



Newsletter: May 2017

Thank you!

Red Nose Day was a huge success in school and we raised in excess of £200 for this very worthy charity.

The class Easter Egg raffle was also very well supported and we are grateful to staff and children who donated eggs. The final total was £238 which will go towards the cost of the summer visits.

Over the next few weeks you will be receiving information about your child's Summer visit and a request for a voluntary donation. We continue to subsidise the visits as much as possible but are reliant on parents making a contribution. Should we receive insufficient voluntary contributions, then the visit will be cancelled. Thank you in advance for your support.

National Assessments

Pupils in Years 6 will take their statutory assessments in the week commencing 8th May. Children **MUST** be in school every day this week as there is no allowance by the government for absence.

Children in Year 2 will be taking their statutory tests from 2nd May and throughout the month. Children should endeavour to be in school every day so that they can take their tests with their classmates.

We wish them all the very best and know they will make us all proud!

School Closures

Parents are reminded that school will be closed on the following dates:

Monday 1st May: Bank Holiday

Thursday 4th May: Local Elections

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June: Half Term Holiday

Thursday 8th June: General Election

Attendance:

Attendance is still a key issue in school and we continue to work alongside the Education Welfare Officer to support families where attendance has dropped below 90%. Parents will be called in to school if, following a letter, there is no improvement in their child's attendance. It has been proved that children with good attendance make better progress in school and achieve well. Please do your very best to ensure that your child is in school every day unless they are ill. Many thanks.

Our Year to Date is 94.66% (Target: 96%)

Here are April's results:

Week ending 07.04.17 (Overall: 93.94%)

1st	Rec	99.0%
2nd	Y3	97.78%
3rd	Y5	97.6%
4th	Y1	97.41%
5 th	Y2	97.04%
6th	Y6	96.47%
7 th	Y4	77.69%

Spring Term Totals

1st	Y6	95.91%
2nd	Y3	95.81%
3rd	Rec	95.02%
4th	Y5	94.64%
5th	Y2	94.15%
6th	Y1	94.09%
7th	Y4	93.13%

Year 6 will receive a treat afternoon for winning the Spring Term attendance award. Well done Year 6!

RE Visits

As part of our commitment to exploring the multicultural society in which we live and in response to an issue in our Ofsted inspection last year, we have arranged a day where children will visit a range of places of worship. This will take place on Thursday 25th May. The visits are as follows:

Reception	St John's Church	Chase Terrace
Year 1	St John's Church	Chase Terrace
Year 2	Hindu Mandir	Derby
Year 3	Sikh Gurudwara	Derby
Year 4	Jewish Synagogue	Birmingham
Year 5	St Joseph's RC Church	Chasetown
Year 6	Islamic Mosque	Derby

You will receive further details on the next week and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate in asking myself or Miss Stacey.

Boney Hay Biathlon/Wear Yellow

We are getting excited for the big events in June and are in the final stages of preparation! The biathlon will take the form of a sponsored event to raise funds for Summer Visits and the Teenage Cancer trust in memory of Stephen Sutton. On this day we will be asking the children to wear something yellow as they complete their Biathlon eg socks, t shirt etc. to commemorate Stephen's inspirational life. You will be given more details nearer to the date.

Biathlon Training Dates:

Wed 3rd May: Reception and Year 4

Wed 10th May: Reception and Year 3

Wed 17th May: Reception and Year 2

Wed 24th May: Reception and Year 1

Wed 7th June: Year 5 and Year 6

Wed 14th June: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Wed 21st June: Years 3,4,5 and 6 - Biathlon Day

Wed 28th June: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - Biathlon Day.

PE KITS NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY TO PRACTISE FOR OUR SUMMER SPORTING EVENTS!! THANK YOU.

Open Afternoon

This will be held on Tuesday 6th June from 1.15pm. We hope as many parents as possible will be able to share in an afternoon of your child's school life. Please go to your child's normal entrance door. Parents may leave with their children at 3.20pm. It promises to be an afternoon full of challenge and fun!

Swimming

As part of our commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles is for children in Year1 and 2 to take part in swimming lessons during the Summer Term. Year 1 will swim for 5 weeks from Friday 28th April . Year 2 will swim for 5 weeks from Friday 9th June. Children should have their swimming kit in school on these days. If a child forgets their kit, they will be provided with one from school so that they don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity.

Swimming Gala

The Burntwood Primary Schools' Swimming Gala will take place on Wednesday 19th July and a squad will be selected from children in Years 3-6. Over the next few weeks we will be asking children who can confidently swim 25 metres to apply to be part of the squad. The children should be able to swim 25 metres of front crawl, breast stroke and back stroke. Please watch out for the application form over the next few weeks.