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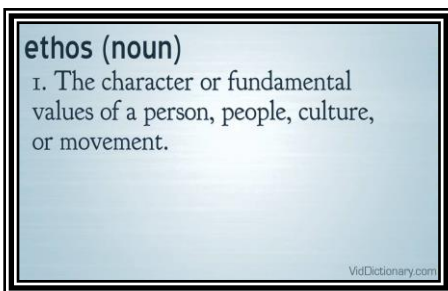
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## Newsletter – February 2018

Child's Name: .....

### Extending our Ethos



You will remember from our last Newsletter that we are looking at our school's ethos. Our positive ethos is probably a helpful factor in attracting more and more parents and children from outside of our normal catchment area. Of course the challenge with being a popular school is that you become full. In our case we are now over our capacity. The Local Authority have recognised this and have suggested that a two classroom extension is added to the current building. The classrooms would be located at the end of

the current school building and extend onto the playground. There are two options, one which would connect to what is currently Miss Adair's classroom and the other a freestanding construction, again, extending onto the playground. We have received plans for both options and will display these at Parents' Evening on the 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Our idea is that children, parents, staff and governors all get an opportunity to express an opinion on the proposal. This is a significant undertaking for the school, taking us from our current capacity of 180 children to 240. Given its importance to the school's future we wanted to canvas opinions from within and across our school community. As well as having the proposed designs available we will also be producing a questionnaire which you can fill in with what you see as the advantages and questions you might have, as well as possible concerns.

### Parents' Evening 7<sup>th</sup> March 4.00pm – 7.30pm (Appointments)

Our Spring Term Parents' Evening takes place on 7<sup>th</sup> March 4.00pm – 7.30pm. This is by appointment and the letters explaining the arrangements are attached to this newsletter. This is an opportunity for you to look at your child's work and discuss their progress with the teacher. Year 5/6 arrangements are slightly different but the letter will explain these.



These appointments are limited by demand to five minutes each. If you have anything which needs a more significant discussion, we are more than happy to arrange something at another time. We encourage parents to talk to us whenever necessary, you don't have to wait until there is a parents' evening if you have any concerns or questions. Talking through a worry, is more often than not, enough to solve it. **Please see letter attached to make your appointment.**



## Siberia visits Heanor but Mundy will be open as usual!

This week promises to be a particularly cold one with the promise (or threat) of snow already with us. **Please expect the school to be open.** We are very reluctant to close the school because we value the children's education so highly. Our website, Radio Derby and our texting service are the methods we would use to let you know if we were forced to close. Otherwise, always assume that we will be open for 'business'. The vast majority of our children are of course within walking distance of school which makes a significant difference.



## Sports Updates



We are delighted to be able to announce that we are the Table Tennis Champions for Amber Valley. We took three teams to the competition and congratulations to all of our children who represented the school.

Since our last update we have also been involved in the Boccia tournament at Alfreton Leisure Centre. For those of you who, like me until fairly recently don't know, it is a version of bowls. The competitors have to sit on a chair and then bowl at a target ball (Jack) and the winning team is the one whose ball is closest to the Jack. We competed against a number of schools and whilst we might not have been the most successful team we were delighted that we won a number of matches.

We also entered the English Football League Cup, which is a national competition with the eventual finalists playing at Wembley. The team narrowly missed out on progressing to the knockout rounds.

We took three teams to the Year 3/4 Amber Valley School Sports Partnership run tournament for Dodgeball where we had a fantastic time. It was a brilliant event with lots of teams and many matches which ended with one of our teams finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Well done to everyone, children and our staff who have put so much time and effort into both preparing and participating in all these events.

## Dates for your diary - see separate sheet.



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<b>Spring Term</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> half</b>	<b>4 weeks</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	INSET day 3
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	First day back for children
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents Evening – 4pm to 7.30pm (Appointments)
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Easter Day <b>(in school)</b>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Home Learning Showcase 3.30-5.15pm</b> PTA event – Disco – 5.30pm to 7pm
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Last day for children
<b>Summer Term</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> half</b>	<b>7 weeks</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First day of term
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	SATS week for Year 6
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Group Photographs
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Sponsored Walk / Last day of term
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> half</b>	<b>7 weeks</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	First day of term
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports Day (Y3/4 at 9.30am)
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports Day (Y5/6 at 9.30am)
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Horticultural Show
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	INSET day 4
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Reports to parents (except Year 6)
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Parents' Open Evening – 4pm to 7.30m
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Transition disco – For Years 2 to 5 – 5.30pm to 7pm
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Transition Day / New Parent's Meeting – 6pm
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Data input deadline
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School Production – 2.00pm & 6pm
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School Production – 6pm
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 HGSC Days
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Graduation Ceremony - 2pm Graduation Ball – 6pm Last day of term for children
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	INSET day 5

