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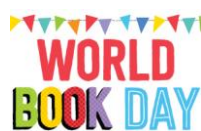
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## Newsletter February 2017

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### World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March



You should have all received the letter that the JLT sent out about World Book Day last week. We look forward to celebrating all things reading on the day and as mentioned we are inviting the children to dress up as a book character, if they would like to. We are also asking the children to be ready to be able to talk about their favourite book. World Book Day is about celebrating reading and encouraging the children to read for enjoyment and not only because it is an important life skill. We all enjoy something more if it is fun. We have also used World Book Day as a launch for an exciting new idea – a 'Readathon'. Our Head Boy and Head Girl are very excited about this, the idea is to sponsor your child per book they read. The money raised goes towards purchasing books for local hospitals for children, who at a time where they may need to 'escape' can do so with a good book – we can have done something to support this.

### Important Message for Everyone - E- Learning Safety (Internet Safety)



As part of our ongoing support for E-Learning Safety we held a session for parents on the afternoon of Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February which was well received and much appreciated. We will be repeating this session in the evening on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.30pm. This session is aimed at parents but if you have child care issues the staff have kindly volunteered to look after the children (only during the meeting of course!). **These meetings are really important for any parent whose children have access to the internet, which these days would seem to include everyone.** E-Learning Safety covers all aspects of safeguarding the children, ensuring that they make sensible decisions whilst using the internet. It is an integral part of what your children learn in school on an ongoing basis. On 7<sup>th</sup> February we took part in E- Learning Safety Day and as a school we looked at particular aspects of staying safe on the internet. Please visit our Safeguarding Page on our website which contains important information for parents and links to websites that will assist you as parents to keep your children safe On-line.

### Robotic Lego (They never had it in my day!)

As part of our successful bid from Awards 4 All (Lottery Funding) we have been able to increase our IT provision in the form of more laptops, we have also been able to purchase programmable Lego. It fits in with a control program called SCRATCH which we already



use in school and the children have been learning to 'code/program which has and will continue to advance their computing skills. So you can see some of the technology we use we will be showcasing our newest acquisitions on the evening of the E-Safety evening on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. So not only will you learn how to keep your children safe on the internet but you will also see what your children get up to in school and the breadth that new technology offers our children and their families.

### Parents' Evening Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 4.00pm – 7.30pm (Appointment System)

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday for Parents' Evening. You should all be receiving your appointment time shortly if you haven't already. If you missed the initial letter they are available from the school office. Year 5/6 differs slightly in their arrangements from year 3/4 due to the current arrangements but the letters make this clear. The JLT will be promoting their rebranding of themselves and offering you the opportunity to contribute to their new logo/wordle. On the school's behalf they will also be handing out a brief questionnaire which will deal specifically with our new Home Learning approach which we launched earlier this term. As always we really appreciate your feedback and what we hope we have managed to do with the Home Learning, through extensive consultation with yourselves, is to achieve a best fit. We are realistic enough to appreciate that views on 'Homework' will always vary and as we have discovered, sometimes even within the same households! There is a balance to be struck between family time and everything else that forms part of the busy lives we all live. Your contribution is always valued.



### Sporting Updates

A significant congratulations to both our five-a-side teams who competed in the Heanor Schools' Five-a-side Tournament held at Heanor Leisure Centre over the past couple of months. Nine teams took part, including our A and B teams who played a total of sixteen matches. The B team, with Mr Urry in charge, which included mostly year 5s finished in a fantastic fourth position. When you consider that they were competing against mostly year sixes, it shows how well they have done. The A Team with Mr. Hutchinson won all sixteen of their matches and therefore became Champions. They scored an amazing 89 goals and conceded only 5. I have been involved in the competition for over twenty years and I have never known a team to be successful in all of their matches. We will now go forward to represent Heanor on finals night which is coming up in March. The football team have already won the treble of the Gregg Cup (9-a-side) the Outdoor Amber Valley (6-a-side) as well as the Heanor 5-a-side mentioned above. We also entered the English Football League and having come through a qualifying competition when through to the Derbyshire finals held at Derby County's training ground, finishing 6<sup>th</sup> out of all the schools in Derbyshire.



The Futsal (indoor football played with a heavier ball to encourage passing along the ground) teams were runners up in Amber Valley in both the girls' and the boys' competitions. We are also Champions of Amber Valley in the Futsal Plus. We have also competed, for the first time, in the Amber Valley Boccia (similar to bowls) Competition, finishing fourth overall. Congratulations to all our children who have taken part in the various competitions, for further details and photographs please look on the website.

### INSET – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March



Don't forget that our 2<sup>nd</sup> INSET Day of the year is on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. We usually



try to attach them to holidays if we can but were unable to on this occasion. It is a Cluster Event for local primary schools and the key speaker is in such demand that this was the only day we could book him. The next INSETs are on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July.**

## Parking Thoughtfully

Please be considerate to our neighbours when parking to pick up the children. A few of our neighbours have mentioned to us that people are parking across their drives. Can you please check when you are parking that you are not covering driveways as you can appreciate this is frustrating for residents, especially when they are trying to access their drives.



## Year 5 and 6 Parents to Lunch - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March



Mrs Broome is warmly inviting our parents and carers of Year 5 and 6 (Years 3 and 4 will be invited later on in the academic year) to a 'Parents to Lunch' day – letter coming soon. This will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, you will be able to have your lunch with your child/children and sample our lovely school dinners ☺

### Dates for your Diary (new dates or changes in bold)

Spring Term 2	7 weeks
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening (appointments)
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parents to Lunch (an invitation for parents/carers to join our children for lunch year 5 and 6 only (3 and 4 later this year) watch out for information)</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>E-learning meeting and Technology Showcase 6.30pm</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Inset Day 2
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	School Disco 5.30-7.00pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term
Summer Term 1	5 weeks
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Class Photos
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Summer Term 2	7 Weeks
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of term
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports' Day 9.30am
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports' Day 9.30am
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Horticultural Show 12.00-4.00pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day 3
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Day for Year 6 and Year 2 New Parents' Evening 6.00pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Disco (years 2-5) 5.30-7.00pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents' Evening 4.00-7.30pm (non-appointment)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 to Lea Green residential
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 to Heanor Gate Science College (transition)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Graduation 2.00pm Graduation Ball 6.00-8.00pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term for children

Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Inset training for staff
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