

Together the best that we can be!

Dates for the Diary

INSET DAYS 2017-18

20.10.17, 4.6.17, 25.6.17

15.9.17

Curriculum overviews sent home

18.9.17 Year 5 meeting 5pm

19.9.17 Year 4 meeting 5pm

21.9.17 Year 3 meeting 5pm

25.9.17 Year 6 meeting 5pm

26.9.17 Year 2 meeting 5pm

3.10.17

PTA meeting 7 pm KS1 building

4.10.17

Year 4 Cadbury World Visit

5.10.17

Harvest Festival at church (children and staff only)

9.10.17

Parent Consultations 4-7pm in the KS1 and KS2 Halls

17.10.17

Year 5 visit to Perlethorpe

19.10.17

Children finish for half term holiday

20.10.17

INSET

30.10.17

Start back after half term holiday

7.11.17

PTA meeting 7pm KS1 building



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This week's newsletter is epic, which shows how much is going on already! Curriculum overview will be sent out today so that you may support your child's learning at home should you wish to.

Governor report

On behalf of the Governors I would like to welcome you all back to a new school year.

Also welcome to all those who are new to the school, it is lovely to see so many new faces who have chosen to start their educational journey with us.

Everyone has come back with new focus and enthusiasm following the summer break.

I'm sure you will have noticed all the work that has gone into the playground. This is down to all the hard work and fundraising efforts of our fantastic PTA. As a member of the PTA myself I know how hard everyone works to make improvements for our children. Members are always coming up with different ways to fundraise or get support or donations from the local community. Please support them in anyway you can it really does make a difference as you can see.

So you may have seen that nominations are out for the election of a parent governor. I've been one of the two parent governors that serve on the governing body. I have served for 4 years which has gone so fast and it's now time for re-election. It's been a tough 4 years, as I joined the governing body during a very difficult time, but we've now come out the other side, with lots of excellent work ongoing, which is supporting our children to be able to achieve their maximum potential. As governors, we are constantly reviewing and scrutinising every area and pushing to be better for the children. As you may be aware, in June I was voted as Chair by fellow governors, which is a huge vote of confidence in my ability to lead the Governing body. I will begin this role officially on 31 October, but I have already attended training and have worked closely with our staff to ensure a smooth transition.

Working in the public sector managing National projects allows me to bring my knowledge, and previous experience as a Chair, into this role. With lots of positive initiatives in the pipeline it is an exciting time ahead. My daughter has just started in Year 3, and my passion is to provide the best for all our children. I have volunteered many hours over the last 4 years to get the school back on track and I would like to continue on the journey I have started. I would be honoured to continue to represent you all and so I will once again stand for re-election as parent governor. I hope that you have the same confidence in me as my fellow governors and vote for me to allow me to continue to support the school on its journey to Outstanding.

Nicola Thomas
Parent Governor
Safeguarding Governor
Chair of Governors elect



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Dates for the Diary

- 30.11.17
KS2 Disco 3.45-5.00 pm
- 30.11.17
Year 1 visit to Sudbury Hall
- 1.12.17
KS1 Disco 6.00 - 7.30 pm
- 5.12.17
PTA meeting KS1 building
- 5.12.17
Foundation Nativity at school
9.45 am KS1 Hall
- 6.12.17
Foundation Nativity at school
2.15 pm. KS1 hall
- 14.12.17
Year 1/2 Nativity at school 2.30 pm
KS2 Hall
- 15.12.17
Year 1/2 Nativity at school 2.15 pm
KS2 Hall
- 20.12.17
Christmas Pantomime at school
- 22.12.17
Finish for Christmas holiday
- 8.1.18
Start back after Christmas holiday
- 15.1.18
Young Voices concert for choir
Members
- 19.1.18
Spring term curriculum overviews go
out
- 16.2.18
Finish for half term holiday



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Cross Country Events

Sat 30th Sept - Mansfield Harriers Cross Country at King George V playing fields - 10am.

Email mwcdg_david@hotmail.co.uk for more information

Sat 7th Oct - County Cross Country League at Berry Hill - 10am

For both events, parents can turn up and register their children on the day.

Midday Supervisor vacancy

We have a vacancy for a midday supervisor to work during a Monday lunchtime. This is a paid role. Please see Mrs Dunkley in the KS1 office for further details.

Payment for clubs run by external providers

Parents who want to pay for external clubs e.g. Spanish lessons, tennis, need to pay the organiser direct and not bring it into the KS2 reception. Thank you

NSPCC and O2 Safety online workshop—28.9.17

Will you join us and help keep all children safe online?

O2 and the NSPCC have joined forces on a mission to help all children and their families in the UK stay safe online. Together, they're offering useful tools, support and guidance to help parents and carers have conversations with their children about their online lives.

Online safety workshops for parents

As part of this, they're running free **online safety workshops for parents and carers** and will be hosting one at **school** at **9am** on **Thursday 28th September**. We would like to invite all parents and carers to join.

The hour-long workshop will help parents and carers understand their child's online world and build confidence to have those important conversations that can help keep children safe online.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Please let the office know if you would like to attend by 21st September.

Until then, if you need any support or guidance, check out our [website pages](#) and [step-by-step guides online](#), call the **O2 and NSPCC Online Safety Helpline** on **0808 800 5002**, or pop into your local O2 store for help from a Guru.

