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Dear Parent and Carers,

Happy New Year to all our families - where did the first half of January go! Welcome back to 2023 - the children have impressed us with their enthusiasm and resilience and have come back to school showing they are ready to learn.

Woodpeckers have started their new topic 'Home Sweet Home' and EYFS have started their new topic 'My Home, Your Home'. Last week, Woodpeckers started their wider opportunities singing project and are already in fine voice practising a range of new songs.

Peregrines have been learning about persuasion and have been designing their own toy and persuaded others to buy it. This term is the year 3/4 forest schools and they have already got off to a wet, muddy start enjoying the school's outdoor environment.

Kingfishers have worked hard in Mr Cooke's absence and will have lots to tell him all about electricity, how to persuade, The New Testament, ratio and proportion and drawing maps. The topic for Peregrines and Kingfishers this term is 'Location, Location, Location'.

WIDER OPPORTUNITIES MUSIC

Woodpeckers have now started their singing project. This is a 10 week programme and there will be a performance to parents on Tuesday 21st March.



Key stage 2 are half way through their violin lessons and we would like to invite parents, carers, friends and family to come and see what they have been learning on **WEDNESDAY 25th JANUARY at 10.00am**. We think you will be pretty impressed.

LEA GREEN

The key stage 2 residential has been booked for Wednesday 12th - Friday 13th July. A letter will be coming out on Friday with further details of the residential, making payments and the activities the children will be doing. Woodpeckers will join key stage 2 on Wednesday 12th July for a day of outdoor adventure.





Maths

Year 6 children are currently working on ratio and proportion. Y3/4 and 5 are all working on their multiplication skills.

In Woodpeckers, the children are learning about understanding number bonds and subtraction. There are lots of activities on Education City to support your child with their maths learning. For children in key stage 2, please keep practising times tables (year 4 will have their times tables test in June, which is set by the DFE).



Reading

We have continued to review and update reading in school. The library area has been completely sorted out and books made more easily accessible for the children.

Woodpecker's books have also been reorganised to give children more choice when choosing books to practise their phonics. Reading for pleasure books are now easier for the children to look through.

We have also started buddy reading. This term, Kingfisher class and Woodpecker class are working together.

Please support your child by listening to them read regularly and writing a short, positive comment in their reading record.



Keeping Safe in School

Keeping children safe in school continues to be our priority. Our Values for Life theme for this term is Peace. We have been focussing on friendship and solving conflicts and who our trusted adults are if we feel uncomfortable - particularly in a friendship situation. At the end of last term, children took part in assemblies run by the NSPCC and the year 5 / 6 children had a workshop about speaking out. In PSHCE, we are learning about relationships and what makes a healthy relationship.



Strike Action in Schools

You will be aware of the news around strike action within schools. None of the staff are in the union which has called for strike action in the coming weeks. The rest of the teaching unions are holding a further ballot to determine whether further unions will join the strike action. We will keep parents informed if strike action will affect Stretton Handley Primary School.

Lunchtime clubs will start next week for the spring term

Monday	Singing club (EYFS / Key stage 1 and 2)
Tuesday	Minecraft Club Y3/4 Arts and Crafts club (EYFS / Key stage 1 and 2)
Wednesday	Football Club (Key stage 2)
Thursday	Baking club (classes in rotation)
Friday	Year 5 / 6 table tennis



Dates for your diaries

Thursday 19 th January	Water Polo competition at Alfreton Leisure Centre 9.30 - 12.00 Y5/6 Walk through the Bible 1.30 - 2.30 Gymnastics club starts for key stage 2 3.15 - 4.15
Tuesday 24 th January	Wider opportunities singing - Woodpeckers (10 weeks)
Wednesday 25 th January	Wider opportunities Violin Key stage 2. <u>Parents are welcome to join us for this session and see what the children have been learning (10.00am)</u>
Thursday 26 th January	Y5/6 Walk through the Bible 1.30 - 2.30
Wednesday 1 st February	Y3/4 bird watch walk to Ogston Reservoir (1.15 - 3.15)
Thursday 2 nd February	Y3/4 Dodgeball at Alfreton leisure Centre 9.30 - 12.00 Y5/6 Walk through the Bible 1.30 - 2.30 Gymnastics club 3.15 - 4.15
Friday 3 rd February	NSPCC Number day
Thursday 9 th February	MAST Collective Worship Y5/6 Walk through the Bible 1.30 - 2.30
Monday 13 th February	Pupil Parliament event at Westhouses school with the 5PTS cluster
Friday 17 th February	NO SWIMMING Good to be Green Church Service 2.15pm SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM
Monday 27 th February	INSET DAY
Tuesday 28 th February READING WEEK	Children return to school A day of Poetry with author Andy Tooze (Parents / carers welcome to join us at 2.30 to see what the children have been learning during the day)
Wednesday 1 st March	Y5/6 Forest school starts
Thursday 2 nd March	WORLD BOOK DAY - dress up as your favourite book character. 9.00 - Book Café (parents are welcome to come along) 9.30 - 10.30 Reading / phonics information morning for parents / carers (Miss Barratt and Mrs Nicholson) Hockey club starts for key stage 2 (5 weeks)
Wednesday 15 th March	Dance Festival at the Winding Wheel (whole school)
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 21 st March	Woodpeckers Wider opportunities performance 9.45 - 10.30 Parents / Carers welcome
Thursday 23 rd March	Y3/4 handball and frisbee at Tupton Rugby Club
Thursday 30 th March	Easter Service at church 10.00am Parents/carers welcome Easter activities and egg hunt 1.15 - 3.15
Friday 31 st March	No Swimming Good to be Green



	Last day of term before Easter holidays
Monday 17 th April	Return to school after Easter
Wednesday 19 th April	Y3/4 Forest schools starts
Thursday 20 th April	Y3/4 Tag rugby at Tupton Rugby Club
Monday 24 th / Tuesday 25 th April	Parents evenings
Thursday 27 th April	Cricket club starts for key stage 2 3.15 - 4.15
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	Extra Bank holiday for the Kings Coronation
Tuesday 9 th May	Key stage 2 Spelling, grammar and punctuation SATs
Wednesday 10 th May	Key stage 2 reading SATs
Thursday 11 th May	Key stage 2 Maths Paper A and arithmetic paper
Friday 12 th May	Key stage 2 Maths Paper B
Monday 22 nd May - 26 th May	Year 2 SATs
Tuesday 23 rd May	Cross Country at Tupton Rugby Club 9.30 - 12.00
Thursday 25 th May	Y5/6 football event at Ashover Primary School 12.00 Good to be green day
Friday 26 th May	Grape and Wafer service at church parents / carers welcome Children finish for half term break
Monday 5 th June	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6 th June	Children return to school Phonics testing for year 1 (throughout the week) Times tables tests for year 4 (throughout the week)
Friday 9 th June	Y5/6 Netball event at Sharley Park Leisure Centre
Friday 16 th June	Y1 / 2 at Derby County training ground
Monday 19 th June	Pupil parliament forest school event at Stonebroom Primary School
Tuesday 4 th July	Sports day 1.30 - all welcome
Tuesday 11 th July	Reports will be ready to send out
Wednesday 12 th July - 14 th	Lea Green Residential for Key stage 2
Wednesday 12 th July	Woodpecker class - full day at Lea Green
Tuesday 18 th July	Key stage 2 Viking day at Danelaw Viking Village
Thursday 20 th July	Good to be Green day
Friday 21 st July	Leavers Assembly 2.30pm Last day before the summer holidays

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if there is anything you wish to discuss about your child at any time.

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