

Bamford Newsletter 5 30.3.15

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Successful fundraising

Thanks to everyone who baked buns for Red Nose Day – the event was very popular with the children and we were visited by Bamford Preschool.

World Book Day

On World Book Day the children enjoyed a celebration of reading and books. The costumes were amazing and everyone had fun. Do keep your eyes out for the amazing 'reading' locations that you found – which are displayed around school.

PTFA Events

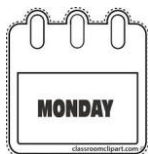
Thank you to everyone who supported our **Easter Bingo**, especially Helen Rutter who did a brilliant job as caller and compere. The next PTFA event is the **Spring Fair** on 16 May from 10-12 so please make a note in your diary.

School Governors

A huge thank you for your response to our recent plea for school governors. As a result we are delighted to welcome Demelza Whitbread as our new parent governor and we have forwarded the name of our second volunteer to the LA to become a LA governor. We will make an announcement when the application has been confirmed.

Dinner money

Can we please remind you that dinner money must be paid in advance and paid at the start of term, sent in to school on Monday for the week or alternatively on the day of the dinner. The cost is £1.95 per day and there are six weeks to the half term (don't forget bank holiday Monday 4th May) – payable to DCC.



Attendance

Please remember that School is not able to authorise term time absences unless there are exceptional circumstances. Holidays will be unauthorised and may be referred to the LA who can issue a fixed penalty notice. Information is available on our Website.

Regular attendance is crucial if pupils are to make good progress. If your child's attendance is below 90% you will be contacted in order to ascertain the reason and see if there is any support required by the family (educational welfare officer, school nurse, behaviour support) to improve attendance.

E-safety

We are hearing more and more in school about children falling out on social media, Instagram, Snapchat, Facetime, Facebook, online gaming on the X-box and Playstation etc. It is strongly advised that parents closely monitor their children's online activities and conversations at home. Helpful advice is available at

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/

Inappropriate Use of Social Media

Please see leaflet attached with information for parents.

Photographs

For safeguarding reasons we must ask that any photos of your child at school events should only be for personal use and not shared on social media. If in doubt, please ask a member of staff as there are some children in school whose parents have specifically asked for their images not to be shared in public.

Parent View

The way in which school can measure your opinions is through an online survey called Parent View. It only takes a couple of minutes to complete. The link is:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Creative Curriculum

The children enjoyed their creative curriculum theme linked to Journeys. This half term the theme is Invaders and Settlers.

Class	Invaders and Settlers theme
Oak	Homes and Castles
Beech	Saxons
Ash	Vikings
Willow	Romans

If you have any photos, resources or specialist knowledge to support the creative curriculum theme, please contact the class teachers as they will be very grateful of support.

Science Week

Thank you to the children for their enthusiasm during our recent science week. They enjoyed their learning and thanks to the British Science Week Kick Start Fund and their generous donation of £300, we were able to be very hands on and creative in our learning.

Bug Club

Feedback from the children has been very positive about the new Bug Club subscription – providing a much larger range of books for home reading and a new way of reading online. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please let the school know. For those of you without internet access, the teachers are happy to find opportunities during the school day for your child to access this wonderful resource.

After School Clubs

We continue to offer the following:
Monday – Dance & Computer
Tuesday - Multisports
Wednesday – Drama (infants this half term)
Thursday - Spanish (juniors)
Friday-Dodgeball
Clubs will start the first week back.

In the News!

April's issue of Derbyshire Life includes an article on Bamford which includes mention of our school. Do have a look if you get a chance! It will be archived on their website later.

Dates

EASTER HOLIDAY 30 March – 10 April	
April	
13	Back to school Cricket Coaching Y4-6 begins (Mondays)
15	PTFA Spring Fair planning meeting 7.30
21	Y6 Bikeability starts – info to follow
23	Teaching, Learning and Community Links Committee meeting 5pm
27	Governor Training – Preparing for Ofsted
May	
4	Bank Holiday
5	Class Photos
8	Spring Fair non uniform day
11-15	SATs Week
15	Football Tournament
18	Orienteering Festival
21	Resource Committee Meeting 9am
22	Final Payment for Lea Green Residential due
25-29	Half Term
June	
1	INSET School Closed
20-23	Y6 Lea Green Residential
30	School sports day - am
July	
2	Provisional date for music concert
7	Junior EIS Sports day
10	Infants HVC sports day
15-17	Y4 and Y5 Castleton YHA Residential
24	Y6 Leavers assembly – parents welcome School Breaks up for the summer

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great Easter Break!