Robin Hood Mini-Marathon 24.9.17

Thank you to the children, parents, relatives and staff members that are running the mini-marathon on behalf of the school this year. Please support their efforts by donating using the form that was sent out by Parentmail or the Crowdfunding link https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nicola-thomas-696?utm_id=2&utm_term=N2PW7pMgJ All monies raised will go towards further improve the KS2 playground.

Chess Club

Chess Club will resume again on Tuesday 26th September 2017.

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Dates for the Diary

- 26.2.18**
Start back after half term holiday
- 12.3.18**
Parent Consultations 4-7 pm in the classrooms
- 14.3.18**
Parent Consultations 4-7pm in the classrooms
- 27.3.18**
Year 3/4 Easter Service at church 10
- 28.3.18**
Year 3/4 Easter Service at church
- 29.3.18**
Finish for Easter holiday
- 16.4.18**
Start back after Easter holiday
- 27.4.18**
Summer term curriculum overviews go out
- 7.5.18**
Bank Holiday- school closed
- 25.5.18**
Finish for half term holiday
- 4.6.18**
INSET
- 5.6.18**
Start back after the half term holiday



Chris and Heather Rattenberry



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Volunteers from Santander transform the KS2 quad

On Tuesday Jane Willard, community governor and 7 volunteers from Santander Bank gave their time to transform the KS2 quad. They worked relentlessly all day weeding, digging, brushing and painting to make this area much more usable and attractive for the children. I would like to publically thank them for their hard work as the results are amazing. See the before and after pictures below:-

Before



After



The team from Santander Bank

Jane Willard, Community Governor

Chris' final service at St Peter's

On Sunday I attended and spoke at Chris' final service to express my thanks on behalf of the school for everything Chris has done. He is off on his travels today and we will really miss him! Good luck Chris!



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Parent/grandparent volunteers

Parent volunteers in school are invaluable in many ways. We would really appreciate it if you or a relative have a few hours to spare each week if you could come into school and help. Please contact the class teacher or the office if you would be willing to support the school in this way. Thank you.

KS2 playground

As you know the playground is now much improved. We need to ensure that it remains as such by reminding the children not to pick the mulch or climb the wall before or after school.

Fundraising through a shopping website

Did you know that you could be raising free donations every time you and your supporters shop online with easyfundraising?

I'm already collecting valuable funds for PTA Ravenshead C of E Primary School - Ravenshead and easyfundraising is helping another 100,000 good causes across the UK - just like you - raise millions of pounds a year!

It's really simple - all you need to do is register and tell people to join to support you. There are over 3,200 shops and sites on board including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's, so funds can be raised on everything, from weekly shops to annual holidays and it doesn't cost you or your supporters a single penny extra to use.

The shop or site pays easyfundraising a percentage of what the shopper spends and easyfundraising turn that into the donation, so it doesn't cost anyone a penny extra.

Over £18 million has been raised so far, so it really does work!

Register now using this link and give your supporters a way to help you that doesn't cost them -

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/LU5HYQ/HUQ8V6/>

Happy fundraising!

Donna (PTA)

Free Archery Club

This **Friday 15th September** we are starting an **Archery Satellite Club at The Joseph Whitaker School from 5:30-6:30pm** in the **Main Sports Hall** at the Sports College. This club is open to all KS2 school students with some 'Soft Archery' available for younger children.

The club is **FREE** to attend and students do not need to come prepared with anything other than sports clothing (tracksuit bottoms are fine) and a drink. This club will lead onto the main clubs training night which is from 7-9pm every Friday and so if children get an interested for the sport have the option to become a member of the club.

*ALL sessions are run by **Sherwood Archers** who have fully trained; First Aid, CRB and Archery coaching qualifications.*

Please bear in mind that these sessions are fun and free sessions for them to have a go at an alternative sport.

Roll of Honour

Sydney S, Poppy P, Lily P, Alfie H, Thomas B, Abigail M, Annabel B, Matilda R, Harriette V, Isabelle B, George T, Demi H, Aanya Y, Freya W, Charlotte R, Zara B and William P.

If your child has achieved something out of school let us know for the Roll of Honour. Go to the KS2 reception and put your child's name down and what they have achieved. Their name will be read out in Friday Achievement Assembly, they will receive a sticker and their name will go on the hall board as well as in the newsletter.



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This week's FAB is for 'Making a Good Start to the New Term'

Class	FAB Certificate	Reader of the Week	Dojo Winner	Rainbow Award
F2LM	All of the children			
F2CG	All of the children			
1LWR	Erin W	Joshua L	George T	Phoebe K
1HB	Finton T	Isabella S	Kai A	Katie B
2AW	Lucy B	Anton D	Christopher B	All of the children
2KI	Charlie H	Caitlyn R	William S	All of the children
3NE	Elliot M	Oliver J-W	Joelle DaS	Ieuan P
3BB	Mya S	Jacob G	Jacob G and Charlotte C	Justin D
4LW	Finlay W	Charllie B	Alex S	Joel R
4RW	Eliza P	Mohamed M	Grace S	Zachery E
5KH	Eva C	Treya P	Tom P	Oliver T
5CL	Reece R	Maisie S	Alex D	Amelia C
6SM	Hollie G	Abdullah A	Macey P	Isabelle G
6LB	Alexa W	Georgina B	Luke L	Ella B, Libby P & Millie H

H Thomas Ieuan P