



### Message from Headteacher

Welcome back and Happy New Year. The children have returned energised and excited about their new learning, many having spent valuable time at home getting a head start – Thank you for your support with this.

Mr Hewitt (Progressive Sports) has enjoyed his first week with us, commenting on how eager to learn the children were during his sessions. Well done to them for making him feel welcome.

Lichfield District Council have awarded us a ‘Let’s Get Physical’ Programme. The programme is targeted at children aged 8-14 years in Lichfield, we are the first school to take part. The initial contact was made by our Governor Dr Debbie Sarson and then subsequently organised by Miss Hathway. Thank you to you both for being proactive for our community. The sessions within the school day for Years 5&6 but there is also a Wednesday club. All the activities undertaken link to clubs on offer by Lichfield District Council and available outside of school hours.

A quick reminder about our visit from the NSPCC on Monday (14<sup>th</sup> Jan). All children will have an age appropriate assembly following the ‘Speak Out. Stay Safe’ programme. Details of further information were given in a letter and also available on our website in the safeguarding section.



### What’s on next week



#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January:

- Years 1-6 NSPCC  
Speak Out, Stay Safe Assembly and Workshops
- Lego Club 3.20-4.20pm
- KS2 Archery 3.20-4.20pm

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January:

- Choir 8.20-8.50am
- Woodwind, Singing and Guitar Lessons
- KS2 Healthy Lifestyle 3.20-4.20pm

#### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January:

- Violin and Keyboard Lessons

#### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January:

- Drum Lessons
- KS1 Multi Skills 3.20-4.20pm

#### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January:

- KS2 Dodgeball 3.20-4.20pm

### Years 1 & 2

Welcome back to our Year 1 and 2 children and a Happy New Year to you all.

We began our week with some activities to introduce our next topic theme 'Bright Lights, Big City'. We sang some old London songs and baked some bread rolls.

Thank you for homework handed in so far. Can we ask that the rest is completed by next week, so that we can display the children's hard efforts.

### Years 3 & 4

Happy New Year to all Y3/4 parents!

We hope you had a great Christmas and a happy break. Many thanks to parents and children who brought in a gift at the end of the term, it was most kind!

Also a huge thank you to all for your help with the creative homework on our new Tribal Tales theme - the axes, spears, bows and arrows, posters, models etc look absolutely brilliant!

We had a most enjoyable 'Caveman' day to start our new theme - the children looked amazing and again thanks for all the support - it wouldn't work without you! We are well and truly back now and have been getting into our new book Stig of the Dump, a real classic.

In our writing, we have begun our journey tale and have enjoyed sequencing the text Stone Age boy to give us a better understanding of its structure.

### Years 5 & 6

Welcome back, we hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year and thank you everyone who completed the pulse rate activity during the break, hopefully it wasn't too strenuous.

We have begun our new theme 'Blood Heart' this week by having the opportunity to dissect an actual heart. Following that we have started to think about the Circulatory System.

Please can we remind parents that PE is on a Monday and a Tuesday, children should have a complete PE kit on these days. Also could we ask that children are fully prepared for school, always bringing a pen, pencil, their home reading record and reading book with them. Finally, a reminder that children should be wearing school shoes and not trainers as part of their uniform.

### Years 3 & 4 Staff

Some of you will have noticed that Miss Lemm is now well into her pregnancy. We wish her a happy and healthy next few weeks. Miss Lemm will be leaving school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Parrish will be taking up the teaching of Birch class, alongside Mrs Taylor. Mrs Parrish has worked in the school in recent years and we were sad to see her leave in July. We were also lucky to secure her to cover Mrs Taylor's absence, so we are confident that the transition for the children will be an easy one as she already knows your children and them her.

Mrs Parrish will start with us in January, but will be based around the school in the first few weeks.

## ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

**Week Commencing: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Whole School Attendance: 94%**

Year Group:	Percentage Attendance:
Reception	96%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	90%
Year 6	92%

House point totals  
Week Commencing: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018

	<b>217</b>		<b>203</b>
	<b>251</b>		<b>203</b>



### Pre-Loved Uniform

We have a stock of Chadsmead jumpers and cardigans in stock, £5 each.

Please complete an order form (available from the office) and we will contact you once your items are ready to be collected.

### Mathematics Mastery Workshop

Letters have been sent home this week to Year 1 & 2 parents and carers about another workshop taking place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 2.15pm.

### Parents' Evening Dates 2019

Parents' Evenings for all children will be held again this term on two evenings – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Further details will be sent out soon.

### School Admissions Reminder

The closing date for Reception admissions is the **15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. Please apply online at:

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

### Start of the School Day

Just a gentle reminder that classroom doors are open at 8:45am (doors and gates are opened from 8.40am). Registration starts at 8:50am. Classroom doors are then locked at 8.55am as children need to go straight into their lessons. If you come to school after 8.55am you **MUST** come to the main office, and register your child in the late book. Thank you for ensuring that your children get to school on time.

## Medication



If your child has **prescribed** medication, we are able to administer this in school. You would be required to complete an 'Medicine Administering' form available from the school office. Medication must be clearly labelled and stored securely in the school office. E.g. Your child has been prescribed antibiotics, they are well enough for school however they require medication to ensure a full recovery.

## Music Instalments

Reminder that the final music tuition instalment is due week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

## Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property that has accumulated in school. Please make sure your children's belongings are named – it does not make them any more difficult to lose but it does make it much easier for them to be returned to their rightful owner! If you think your child may have left something in school, please encourage them to look for it.



## Parking

Please could all parents/carers who need to bring a car to school to park appropriately. We have had a number of recent calls from residents who have complained that cars have been blocking driveways and pavements. The staff car park is for staff use only and must not be used by parents/carers for parking or turning. There have also been reports of parents/carers parking their cars on pavements and then narrowly avoiding children who are walking on the pavement, as well as parents/carers leaving their engines running whilst stationary (known as engine idling) which is particularly bad for the environment as well as it being a potentially fineable offence. Please help and support us in eliminating the dangers and set a good example to your children. Thank you.



