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Newsletter

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Child's Name:

Parents' Evening – Lower School Wednesday 2nd March, Upper School Wednesday 23rd March, both 4.00pm – 7.30pm



We look forward to seeing the parents of our year 3/4 children on Wednesday 2nd March. For year 5/6s we will be holding their Parent's Evening on Wednesday 23rd March. Year 3/4 parents should have already received their appointment letter, with year 5/6's to follow. Following on from our positively received Assessment without Levels Meeting for parents that we held in January, this will be the first opportunity for us to discuss with you how your child is doing using the new approach in describing achievement. We will also make available a

draft copy of the new report that we have designed based on the comments made and discussions held with parents at the recent meeting. We hope that you will welcome the changes made to the report format. Please remember that whilst we have to limit discussions with the teachers to five minutes on the evening, we are more than happy to arrange other times as well if what needs to be discussed requires a longer conversation. As always, please never wait for a Parents' Evening if you have a concern or a question for us, most queries/worries are fairly swiftly resolved once we know about them. Those which are more complex and therefore challenging are always best to dealt with sooner rather than later, time doesn't necessarily solve everything.

Sporting Achievement

We are delighted to be able to announce that the five-a-side team have won the Heanor Schools' Indoor 5-a-Side League. This is traditionally a competition that we do well in but in the twenty years it has been running we have only ever won outright on one previous occasion. The competition runs over several weeks at Heanor Leisure Centre and out our sixteen matches we won 14, drew 1 and lost 1. The only match we lost was the very first one we played.



Congratulations to the team who add this win to the Gregg Cup which we won last term, Mr Hutchinson is claiming this as the league and cup double! Congratulations also to Mr



Hutchinson who has tried to channel the Brian Clough approach into his managerial style. It is also important to comment on the performance of the 'B' team who finished 5th out of the ten teams that entered. My thanks to Mr Urry who helped the children in the 'B' team to perform so well, both as a team and individually.

Celebrating Easter



On Monday the 21st March we are holding our 2nd Easter Celebration in school. We had hoped that this year we would have been returning to St Lawrence's and for the new vicar to be leading it. As we still await the new vicar we are delighted to be able to welcome Valley CIDs (Christians In Derbyshire) into school whose contribution last year of Easter Workshops was appreciated by all the children as well as the staff. Before that on Thursday 3rd March we welcome Mr Kerry Palmer to school who will be undertaking our Church School Inspection on that day. He will certainly be outside school on Thursday morning so if you see a gentleman on their own looking around who you don't recognise it is most likely to be him and he will be more than happy to talk to you about our school.

Website Development and Technical Difficulties

We are looking at improving our class pages on the website. We want them to be more interactive and user friendly. We want them to be a 'window' into what your child is doing on a weekly if not daily basis. Our iPads are fantastic and an excellent way of providing photographs or videos of what the children are doing. We have been training the staff on their possibilities as well as the children (guess who it is easier to train!) and we are hoping that the class pages become an excellent source of up to date information and worth visiting on a regular basis.



There has been a loss of content from the school website, this is the responsibility of the company that provide the technical backup and hosting of our website. The company are currently working on it but In the meantime we are looking at the website to see what is missing and are adding and updating where we can. If you can't find something of importance please let us know, please don't assume that we are already aware.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 2nd March	Parents' Evening – 4.00pm to 7.30pm (Appointments) Lower School Only
Thursday 17th March	Easter Disco – 6.00pm to 7.30pm
Wednesday 23rd March	Upper School Parents' Evening 4.00pm – 7.30pm (details to follow)
Thursday 24th March	Last day of term
Summer Term	
1st half	7 weeks
Monday 11th April	First day of term
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 9th May	Year 6 Assessment Week
Friday 27th May	Last day of term
2nd half	8 weeks
Monday 6th June	First day of term
Tuesday 14th June	Sports Day – 9.30am
Wednesday 15th June	Reserve Sports' Day
Saturday 18th June	Horticultural Show – 12.00noon to 4.00pm
Monday 27 June to Wednesday 29 June	Year 6 Residential Trip to Lea Green
Thursday 30th June	Transition Day for Year 2 and Year 6's New Parents Information Evening – 6.30pm
Friday 1st July	Reports to parents
Wednesday 6th July	Parents Open Evening – 4.00pm to 7.30pm
Tuesday 12th July	School Production – 2.00pm & 6.30pm
Wednesday 13th July	School Production – 6.30pm
Thursday 21st July	Graduation Ceremony – 2.00pm Graduation Ball – 6.00pm
Friday 22nd July	Last day of term for children
Monday 25th July	INSET day 4
Tuesday 26th July	INSET day 5

