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## Weekly Newsletter – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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### **Additional INSET Day**

An additional INSET day has been agreed by the Trust for **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** and school will therefore be closed on this day. School will be open as usual on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July when we will break up for the Summer holidays.

### **Fidget Spinners**

With immediate effect, these are banned from school. Please do not allow your children to bring them into school.

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### **British Nutrition Foundation Healthy Eating Week**

This week (12-16<sup>th</sup> June) is Healthy Eating Week and we have lots planned! Throughout the week the children will be encouraged to challenge themselves to:

- have breakfast;
- have 5 A DAY;
- drink plenty;
- get active;
- try something new.



Healthy fruit smoothies, made by Nightingale class, will be available for purchase for 50p at breaks, and we will be participating in a live internet 'Cook-Along.'



### **Father's Day**

Don't forget that Father's Day gifts will be available on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Gifts cost £1 and the money must be in school by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at the latest so we can ensure that we have enough for everyone.



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Happening this week

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Sport 4 Kidz lunch time activities & after school club 3-4pm

Football Club 3-4.15pm

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

Choir Club 3-4pm

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Lego Club – lunch time

Football Tournament

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Newspaper Club 3-4pm

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

Reception class to Warsop Library

Corporal Butcher after school club 3-4pm

### **PE Days**

Reception – Monday

Year 1 - Weds & Thurs

Year 2 – Mon & Weds

Year 3 – Thurs & Fri

Year 4 – Mon & Fri

Year 5 – Thurs & Fri

Year 6 – Weds & Fri

## **Free School Meals**

As you may have seen in the news, there is a possibility that Infant Free School Meals may be scrapped under the new Government. We would therefore highly recommend that you apply for free school meals so that your child can carry on receiving free meals. Details of how to apply can be found on the Notts County Council website. You may qualify for free school meals if your child attends a Nottinghamshire County Council School and you receive one of the following benefits.

- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) that does not exceed £16,190
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Income-based and Contributions-based JSA and ESA on an equal basis
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – during the initial roll-out of the benefit

Applications can be made online by using the following link.

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>. If you are unable to apply online please contact 0300 500 80 80.

## **Sports Day**

Sports Day will be happening on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June between 1 and 3pm and parents/carers are welcome to come and support their children. All that week we will be celebrating Sports Week so will be getting the children involved in different activities during the week. Can you please ensure that their PE kits are in school every day?

## **Warsop Carnival**

We have again been given the opportunity to decorate a float for Warsop Carnival taking place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The theme this year is 'Cultures of the World'. However, we are struggling to find volunteers to help decorate and organise the event. If you can give up some free time to help with the float then please let Mrs Smith or Mrs Hughes know as soon as possible. If we can't find people to help then we may need to withdraw from the event.

## **Transition Week**

This will be taking place week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> July. All children in Year 6 will be at Meden for the week and other classes will all be moving up to their new classes for the week. Children moving from Nursery to Reception will be in school all day on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of that week. They will need either a packed lunch or £2.30 per day for a school lunch.

## Uniform

Please ensure that your child's uniform has their name clearly written on it. As you can imagine, we have a lot of uniform the same and it is easy for things to get mixed. Please check that names are still legible after washing as they do tend to fade over time.

## Squid Accounts

Can all parents/carers please keep a regular check on their child's sQuid account? We have many accounts that are overdrawn when they shouldn't be. Accounts should always be topped up and in credit before school meals or tuck are purchased. Regular texts are sent out to inform parents if accounts are overdrawn and it is expected that they are topped up as soon as possible. If accounts are not in credit then we may have to ask parents to bring in packed lunches instead of children having school dinners. We may also refuse to allow children tuck at break time if they do not have money on their account. Children in KS1 may bring money in for tuck on the day.

## Contact Numbers

As you can imagine, it is very important that we have up to date contact numbers in school. If you, or any other named contact, changes phone numbers, please inform the school office as soon as possible. It is also important that we have correct addresses so please let us know if you move house.

## Scooters/Bikes

If children are coming to school on bikes or scooters and leaving them here for the school day can they please be left around the back of school so they are out of sight from the road.

## More Important News



### Stars of the week ending 26<sup>th</sup> May were:

Reception – Kaspars Apse & Sophia Reilly  
Year 1 – Jay-Tee Jones & Alexander Wilson  
Year 2 – Jacob Jones & Nikayla Lowe  
Year 3 – Caine Wilson & Mackenzie Jessop  
Year 4 – Tia Parker & Felicity Insley  
Year 5 – Hannah Smith & Elisha Staniforth  
Year 6 – Leo Kantowski & Bethany Lowe

The best behaved classes this week were the Goldcrests in Year 6 and the Jays in Year 1 – well done everyone

## We would love you to...

Join us for Maths games on a Tuesday morning from 8.30am.

Reading every Thursday morning from 8.30am.

**CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A TEAM POINT EVERY TIME THEY ATTEND!!**

Breakfast Club is held on a daily basis from 8.00am to 8.30am at a cost of £1.20



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## Stars of the week ending 9<sup>th</sup> June were:

Reception – Jessica Elce & Lewis Sime  
Year 1 – Kyra Holleywell & Alfie Alexander  
Year 2 – Leah Blackburn & Jemima Foster  
Year 3 – Adam Ashall & Tj Hargreaves  
Year 4 – Asaeli Dau & Caitlin Farrell  
Year 5 – Thomas James & Sophie McRell  
Year 6 – Abbie Morley & Jamie Walker

The best behaved classes last week were the Jays in Year 1 and the Robins in Reception – well done everyone.

## Attendance

Attendance for the week before half term was the worst this year at only 92.87%. Last week was much improved at 96.98% - let's keep it up!!

We have noticed that more and more children are coming into school late. Please be reminded that school starts at 8.45am and teachers plan for lessons to start on time so children are getting the most out of their day. Please ensure that your child arrives on time and ready for the day. If you know you are going to be late please let the school office know as soon as possible as we have to provide the kitchen with dinner numbers as early as we can and by 9.30 at the latest. If you do not inform school that you are going to be late and arrive after 9.30, please ensure that you send your child with a packed lunch.

Please remember that children can come to school with minor illnesses such as headaches and coughs/colds – we will look after them! If your child is going to be absent from school, please let the school office know as soon as possible and before 9am.

**\*\*\*\*ATTENTION – THE CLASS WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR WILL BE HAVING A SPECIAL TREAT ORGANISED BY MRS SMITH ON MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY! WILL IT BE YOUR CLASS?\*\*\*\***

We are currently working with Meden's Attendance Officer who will be making home visits if we do not have a valid reason for your child's absence.