



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 22nd April 2022



Dear Parents

I hope you all enjoyed a break at Easter. The children and staff have returned refreshed and eager to get stuck into the term ahead. And what a busy term it is!

Here are some **important dates for your diary**:

- 26 April School Swimming Gala 6.30pm Padiham Pool
- 28 April Let's Go Sing Concert at BRFC
- 6 May Year 6 residential trip to Hothersall Lodge
- 8 May Year 5 residential trip to Cranedale
- 12 May PTA meeting 6pm. Everyone welcome!
- 18 May School photos- Pret-a-portrait
- 20 May Family Friendly Friday including coffee, cake and chat
- 24 May ISA Athletics Competition at City of Sport, Manchester (juniors)
- 10 June Queen's Platinum Jubilee Garden Party
- 14 June Transition meeting for parents 6pm
- 20 June Assessment week begins
- 24 June School Sports afternoon (weather permitting)
- 25 June School Summer Fayre (Saturday 11-3)
- 28 June Matinee performance of Cinderella Rockerfella
- 29 June Evening performance of Cinderella Rockerfella
- 4 July Festival disco on the field in afternoon (weather permitting)
- 6 July End of Year school Reports go out
- 8 June 2.30pm Year 6 Leavers' assembly
- 11 July week 1 of Summer school starts
- 18 July week 2 of Summer school starts

No doubt there will be numerous additions to this list as staff plan school trips for their classes and there are also sporting competitions which I have not listed here. We also need to finalise a date for our much-loved Grandparents' Afternoon which we are excited to hold again this year. I will update you as and when necessary.

There is so much for the children to look forward to this term. And we are thrilled that we can once again stage an end of year production live to an audience! I am grinning like a Cheshire cat as I write this just thinking about all the lovely events planned.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Maria Whitehead

Quiz and Movie Night

Thank you to all the families who joined us for the Quiz and film night. Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves and we are very pleased that the staff team won the quiz- whoop whoop! The children had a lovely time eating popcorn and pizza and watching Encanto. We raised £405 for PTA funds.



Easter Egg hunt and hamper raffle

The children thoroughly enjoyed chasing around the school grounds on the last day of term to find an Easter egg.

The bumper Easter hamper was won by Khadijah Bhatti in Year 2.

We raised £226 which will be donated to CAFOD's Ukraine Appeal to help children in Ukraine.



CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger



As you know, our chosen charity for Lent was Cafod's Walk Against Hunger. The children ran or walked the Daily mile and totalled how far they had managed to walk during Lent. Hopefully everybody was able to collect some sponsor money for this achievement. The money will be used by Cafod to give aid to starving children in countries **all over the world**. Please can you send in any sponsor monies as soon as possible. We will then total them and let you and the children know what we have managed to achieve. Thank you in advance for your support.

Goodbye to Mrs Taylor

On the last day of term, Mrs Louise Taylor enjoyed a wonderful assembly to send her happily on her way to retirement after 24 years at our school. The children and staff sang to her and said prayers for her before sharing lots of memories and lovely photos from her time here. She had a buffet lunch with colleagues and was presented with a beautiful bouquet and gifts from staff and parents. She has asked that we pass on her thanks for the good wishes and gifts she received.



Welcome Back Miss Fidoe

We were thrilled to welcome back Miss Fidoe on Tuesday after her successful treatment for breast cancer. She will work alongside Miss Grillo in EYFS this term, so the children are getting two for the price of one!!! Our prayers for her swift recovery were answered and she looks amazing. We are very happy to have her back in school.

Ramadan

Our Muslim families have started the important period of Ramadan. Each class is using their Ramadan calendar, donated by Mr Hussain, and are counting down to Eid. Year 5 are preparing a special assembly about Ramadan and Eid for next Friday (29th). All are very welcome to attend at the usual time of 2.45pm.



Request for History Lessons

Mrs Haasbroek is teaching a very interesting topic in History to Year 1 this term - Toys now compared to those in the 1960s. She wondered if anyone has any toys, records, posters or books from the 60s which she could borrow to show the children and then display in order to enrich the topic. We promise to take special care of them and the children will only look at them not play with them. Please could you let Mrs Kendall in the office know if you have any items we could borrow.

Summer uniform

Just a reminder that the children need to be in their summer uniform this term with a blazer. The list is on the website. We do have a few preloved items of uniform should you require any spares. Contact Mrs Kendall for anything you need and she can check if we have the size you require. Another gentle reminder that on PE kit days, the children must wear white trainers please and a clean, white PE t-shirt. They come into school wearing their tracksuit jacket and trousers with PE shorts underneath, and then they can take off trousers and jacket should the weather be warm when they are participating in their PE lesson. Thank you for your support in maintaining our high standards of dress.



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