mindfulness area :

We are creating a 'mindfulness area' in the school and every child is going to design and paint their own pebble (thank you for sending these in) over the next few weeks in their classes. We are hoping to add plants and logs of wood to sit on too. Mrs Gogol would really like a water feature – if anyone has one that they no longer want/need, we would gladly make good use of it! Also, if there is anything that you can think of that could add to the area that you no longer need in your gardens, please feel free to bring it in to school.



### Projects to come:

The children will also be working on some tree displays in the school in the next few weeks – we will be creating a 'Kindness Tree' in the hall and a 'Tree of Pride' which will be in the corridor near EYFS. Every child will be making a contribution and I am sure they would love to tell you all about it!



**Zoe Hussain – Headteacher**

### Diary Dates 2017

Date	Day	Time	Event/Activity
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday		Hindu Temple Visit – Year 4
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Monday		SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY
W/C 8 <sup>th</sup> May			Assessment Week
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday		Class and Team Photographs
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June			HALF TERM
14 <sup>th</sup> June			Book Fair Arrives
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday	9.15am	Foundation Sports Morning

21 <sup>st</sup> June	Wednesday	Whole day	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday		KNEX challenge – Yr 5 and Yr 6
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Mon - Fri		Caythorpe Court Residential Trip – Yr 6
5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Wed - Fri		Cuffley Camp Residential – Year 2
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday	6.30pm	Yr 5 and Yr 6 End of Year Production
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday	2pm and 6.30pm	Yr 5 and Yr 6 End of Year Production
12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Wed - Fri		Hudnall Park Residential Trip – Year 4
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday	Whole Day	Secondary Schools transfer day – Yr 6
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday		Assessment updates to parents
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday	2.00pm	Open Afternoon for parents
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Friday	9.15am	End of Term Church Service
		Early finish 2.15pm	Summer term ends