



I hope you had a lovely Easter. There were several Easter Egg hunts / trails throughout Derbyshire. If you took part in one, I hoped you enjoyed the experience.

This week is our **Health and Wellbeing Week** in school – As a school, we are passionate that our learners are healthy, in mind and body, and happy. In 2017, NICE guidelines stated, “Social and emotional wellbeing creates the foundations for healthy behaviours and educational attainment. It also helps prevent behavioural problems (including substance misuse) and mental health problems. That’s why it is important to focus on the social and emotional wellbeing of children.” During the week, each year group will undertake learning activities which promote health and well being. A big thank you to Mrs Robinson and Mrs Chilvers who have led on this and coordinated it.

Thank you very much to you all for supporting our Down Syndrome odd socks day and Sports Relief last term. It was a joy to see brightly coloured socks, long socks and printed socks (there’s not often I get the opportunity to write that!) It was also great to see all the classes running their mile so we achieved our 12 mile half marathon! We made £322.60 for Sport Relief, which will go to support this very worthy cause – well done everyone! Thank you again for your support.

**Cliffe Park Sign Competition** – congratulations to **Millie** whose Cliffe Park poster has been selected as one of three winners. The local Town Councillors who judged the competition said that the standard was so high that they found it extremely difficult to select just one winner and have therefore chosen three winners and two runners-up. As one of the winners, Millie’s design will be incorporated into the welcome sign at Cliffe Park. Millie will also receive a £25 gift voucher and be invited to the grand opening of the park. Very well done Millie – what a great achievement!

**Radio 2 500 Word Competition** – congratulations to **Sophie** whose 500 word competition entry has been shortlisted for next round of judging. There are thousands of entries for this competition and it is a tremendous achievement to be shortlisted. Very well done Sophie – we are immensely proud of you!

**Charity Group Biscuit Bonanza** – Thank you to everyone who supported the biscuit bonanza. The Charity Group raised £136.30 for the PACT House (Parents’ Association of Children with Tumors and Leukemia) near to Sheffield Children’s Hospital - this is a home-from-home where families who have a child receiving urgent treatment at the hospital can stay so they are close by. Well done to Mrs Ford and the Charity Group who organised and coordinated this event.

**British Science Week** – well done to all those that submitted a Science Selfie. It’s wonderful to see you engaging in great Science activities outside school. We will announce the winners in Friday’s whole school assembly. We will display the photographs so the whole community can share, and marvel, at the science taking place. Thank you to Miss Spencer who organised and coordinated this event.

**Parent Consultations** – our parent consultations were very well attended – thank you. I hope you can see how this strengthens the partnership between home and school for the benefit of your child.

**Congratulations to Lily** on two counts. Firstly, she donated her hair (a 30cm long ponytail) to the Little Princess Trust to be made into a children’s wig. Last year the charity gave away over 1200 free real hair wigs to children. The charity receives many cards and letters from families expressing their gratitude and telling them of the huge difference receiving a wig has made to their children’s lives. Secondly, following in the footsteps of other children in

school, Lily received her medal and certificate for completing her 10 mile challenge from Race at your Pace. Well done Lily, great achievements.

**Parent Governor** – We are looking for two Parent Governors to join our Governing Body. An email has been sent out today with further information – this can also be found in the Parent Section of our website. A paper copy of the election pack can be collected from the School Office. The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday 13 April.

**Dronfield Infant School Fashion Show** – 12th April at the Hilltop Sports Social Club at 7pm. All proceeds will be put towards Dronfield Infants School and the Children. Tickets are £3.50 each or 2 for £5 and can be bought from Dronfield Infants Office. There will be a raffle and the show gives upto 75% off clothes from stores such as Oasis, River Island, Next etc.

