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Newsletter

School Dinner Competition

The My School Lunch team were delighted to visit Stretton Handley Primary to present the winner of the most recent competition with their prize. CL answered all the questions correctly and was the lucky winner of an Ipod Shuffle. Make sure you enter the current competition and you could stand a good chance of winning!

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Lea Green Y4 Y5 Y6 Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th April

Children should arrive at the centre between 9.45 and 10.00 am on Wednesday 25th April – **not earlier than this as there is no-one available to supervise them before this time.** They will be met Mr Cooke, Mrs Mahadevan and Miss Spooner and then be escorted from the car park area into the building by centre staff. Please ensure that if your child requires any medication, that you have completed a medication form (available from the school office) and that medications are handed to a member of staff in a **CLEARLY LABELLED CONTAINER/ BAG** for safekeeping. Children are responsible for their own inhalers.

Well dressing

The theme this year is the **Queen's Jubilee celebration**. If children would like to do an extra design at home please bring them in for Monday 23rd April. Some ideas for designs are

eg The Queen

- in a golden coach, waving probably
- riding a horse in her red uniform for trooping the colour
- holding flowers on a walk-about
- been given flowers by a child on a walk-about
- wearing a crown or tiara and a long very posh dress
- sitting on a golden throne wearing a gown and robes --as in opening parliament
- inspecting the troops
- knighting a person in the palace

other pictures possibly for the side panels; pictures of

- palaces and castles,
- stamps with the Queens head on
- coins with the Queens head on
- flags,
- corgi dogs!



Ann Robson has also requested some help with the well dressing itself. Do we have any parents/ volunteers who may be able to offer some time during the **week beginning 28th May** to help out? Please let us know.

Please look at the previous well-dressings on the school website for ideas of what to start collecting (never can have too many alder cones!)

School Jubilee celebration – Thursday 31st May

Please see separate letter attached.

Big Bird Watch

A big thank you for all the change donated to the bird fundraiser. We have bought a couple of bird feeders with the money from the spare change. Thank you also to parents for donating bird food.

Please remind children to stay off the mound and away from the fence at the front of school as we are lucky to have some birds nesting there. Thank you.

Y5 and Y6 Sex Education

During May the school nurse will be coming in to work with Y5 and Y6. There will be an opportunity for parents of Y5 and Y6 children to come into school to share some of the materials that the nurse uses to deliver these sessions and to ask questions, on Monday 28th May at 3.30pm. Further details to follow. Thank you.

Chesterfield Museum Class 2 and 3

See separate letter for information about the visit to The Ancient Greece interactive exhibition and permission slips.

Attendance

Locally and nationally schools continue to monitor the attendance of pupils. This week the Local Attendance Officer has visited to discuss how to improve attendance at our school, which is currently at 94.6% overall. However a number of pupils have attendance at 90% or just below. The Government and local authorities consider attendance of 90% as worrying. This may come as a surprise when you think that 90% or 9 out of 10 in a test would be considered very good. However, in attendance, it means missing a day EVERY TWO WEEKS. This is certain to result in a child losing confidence and not understanding school work as well as they should, especially if the pattern is repeated over years. Over a school career of 11 years 90% is like missing more than one whole year. It is vital for us to set up good habits which will ensure that children succeed in their learning. Our aim is for **all** children to attend school at 95% or above. This means having no more than one day off per month, or 10 days over a school year. Holidays during term time affect the overall attendance levels and these will not be authorized absences if the child's attendance during the year has dropped below the threshold. This may also trigger intervention and involvement of the AWO (Attendance Welfare Officer). Thank you to everyone for keeping us informed of absences by telephone and for sending absence explanation notes on your child's return to school. A big well done to all the families where children have managed 100% attendance each term and for ensuring that holidays are not taken in term time.

Pamper evening

Following the hugely successful pamper evening held last year, another **Ladies Pamper Evening** has been arranged for Thursday 10th May 7.00 – 9.30 p.m. Please see attached flyer and ticket request form. Treatments will be allocated as requests received so make sure to get your requests in early.

Many thanks to Mrs Riggott and Mrs Roberts for organising this. If you are able to help out on the night even for a short while could you please contact either Mrs Riggott or Mrs Roberts as they would be grateful for any help offered.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 25 th – Friday 27 th April	Lea Green Residential Y4, Y5 and Y6
Thursday 26 th April	Michael Fentam - MAST for collective worship
Friday 27 th April	Swimming recommences for KS2 – please ensure swimming kit is in school if your child is not at Lea Green (Y3)
Wednesday 2 nd May	Paces sports afternoon for parents and children. 1.30 p.m.
Thursday 3 rd May	James Coates – MAST for collective worship
Tuesday 8 th May	KS2 visit to Chesterfield Museum p.m.
Thursday 10 th May	Ladies Pamper Evening 7.00 – 9.30 p.m.
Monday 14th – Friday 18th May	KS2 SATs week
Monday 28 th May	Y5 and Y6 parents meeting re Sex Education 3.30 p.m.
Thursday 31 st May	“Street Party” for Queen's Jubilee Last day of Summer Term 5
Friday 1 st June	INSET DAY school closed to Pupils
Saturday 2 nd June to Tuesday 5 th June	Well Dressings at Brakenfield during half term
Friday 1 st June	INSET for safeguarding/child protection training
Monday 11 th June	School re-opens
Wednesday 20 th June	Safety Crew – Y6 p.m.
Thursday 21 st June	James Coates – MAST for collective worship
Friday 6 th July	INSET day for curriculum planning.
Thursday 12 th July	Michael Fentam - MAST for collective worship Governors' Meeting 7.00 p.m.
Friday 20 th July	Leavers service – 2.30 p.m. School closes for Summer Break

Yours sincerely

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