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# Newsletter

Spring term 2 – March - April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020



## KS2 Qualitas after-school Uni-Hoc

There will be a block of five 3.30 to 4.30pm sessions of Uni-hoc commencing Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. See separate letter for slips to return. Sessions are subsidised through our Sport Premium funding.



## Whole school tennis sessions

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb there were free tennis coaching sessions for Woodpeckers and all KS2. Children have brought home leaflets about the opportunity to join a FREE coaching programme at Ashover Tennis Courts. This will allow them to try tennis in a club atmosphere.

## Shrove Tuesday - Pancakes!

As part of KS2 topic, 'Food Glorious Food', children are learning about the importance of food in festivals and celebrations. On Shrove Tuesday they ate some delicious pancakes and found out all about Lent. Woodpeckers also enjoyed trying some pancakes.



## Water Polo

KS2 children will be taking part in a water polo session on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at Queen's Park Leisure Centre. If your child is involved you will have received a separate letter.

## SWIMMING - KS2

KS2 swimming continues on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February with last session before Easter on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

## Woodpeckers Qualitas Fundamentals sessions – Friday afternoons

In addition to other PE lessons there will be 5 Friday afternoon Qualitas sessions for Reception/Year 1 and 2 children commencing Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.(Last session 3<sup>rd</sup> April). Please remember to leave PE kits in school every day (including, plimsolls for indoor and trainers for outside). Thank you. The sessions are subsidised through Sport Premium funding.

## World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Scholastic On- line Book Fair 28<sup>th</sup> Feb -14<sup>th</sup> March

Children are invited to bring in their favourite story or book to share and display on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. They will be taking part in various book related activities during the day. We would also like parents / grandparents /other family adults to let us know their own favourite childhood story by filling in a label for our 'story time' display. We will be running an online book fair this year for your child to spend their world book day token. Details in separate post on Parent Hub.



## Living eggs - Reception and KS1

As part of their topic for this term Woodpeckers will have the chance to watch eggs hatching in their classroom. The eggs and equipment will be brought into school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and the children will care for them and the subsequent chicks until they are collected two weeks later. Thank you for returning permission slips and donations

## Colour food bingo

DCC Catering have organised a new initiative to inspire all children to "eat a rainbow". This promotion is called "Colour Food Bingo" and is designed to encourage children to eat a different coloured fruit or vegetable each day of the week. Each child will be issued with a bingo card with 5 different colours on it. Each time the child eats a fruit or vegetable in one of the colours the card will be stamped. Once all five colours have been stamped then a prize will be given. The promotion applies to all children in school so your child can take part whether they have school lunches or bring their own packed meal from home. The promotion will be run in school week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> March for one week.



## Sport Relief Mile - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm

Mr Cooke has organised a sponsored event on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March to raise funds for Sport Relief. Parents/ Grandparents are welcome to join us for a Sport Relief Mile (running or walking!) and extra sponsor forms are available in school if required. Please meet us on the **Jubilee Playing field** for a 2.00pm start. Children may then go home early with an adult. Any unaccompanied children will walk back to school with staff and should be collected as usual at 3.30pm. Letter/forms to follow.

## Mount Cooke residential - payment deadline 13th March

The two-night residential takes place in June. Information about activities, clothing etc will follow nearer the time but please note that full payment is required by Mount Cook in advance. Please ensure final payment is brought to school by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, as this deadline cannot be extended. Payments can be made in instalments on any day. Please send in payment card as well. Thank you.

## EASTER SERVICE and OPEN AFTERNOON – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (2.00pm- 3.30pm)

Parents are warmly invited to join us for our Easter service and Open Afternoon on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2.00pm. After the service there will be refreshments and an opportunity to visit the classrooms and look at books and displays of children's work. At afternoon break parents/visitors are welcome to join children on the playground as they go on their eggciting egg hunt.

## Design an Easter egg competition – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

This year we are holding an Easter egg design competition. Please ask your child to decorate the blank egg drawing provided in whatever way they choose. Any decoration goes – colouring, patterns, paint, glitter, stickers, pasta pieces etc. – they can be as creative as they want!

There will be **3 winners per register group-** Rec/KS1 ( Woodpeckers) **and KS2** ( Kingfishers and Peregrines) with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize to be announced and presented at our Easter Open afternoon on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The judging panel will be looking for the most innovative ideas and colourful pictures!

When finished, ensure your child's name and group is on the entry, (we will be folding these over to avoid any bias from the judges!) and return it to school (via book bags or direct to the office) on or before **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April..**

All the egg designs will be on display at the Easter Open afternoon and all entrants will receive a small Easter gift for their hard work. Happy colouring / sticking / gluing... !



## Year 5 Tupton Transition day

Just a reminder that if you wish your Y5 child to take part in the Tupton Taster Transition day on 29<sup>th</sup> June you need to return **both** the forms sent home before the holiday to the school office before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. This will enable us to inform Tupton which children will be attending. Thank you very much.



## 'Food, Glorious food!' KS2 afternoon tea party – creative homework treat

To celebrate the end of our 'Food Glorious Food topic', children who have earned 80 points or more for their homework are invited to an afternoon tea party with fun and games on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Homework tasks will be displayed at our Easter Open morning to share all the fabulous work that has been brought into school.

## School closes for Easter break.

School closes on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and reopens on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

