

Newsletter 1

8th January 2016



Spring term 2106

Happy New Year and welcome back!

We hope you have had a good Christmas and break. Our theme this term is transport and trade. We are also thinking about 'What can we celebrate about our community?'

Staffing news

As you know Mrs Keast is expecting a baby this Spring and has been having difficulties with mobility. For health and safety reasons she is now signed off work until the birth of her baby and then will commence her maternity leave. Mrs Gamble will be covering for her at the present time in the Bees class (Year 1). We all send Mrs Keast our best wishes.

The Great Belton Bulb Plant -

A big Thank You from FOBS

to all who turned out on Tuesday 29th December to plant bulbs in the park.

We look forward to seeing them in bloom in Springtime.

Attendance

We work closely with our Education Welfare Officer, Naina Zavery who deals with matters of absence and lateness in this school. The government's minimum expectation for attendance is 96.5%. We are very pleased to report that our attendance exceeds this target.

From September attendance has been 97.72% which is excellent and 43% of all our pupils have 100% attendance which is impressive. Thank you for your support and keep up the good work!

Spring Term Clubs

Clubs start next week, commencing 11th January. Please take time to look at the enclosed schedule with your child and let us know what your child would like to do either in school time or after school. There is a wide variety of activities on offer as you can see - some activities are age limited and some are by number but please complete the enclosed form indicating which clubs your child would like to take part in. All clubs finish at 4.15pm and are free, apart from drawing club where we do ask for a contribution of £3.50 towards equipment if possible. We will let you know by text if your child has NOT got a place.

Safeguarding Our Children

All Leicestershire Schools have become part of a new safeguarding initiative, which aims to improve outcomes for children and families affected by domestic violence and abuse.



This scheme has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that might have an impact on a child that attends their school. The scheme is called **Operation Encompass** and is run in partnership with Leicestershire County Council and Leicestershire Police.

To further support the welfare of children during the school term Mrs de Looze or Mrs Scott will be informed when any domestic abuse incident has been reported to the police and one of our pupils was in the household. The information will remain confidential and only shared on a strictly need-to-know basis, for example with the class teacher. It will not be shared with any pupils.

If you would like to speak to someone in confidence about domestic abuse, call the Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0800 802 0028 or visit <http://lrsb.org.uk/information-for-all-victims-survivor>



Uniform

We are proud of our school uniform and like all children to wear it. Uniform is available from the office as are Sew on Uniform badges are available free of charge from the school office

Invitation

to **ALL** parents and carers

Cheese and Wine Evening and CEOPS (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) information meeting on Tuesday February 2nd 7.30pm - 9pm School Hall

This is a really important issue facing all parents and schools and the safety of your children is paramount both in and out of school and online.

Parents' Afternoon / Evenings

– *advance notice for your diaries*

There will be 2 opportunities to discuss
your child's progress and targets.

Wednesday 2nd March from 3.30pm to 7pm and

Thursday 3rd March from 1.30pm to 5.30pm.

These meetings will take place in the school hall and more information
will be sent out closer to the date so
you can book times etc.

Census day



It's our school census day at school on Thursday 21st January.
We will pay for a school lunch for all children on this day. Please let the school office know if your child does *NOT* want a school lunch and would prefer to bring a packed lunch on this day.

Census Day Menu

Sausage and Chips with
Peas or Beans
Ice Cream

*There will be vegetarian
sausages for our vegetarians.*

Diary Dates

January

Thursday	21 st	Census Day in School. Free school meals for all children today
Tuesday	26 th	Class A lead our assembly in church. Please join us in church at 9am
Tuesday	26 th	FOBS meeting at school 7.30pm
Thursday	28 th	The Bees residential visit to Beaumanor Hall

February

Tuesday	2 nd	Cheese and Wine evening and CEOPS presentation for all parents and carers. 7.30pm in the school hall
Friday	12 th	Chinese New Year workshop for all children
Friday	12 th	3.10pm break for half term
Monday	22 nd	School open again after the half term break

March

Tuesday	1 st	Class B lead our assembly in church. Please join us in church at 9am
Wednesday	2 nd	Parents' afternoon /evening 3.30pm – 7pm
Thursday	3 rd	Parents' afternoon /evening 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday	3 rd	World Book Day
Friday	4 th	2pm Mother's Day Tea
Tuesday	22 nd	Class C lead our assembly in church. Please join us in church at 9am