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'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'
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Dear Parents

Coats

As the weather continues to remain unsettled can we please ask that children bring a coat to school with them every day. Thank you.

Recycled Planters and Open Gardens

We are looking forward to seeing the children's creations on Monday when they arrive with their various planters. It certainly transforms our playground for a couple of weeks and visitors to our Open Gardens on the afternoon of Sunday 23rd June will enjoy looking at them. Remember to add your child's name and possibly a quirky title. Please spread the word that we are open for visitors and refreshments on Sunday 23rd 1-5pm. Visitors are welcome to explore our grounds and children enjoy the freedom of our field.

Garden Olympics

Everyone is invited to Shobnall playing fields on Saturday 29th June from 12.00 - 4.00 pm to enjoy the free activities. This year the event has a 'space' theme and includes magic show, bouncy castle, laser quest, face painting, space race music from Steel Pan Power and lots more free family fun and entertainment! Refreshments are also available. If children are attending they are encouraged to wear fancy dress of a space theme/ science fiction, ie Ironman, Startrek etc.

Fathers' Day Assembly

The Reception children came together today to say thank you to their Dads in a joint assembly. The children and Early Years team have worked hard planning for this and the children certainly had the cute factor, making all the Dads in the hall feel special. Wishing you a happy Fathers' Day for Sunday.



Country Dancing

The year 2 Country Dancing club has been cancelled for next week only, Tuesday 18th June, due to a pre arranged staff meeting.

Teddy Bear Service

You are invited to a Teddy Bear Service at St. James' Church, Barton under Needwood on Sunday 23rd June at 10.30am. Please remember to bring your Teddy Bears with you! For further information please contact Rev. Andrew Ridley on telephone: 01283 712359 or email: arceridley@btinternet.com

Year 2 Transition to Year 3

Below is a list of which classes will be moving to which teacher and teaching assistant next year. The staff look forward to getting to know the children and their families.

RL will move to 1W with Mrs Walker as the class teacher and Mrs Preston as the teaching assistant

RR will move to 1S with Mrs Smith as the class teacher and Mrs Byers as the teaching assistant

1W will move to 2K with Mrs Kelly as the class teacher and Mrs Osborne as the teaching assistant

1S will move to 2M with Mrs Moore / Mrs Evans as the class teachers and Mrs Atkinson as the teaching assistant

Please note that Mrs Moore teaches 2M on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Evans teaches 2M on Thursday and Friday.

On Monday 8th July we will be holding meetings for parents to learn a little more about their child's new year group and how it will differ to this year. These will be held at the following times.

9.15 am for new year 1 parents (current Reception parents)

2.30 pm for new year 2 parents (current Year 1 parents)

We anticipate these meetings to run for approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to 40 minutes.

The new teachers will be spending time observing the children in their current classes over the next few weeks in order to find out as much about the children as possible before September and will also be teaching their new class for the morning on Thursday 18th July.

Summer Fair and Sports Day -Thursday 27th June

If anyone has any gazebos they would be willing to lend us for the day to either shelter the children from the rain or offer shade from the sun we would be extremely grateful. If you could let Mrs Burton or Mrs Farmer know on the gate please.

We still desperately need help to run stalls or to help set up at lunch time, so if you are able to help for even half an hour then please speak to a member of the PTA or a member of staff or email Sam Cowgill on sam@sportsmastersinternational.com These events cannot run without your help and we really do appreciate it.

As always our cake stall is one of the most popular but only because of the wonderful cakes the parents and staff provide. Any cake donations would be welcomed on the morning of the Summer Fayre. Thanking you in advance.

Non uniform day in return for the donation of a bottle or chocolates for our tombola stalls will be next Thursday (20th June).

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all of the parents who returned a questionnaire. We have been delighted with the positive feedback and appreciate the recognition shown for the hard work of all of the staff. The analysis of these can soon be found on the school website with many of the comments and constructive suggestions made by parents. The main areas for consideration which have been identified are: how we inform parents about children's progress, homework and a number of comments with regards to school dinner menus. A very similar questionnaire features for our school on the Ofsted website and it would be extremely helpful to have your views registered on here as well. Parents have to register initially in order to complete it.

PTA

The volunteers of TRISPTA have had a very successful year once again, raising in the region of £14,000 which has so far helped to pay for the coaches for school visits, subsidised the cost of the Pantomime trip in December, provided book bags for our Reception children, purchased new practical maths resources for each year group and new books for the library. None of this happens without the support and commitment of a dedicated committee and their helpers at events so we would like to take this opportunity to offer a heartfelt thank you to all involved.

You will be amazed to hear that the sponsored cycle and scooter has raised close on a fabulous £2,000. This is a tremendous effort by the children and their families and will go a long way to helping us purchase our much wanted I-pads.

This year's annual general meeting will be held in school at 7.30pm on Monday 15th July where we welcome any parents with an interest in joining the committee. All are welcome.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Kind regards

Mrs Burton and Mrs Farmer

Co-Headteachers