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We value **your voice** and would like you to join us on our journey of improvement.

In the last month....

Sherwood Forest

On Monday 4th November Year 5 and 6 children went to Sherwood Forest to help launch our whole school panto topic “Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies”. The children had a wonderful experience and came back to school full of awe and wonder.



Hagg Farm

Year 4 children went on their residential trip to Hagg Farm for a one night stay. The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed their trip despite the wet and cold weather. Everyone took part in canoeing, abseiling, orienteering, shelter building and team building activities. At night the children played games and in the morning made their beds and ate everything in sight!! The two days were filled with fun and laughter and some children even conquered any fears they had.



Dates for your diary:

Tues 19th Nov – Individual School Photographs

Tues 19th Nov – Book Fayre Delivery

Wed 20th Nov – No Pens Day Wednesday – Parents invited in 8.45am – 9.45am (PM Acorns 12.30pm – 1.30pm)

Wed 20th Nov – Football match v Coddington at Bishop Alexander

Thurs 21st Nov – Inspirational speaker Alison Cope – parents talk at 8.45am

Thurs 21st & Fri 22nd Nov – Book Fayre open to parents at 3.15pm

Fri 29th Nov – Yr 3 LEAD Science Day

Tues 3rd Dec – Newark School Chess Competition

Wed 11th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day

Mon 16th Dec – PM Panto Performance (times to follow)

Tues 16th Dec – AM Panto Performance (times to follow)

Tues 16th Dec – PM – Magnus Swing Band

Wed 17th Dec – AM & PM Panto Performance (times to follow)

Thurs 19th Dec – Christmas crafts with parents (details and times to follow)

Friday 20th Dec – Class Christmas Parties

Fri 20th Dec – Break up for Christmas

Mon 6th Jan – Inset Day

Tues 7th Jan – Return to school



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Anti-Bullying Week

Week commencing 11th November is Anti-Bullying Week. Throughout the week classes took part in related activities and assemblies. The theme for the week was 'Celebrating Differences – Change Starts With Us'. Our school council have also created a anti-bullying logo.

Remembrance Service

Year 5 children walked into Newark on Tuesday 5th November to take part in the local Remembrance Day Service at Newark Parish Church. Children laid a poppy wreath and also read out some poems in the church service.

Staffing

We are pleased to inform you that Mr Simmonds will be joining the team as Assistant Head Teacher in January 2020. He has worked at a local school and he will be spending some time in our school before he formally joins the team.

Emma Watson will be joining us in December as a Safeguarding Officer. She will work alongside Shelley (family worker) and Rob (attendance officer). Her role will be undertaking all duties linked to safeguarding including: working with external agencies; supporting children and parents; ensuring policies and practices are of the highest standard; providing training for staff; and looking at safeguarding within the curriculum.

Important Notices

Parent Helpers

We really value the support that parents can give the school and recognise the time that volunteers dedicate to helping in our school already.

We would really like to continue this, and are therefore asking for any help that you can give to the following:

- support by helping with swimming on a Tuesday afternoon
- helping on school trips
- helping out with other activities in school. We would love to get a group of parents who are willing to support reading in the school. We want parents to help children explore books, appreciate what books have to offer as well as giving children the opportunity to share this experience with someone else, developing a child's love of reading. Opening a book for the very first time can bring such excitement. Books enable children to discover new worlds, meet new people and learn about the past. They also have the power to transform lives by sparking a child's imagination and giving them the skills they need to succeed at school, at work and in life.
- Are you able to spare even an hour a week? There are always jobs in a school that need doing and we welcome any support you could give from admin tasks to helping with displays.

If you feel you are able to support in any of the above, please pop to the school office or catch me in the playground before school.

The Sun Books for Schools

We have recently registered our school for the Books for Schools campaign through The Sun newspaper. The Sun will issue daily tokens in the paper starting on Saturday 23rd November until Saturday 18th January 2020. Please help us collect as many tokens as possible. We need a total of 3,500 tokens to send off so that we can receive some fantastic books for our children. Please bring your tokens to the school office.



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First Aid

Our first aid online reporting tool will be up and running within the next couple of weeks. It is ESSENTIAL that we have an up to date email address for parents as this will be the way that notification of accidents will happen.

Break time

We will no longer be selling fruit juice for break times. Children continue to be able to access water throughout the day. Toast will be available and fruit is provided for Key Stage 1 children.

No Priday Wednesday – Wednesday 20th Nov

We are once again taking part in No Pens Day Wednesday. The aim of the day is to encourage the skills of speaking and listening. Parents are invited into school at 8.45am until 9.45am (Afternoon Acorn Class 12.30pm – 1.30pm) to see their children taking part. If you wish to join us please come through your child's classroom door with them in the morning.

Alison Cope Talk – Thursday 21st November

This is a unique opportunity to listen to an inspirational speaker and anti-violence campaigner who has now reached over 200,000 pupils across the UK. We are very excited to welcome her to our school and we are keen for as many parents as possible to come and listen to her message. The talk is for ALL parents. The year 5 and 6 children will attend one of her workshops.

Attendance:

Current attendance – 95.64%

Current winning Year group - Year 3 (96.58%)

Remember if you have any issues to discuss, Rob Jones is available in school on a Tuesday, or you can phone him on 07900223045.

Student voice:

"I enjoyed the canoeing. I liked paddling and when the boat rocked it made me laugh!! It was amazing!"

Freya Grimston – Year 4