



Newsletter

Spring Term

Edition 2 2018



DIARY DATES

7th March

2.15pm—Penguin
Parents

14th—16th March

Y2 Residential

19th March

PM—Y3 Vocal Ease

20th March

Y3 Experience Easter

21st March

3.30pm—Parents
Evening

22nd March

Y6 Warning Zone

10.00am & 2.15pm—

FS Performance

3.30pm—Parents
Evening

23rd March

9.30am—Y6 Parents
Assembly

School Closes for
Easter

Route to Resilience

This year our school is taking part in a project called Route to Resilience. This is part of a national agenda promoted by the Department for Education and Public Health England to try to support children's mental health. It is being led by Steve Harris of Wellbeing Education and we are part of a cohort of local schools working together.

We believe that social and emotional well-being of our children is a crucial part of helping them to cope with the pressures they face as they grow up. All the staff are committed to supporting children's happiness and developing character traits that will help them be successful both at school and in life. Our values and growth mindset ethos run throughout our curriculum and we are building on this further this year through the Route to Resilience project. All staff and children are learning about the power of vocabulary and choosing our words carefully to help the children 'exercise these character muscles'. The ones we have chosen to focus on are:

**concentration / self - control, perseverance / resilience,
confidence / risk - taking / independence, teamwork /
communication, reasoning / making links / reflection**

You may find your child is coming home with 'homework', which requires them to show one of our chosen characteristics. If you are happy for us to tweet any photos showing them in action please send us a copy by e mail or tweet it to the school.



Lindsey Woodward and Marie Applewhite have attended training by Fun and Families and will be inviting parents to get involved with this project. Look out for them in the hall on

Parents' Evenings where they will be happy to tell you more.

Bad Weather

If the school needs to close due to the bad weather, notification will be sent firstly by Twitter and an announcement on Radio Leicester. There will be an update on the website. It may not be possible to text so please make sure you can access these other methods. **Please DO NOT ring the school.** If you see or hear the announcement please feel free to share it.





NUT FREE School

Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school. Children should not be bringing anything in to school that may contain any type of nut. Anything that is brought in will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. This includes Nutella products.



Penguin Pre-School

Penguin Pre-school is now taking provisional bookings for the Summer term. If you are interested please contact the pre-school manager Sally-Ann Price using the school number: 01530 832116.

Fire Alarm

It has been necessary to fit external fire sounders to ensure the safety of both the children and staff should the fire alarm sound. To comply with Health and Safety measures, the fire alarm system has to be tested on a weekly basis. This will be taking place on a Friday at 5.30pm and should last approximately 10 minutes.

Sporting Updates

Cross Country at Measham and Hugglescote

An enormous well done to all the children who took part in the cross country races which took place in February. The children came out in good numbers despite the weather at Measham C of E Primary school on Saturday 3rd February. It was great to see the same faces take part in the first ever NWL race at Hugglescote Primary School on Saturday 24th February. Many children were very consistent with their placements. Well done.

Basketball

February has been a very busy and successful month for the Year 5 & 6 Basketball teams. On the 1st of the month, two teams represented the school at the collaborative tournament at Castle Rock. Both teams played skilfully and showed great sportsmanship and as a result of winning all 4 of their matches, the A team progressed to the Level 2 competition. This took place on the 20th February, again at Castle Rock. They played four matches against excellent opposition and again won all four therefore winning the competition and receiving the North West Leicestershire Basketball Trophy. They will now represent NWL at the Level 3 Country Competition in March. We wish them luck!



Key Steps 1 Gymnastics Competition

On Thursday 8th February seven Year 5 and 6 children performed fantastically in their Level 2 Key Steps 3 gymnastics competition at Coalville Gymnastics Club. The children had worked hard learning a floor and vault routine for four weeks and this showed as they performed with skill and accuracy. The two teams from Whitwick were highly competitive with the A

team winning the overall event and the B team finishing 9th out of 25 teams. There was individual success for Ruby (1st), Hollie (2nd) and William (3rd). The A team will now progress to the country Level 3 competition in March.





