

We have had a busy final week of term with maypole practices and Easter crafts.

Parent Forum News

On Wednesday Parent Forum was held in school and led by Mrs Jones. We would like to remind everyone that our parent / carer voice is very important to us and we do encourage you to come to these informal get togethers twice a term. The minutes will be on the website shortly. Discussion centred around school priorities, what they felt was working well in school, what is so-so and what could be better. The use of the sensory garden and outdoor area was also discussed.



Bears Success in Young Writers Competition

Thirteen of our Bears were thrilled to hear that their mini saga entries into the Young Writers' national writing competition are being published at the end of May in a book titled Crazy Creatures. Well done to Grace, Katie, Holly, Tyler, Evie, Ava, Jack, Romilly, Harriet, Lily, Abigail, Neive and William.

> We look forward to seeing you all in print!

.... and well done to Mrs Scott who has been awarded a selection of books for the school for being a regular visitor to the Creative Learning Service at County Hall!



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The Bears Swim their Socks Off for Charity!!



Mrs Scott is incredibly proud of her class who swam their socks off on Tuesday morning for Cancer Research and our school sensory garden. Every child swam at least 2 lengths after jumping in at the deep end. This is an amazing achievement not least because half the class couldn't swim a width before they started swimming lessons in September! Thank you to all the parents who were able to help on the day. Now our challenge is to collect in all the sponsorship money and donations as soon as possible after Easter.

A total of 211 lengths were swum by the children! Well done to The Bears!

Hi 5 Netball Tournament Success

Yesterday afternoon Mrs Chamberlain took our Year 4/5 netball team to Shepshed High School. They played very well and Mrs Chamberlain said they were good ambassadors for the school. The team came second in the tournament and we are really proud of their success. Well done!



Stop Press!

At the time of going to press our Year 2 children are at Beaumanor Hall on their residential visit and the Easter Egg Hunt has yet to take place. News of these will be in the next newsletter.

Stonehurst Farm Visit

Yesterday our Year R and Year 1 children went to Stonehurst Farm at Mountsorrel. The sun shone for them and they had a brilliant time!



"I liked stroking the cuddly rabbits."

"We went on a tractor and it was very bumpy."



"We saw the chickens, they were cute."

"My favourite bit was seeing Mr Mumby." "I loved the rope swing."

"We saw the pigs sleeping together and wagging their tails!"







Shepshed Charnwood Rotary Club's annual Young Artist Award

Congratulations to Charlie and Elinor for their beautiful art which is on show in Shepshed Library. They were presented with a certificate and a WH Smith voucher.

"The Shepshed Charnwood Rotary Club's annual Young Artists competition has once again been a great success. With entries from Shepshed St. Winefride's, Newcroft, Kegworth and Belton primary students the high standards made selection of the winners very difficult. Judging the entries graphic artist, Mr Daniel Oskiewicz, commented that he was very impressed with all of the fine work that the pupils had done. Thanking the teachers and all involved for their input and enthusiasm for the project, he pointed out that an exhibition of the chosen artwork will be in Shepshed Library until 31st March then onto Kegworth Library from 3rd to 14th April." *Paul Miles 2017*

Coming Up



We break for the Easter holidays today! Please don't forget that Monday 24th April is a teacher day for staff training so school is closed to the children. School will reopen for children on Tuesday 25th April at 8.45am with Breakfast club from 7.45am. All other school clubs will restart on Tuesday 2nd May.

Palm Sunday Service at St John the Baptist Church Sunday April 9th

Everyone is welcome at this service. We meet outside the village hall at 10.45am. We have a few spare palm leaves, but if you want to make one with your child please do so. If it is raining we will meet at the back of the church. The parade will be followed by an All Age Service lasting about 45 minutes.



Belton Mayday Celebrations Saturday 29th April All children are involved and will be dancing





Guitar lessons with Mike Muller will restart on Tuesday 25th April There will be maypole dancing practices every day as we prepare for the Mayday celebrations on Saturday 29th April.

Mrs Johns will hold an information session for all parents new to May Day on Tuesday 25th April at 8.45am in school.

If you are unsure of anything please do ask your child's class teacher or Mrs Johns.

Reminder:

We assemble at 1.45pm at the village hall this year. At 2pm prompt all the children will process through the village to the maypole for the dancing.

Afterwards, the Mayday tea for the dancers will take place in the **village hall** from approximately 3pm. Tea and coffee will be available for parents and carers.

The draw for the Year 5 May Queen took place after school on 4thApril. Natasha's name was drawn and she is our May Queen for 2017.



Belton Charity Fun Day Saturday 13th May

A message from Gaz Lavine:

All ideas for fundraising at the charity day on Saturday 13th May are very welcome. Please support if you can.

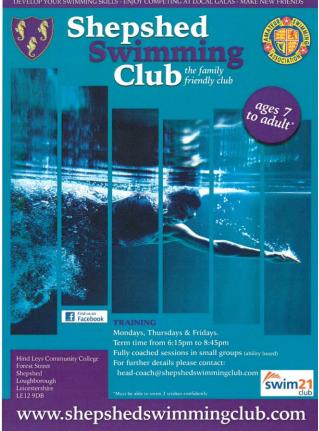
Thank you!



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers we are collecting!!

Please save your vouchers... and those of your friends, neighbours and relations and bring them into school. Thank you!





Diary Dates

Summer Term 2017



April

Monday	24^{th}	School closed to children. Teacher Day	MM.
Tuesday	25 th	School open for the Summer term	V N
Tuesday	25 th	Mayday information meeting for all parents new to May Day.	8.45am in school
Saturday	29^{th}	Mayday Celebrations. Meet at the village hall at 1.45pm	

May

Monday	1 st	Mayday bank holiday. School is closed
Tuesday	2 nd	Year 3 / 4 tennis. 12.30pm – 2.15pm at Shepshed High School
Wednesday	3 rd	Dental day with the school nurse. In school for all children
Wednesday	3 rd	KS1 Sats presentation to Year 2 parents. 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Monday	8 th	Governing Board standards meeting, 6pm in school
Tuesday	9 th	
- Friday 12 th		Sea Otters residential trip to Scarborough with Diseworth School
Thursday	18 th	Parent Forum. 2pm – 3pm in school
Tuesday	23 rd	FINS - Fitness In Schools Charity Day
Tuesday	23 rd	Year 5 tennis at Shepshed High School. 12.30pm – 2.15pm
Wednesday	24 th	Photographer in school for class photographs
Thursday	25^{th}	Foundation stage sports morning at Belton School for BeSKILD Trust
Friday	26 th	Break up today at 3.10pm for the half term break

June

Monday	5 th	Teacher day – school is closed to children
Tuesday	6 th	School open after the half term break
Tuesday	6 th	Year 5 sports morning at Long Whatton School for BeSKILD Trust
Tuesday	6 th	Quadkids at Shepshed High School
Thursday	22 nd	Full governing board meeting, 6.45pm in school
Friday	23 rd	Diosing in Loughborough
Monday	26 th	Reports out this week
Thursday	29 th	Parent Forum. 2pm – 3pm in school
Friday	30 th	BeSKILD Trust review

July

Thursday	6 th	Governing Board health and safety meeting
Tuesday	13^{th}	Gifted and talented sports afternoon for KS2 children
Friday	14 th	School closes for the Summer holidays

Summer holidays

August

Wednesday 30th

School open to pupils for the Autumn Term