**FA Girls Football Week** – We have registered to take part in the FA Girls Football Week (23-29 April), this is a national initiative by the Football Association to get more girls playing football. We will be running 2 after school training sessions for girls of all abilities – the usual Tuesday evening after school club (24 April) and an extra drop in session after school on the Thursday evening (26 April). We have also been offered free tickets to the Doncaster Belles game on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April at the Keepmoat Stadium in Doncaster so any girls that attend one or both of these sessions will be given a free child and adult ticket for the game. Please see Mrs Cooper or Mrs Myers in the office if you would like to put your name down.

**TTRockstars** – the current TTRockstars' challenge which is the 'Most Improved Rock Speed', will be open until **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April**. Each Year Group winner will be awarded a trophy and certificate in whole school assembly on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

**Clubs** – The club information was emailed out at the end of last term, please send payment in a sealed envelope with your child's name and club details on the front to the office. Clubs run by outside providers are:

Free Style Dancing – Mondays 3.30 – 4.30pm £18

Street Dancing – Tuesdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm £21

Table Tennis – Wednesdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm £21, 4.30pm-6pm £30 (no session on Wednesday 23 May)

Jumping Clay – Thursdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm £28.50 starting 19 April for 5 weeks. Please text Catherine Slaney on 07799 182880 to book a place

Rugger Eds – Fridays 3.30pm – 4.30pm £35

Teacher-run clubs will commence the week beginning 6 April and are as follows:

**History Club** - Tuesday 3.30pm-4.30pm for children in all year groups with Mrs Lunn – your child will need to speak to Mrs Lunn.

**Tennis Club** - Monday 3.30-4.30pm with Mrs Mowforth for children in Y3/Y4, again please speak to Mrs Mowforth to put your name down.

**Running Club** - Tuesday 3.30pm-4.30pm with Miss Rogers for children in Y3-Y6. Please speak to Miss Rogers to put your name down. **\*\*\*Please note the change of day from Monday to Tuesday starting Monday 16 April\*\*\***

**Girls' Football** - Tuesday 3.30pm-4.30pm with Mrs Thomson and ex-pupil Amy Cooper for children in Y3-Y6. Please speak to Mrs Cooper (in the school office) to put your name down.

**Year 4 Bikeability** – this will take place on the following dates: **Monday 16 April** and **Tuesday 17 April**. Your child's teacher will confirm the exact date shortly – your child will need their bike and helmet in school on the appropriate day as well as suitable, warm outdoor clothing and footwear.

**Y5 Swimming** – This will re-commence on **16 April**.

**Class Photographs** – class photographs are taking place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Leave of absence** – please can I remind you that holidays during term time are against Government regulations? Leave in these cases would be unauthorised and we are obliged to inform the Local Authority who may issue a fine (this decision does not involve the school). There is more information about this on the Derbyshire County Council website. There are, however, a **few** occasions when a planned leave of absence is agreed due to exceptional circumstances. When you are completing your leave of absence form, please provide supporting evidence (for example: if you are going abroad for a family wedding and are seeking more than a day's leave, you will need to provide a copy of the wedding invitation.) Unfortunately, taking a holiday during term time because it is cheaper, is not recognised as an 'exceptional circumstance'. Please note that if a child's attendance is below 95%, then it would be unusual for leave of absence to be granted even under exceptional circumstances.

**Calpol** – whilst we are happy to assist your child in the administration of medicines in school, if you require your child to have calpol throughout the school day, you will need to provide a bottle and complete a medical indemnity form from the School Office.

**INSET Days** – our INSET days for the academic year 2018-2019 are: Monday 3rd September 2018, Thursday 25th October 2018, Friday 26th October 2018, Monday 3rd June 2019 and Monday 22nd July 2019.

## **2018**

w/c 14 May – SATs Week

23 May – Sports Day at the English Institute of Sport (EIS)

25 May – School closes for half term

4 June – INSET day

5 June – School re-opens

3 July – Y2 Parents' Meeting

10 July – Bags2School Collection

20 July – School closes for summer holiday

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