School Nurse

It is possible to contact the School Nurse directly on the following number:
01530 468570



Bullying Contact

If you think your child maybe having issues with bullying or friendships you may contact Mrs Applewhite via the school office.

General Reminders

Uniform

Please remember that while we allow trainers, they should be mainly black without obvious logos. A coloured sole is allowed.

Children are expected to be wearing a cardigan or jumper with the school logo on. Ribbons and hair bands should be in school colours and unfussy. No large bows or flowers should be worn.

Snacks & Lunchboxes

Please remember our no chocolate policy for snacks and packed lunches except on Fridays (no Nutella is allowed). Drinks bottles must be named if they are being used or they will be thrown away if left in school unclaimed.

Lost Property

Please can you ensure that you name ALL items of clothing.

Sickness

If your child has been off school with sickness and/or diarrhoea, then they should not return until at least 48 hours after the last period of illness. If your child is sent to school before this period they will be sent home.

Aspirations and Dreams Week

During the week beginning 26th February we welcomed volunteers into school to inspire our children as part of our



'Aspirations and Dreams Week'. Volunteers gave up their time to visit classes to speak to the children about their occupation. The

children were fully engaged as a range of different careers was presented to them. The talks were interactive, inspiring and informative.

The children's response and feedback was extremely positive. We would like to thank all of the volunteers for their amazing efforts. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Y4 Life Skills

On Tuesday 27th February, the Year 4 children went to Castle Rock to learn valuable first aid and life skills. They worked collaboratively in groups with children from six other local primary schools, making lots of new friends. They are now able to bandage an injury, dial a 999 emergency call, place someone into the recovery position and have had an important E-safety reminder. It was a fun and informative day where the children showed great positivity and enthusiasm towards their learning.





Free School Meals

If you are entitled to free school meals please claim these by contacting the following number:-
0116 3056588.

It is particularly important for those parents of children in FS, Y1 and Y2 to register even though you are already receiving a free hot meal.

Registering will enable the school to access funding for your child every year while they remain in primary school. They are not obliged to have a hot meal every day. This money will help to fund valuable support for your child. Details of what may be provided are on our website. If any of our families are serving in the armed forces, please let the school know.



Twitter

Please follow us on twitter:
@WhitwickPrimary

Y2 Healthy Roadshow

2JM took part in a Year 2 Healthy Roadshow session provided by coaches from NWLSSP on Thursday 1st March. The children enjoyed learning about healthy eating in an interactive and physical way.



Sporting Updates Cont..

Key Steps 1 Gymnastics Competition

On Tuesday 6th February our Key Steps 1 gymnasts in Year 1 and 2 performed fantastically in their competition at Coalville Gymnastics Club. The children had worked hard learning a floor and bench routine for four weeks and this showed as they performed with skill and accuracy. The three teams looked very professional in their new kit. There were 13 schools and 24 teams. We were very competitive and came fourth overall. Well done to the team who won the 'Spirit of the Games' Award: Becky, Libby, Charlotte, Sophie, Abigail, George, Lily, Brooke, Felicity, Ellie and Gracie.

Key Steps 2 Gymnastics Competition

Our Key Steps 2 gymnasts in Year 3 and 4 have all performed brilliantly in their competition at Coalville Gymnastics Club. Their performances on the floor were of a consistently high standard, and their vaulting skills were fantastic! All of their hard work and preparation showed on the evening. There were medal successes for Albert, who gained 2nd place individually, and also for Evie who came 3rd individually. Our Key Steps 2 Team A came 2nd overall, consisting of Evie, Albert, Sairia and Amilie. Also, our B and C teams were very highly placed.

A huge well done to all our gymnasts; you have represented our school brilliantly and we are very proud of you!



PROTECTING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

At Whitwick St John the Baptist CE Primary School we know it is of the utmost importance to have good systems for protecting children and safeguarding their welfare.

All our staff and volunteers are alert to possible concerns about every pupil. We have a safeguarding and child protection policy and anyone may request a copy from the school office.

If you have a concern, please speak to the headteacher and we will treat your concern seriously