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Dear Parents

Staff Changes

Mrs Bastock and Mrs Denton will be leaving us at the end of this term as we have employed our own SENCo – Mr Fletcher. He has already spent a day working with Mrs Denton and another day with Mrs Foster so that he is able to get off to a flying start when he joins us at the start of the Autumn Term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Bastock and Mrs Denton for all their hard work and all they have done to make a difference for the children. I wish them well with the new opportunities which will come their way.

Achievement Assembly

Our next Achievement Assembly will take place on Thursday 30th June starting at 2.45pm in the School Hall. Monthly Achievement Cups will be presented for progress in reading. Don't forget the Cake Raffle, 50p a ticket.

Rocket Seeds

Our growing rocket seeds experiment has come to an end. Tim Peake announced that it was the seeds in the blue packet that had been into space; however, our conclusion was that it did not make any difference as seeds from both the red and blue packet did not grow particularly well! The national results will be known soon.

South Leicestershire Collaborative Partnership Events

There have been a lot of events run by various schools in the SLCP this month. Firstly, a Swimming Gala, we did not win but we had the greatest number of competitors out of all the schools; an Information Technology morning learning how to program a Raspberry Pi; a Debate in the Council Chamber at Leicestershire County Council about the environment and a Maths Quiz. The school has been represented extremely well by the children and they have done themselves proud. Additionally, thanks to the parents who have helped with transporting the children to and from these events.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

A big thank you to everyone who has shopped at Sainsbury's and brought the Active Kids vouchers into school. We have chosen to redeem the 4018 vouchers on various items that our School Council have asked for. Thank you to Mr Burton for counting all the vouchers.

Badminton

A team of children played in this year's tournament at Kibworth High School and competed very well. Unfortunately, we did not retain the trophy but we will have another go next year. Thank you to Mrs Frow for attending this event.

Year 5 and 6 Production

The children have started rehearsals for their end of year show, 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'. There are two performances to enable as many relatives and friends as possible to come and see the production (no tickets required). These performances will take place in the School Hall on Tuesday 5th July at 2.00pm and Wednesday 6th July at 6.30pm.

Photographs

Class, Whole School and Group photographs have been on display in our Entrance Hall for a couple of weeks now. We responded to requests for an alternative photographer and we have given you that choice. Unfortunately, the instructions of how to order have not been very clear so we will feed that back to both photographers. Please order any photographs you would like as soon as possible.

Parent Governor Election

As there was only one nomination for the vacant Parent Governor position an election is not necessary so Rachana Roberts (Aran's mum) is our new Parent Governor. The vacancy arose as Kate Penney resigned as the logistics of her job meant it was difficult for her to continue. Thank you to Kate for the support and challenge she has given us. Her expertise will be missed.

Bags2Schools

The collection previously scheduled for Tuesday 28th June was with Rags to Riches who no longer collect from Leicestershire; therefore, this will not take place. However, Bags2School will provide a collection on Monday 11th July.

Market Harborough Carnival

The 'It's a Knockout' team came third in the competition; winning £100 for the school. Thanks to Tracy Smith who helped with the organisation of the children.

Tennis

Four children from Year 3 & 4 recently competed at a tennis tournament at Leicester Grammar School. Well done to Edward Boothway and Theo Parsons for winning all their matches. Thank you to Mr Parsons for taking charge of the team.

Small Schools' Athletics Competition

A good performance from our athletics team this year. Congratulations to Alfie Brindley who went on to be part of the Small Schools Team in the Area Athletics Competition and winning his event. Certificates will be given out at the Sports Awards Assembly on Wednesday 13th July starting at 2.45pm.

Assessment System

School Reports will be shortly issued to each child. Just a reminder about the assessment system, each year group has a set of objectives which the children set out to achieve during the year. These objectives are called a 'band' and there are six stages in the band:

Beginning in the band	Beginning in the band plus	Working in the band	Working in the band plus	Secure in the band	Secure in the band plus
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The children have been assessed as to where they are in the band and this will be on their report.

Additionally, we have reported the standardised score the children achieved in the Spelling, Reading and Mathematics tests they took. The standardised score is worked out in such a way that the ages of the children are taken into account. An older child may in fact gain a higher raw score than a younger child, but have a lower standardised score. Tests are standardised so that the average national standardised score automatically comes out as 100, so it is easy to see whether a child is above or below the national average.

About 68% of the test-takers nationally will have a standardised score within 15 points of the average (between 85 and 115), and about 96% will have a standardised score within 30 points of the average (between 70 and 130).

Golden Mile

As part of our work with Premier Sport the children have all been registered with the Golden Mile, an initiative to simply walk, jog or run around our Golden Mile track (our school field). The number of laps added up and converted into miles. Our Year 5s are monitoring and entering the data onto the database and will provide a report on how they are doing.

De Montfort Hall

I was very proud to see our Year 3 and 4 children play their djembe drums on the stage at De Montfort Hall. They all performed very well and were definitely one of the best on the night. Thank you to Mrs Foster and Mrs Bratu for supporting the children by performing and accompanying them.

Key Dates for the Next Academic Year

Attached to this newsletter is a list of proposed dates for the next academic year. Whilst I know that Fridays do not suit everyone for school events, it was felt that the consistency of Fridays helps most people organise themselves, therefore, most events are planned for Fridays.

Yours sincerely

P Clark

Proposed Dates for Academic Year 2016 – 2017

Autumn Term 2016

25	Aug	School Commences, 8.55am
06	Sept	Swimming starts for Years 1, 2, 5 and 6
21	Sept	Governors' Meeting, 7.00pm
27	Sep	Parents' Evening, 5.00pm – 7.30pm
28	Sep	Parents' Evening, 3.30pm – 5.30pm
30	Sept	Achievement Assembly "Rise to the Challenge", 2.45pm
07	Oct	Harvest Festival, 2.30pm
11	Oct	Last Swim for Years 1, 2, 5 and 6

School Closes for Half Term 17th – 21st October

24	Oct	Teacher Day, School Closed to Children
28	Oct	Achievement Assembly "Presentation of Work", 2.45pm
28	Oct	School Disco, 6.00pm – 7.30pm
23	Nov	Governors' Meeting, 7.00pm
25	Nov	Achievement Assembly "P.E", 2.45pm
13	Dec	Infant Production, 2.00pm
14	Dec	Infant Production, 6.30pm
16	Dec	Carol Service, 2.00pm

Spring Term 2017

03	Jan	Teacher Day, School Closed to Children
04	Jan	School Commences, 8.55am
25	Jan	Governors' Meeting, 7.00pm
27	Jan	Achievement Assembly "Kindness, Consideration, Helpfulness", 2.45pm
01	Feb	Parents Evening, 3.30pm – 5.30pm
02	Feb	Parents Evening, 5.00pm – 7.30pm

School Closes for Half Term 13th – 17th February

20	Feb	Teacher Day, School Closed to Children
24	Feb	Achievement Assembly "Writing & Spelling", 2.45pm
22	Mar	Governors' Meeting 7.00pm
24	Mar	Achievement Assembly "Independence in Learning", 2.45pm
05-07	Apr	Year 3 and 4 Castleton Residential
07	Apr	Easter Service, 2.30pm

Summer Term 2017

24	Apr	School Commences, 8.55am
01	May	School Closed – Bank Holiday
02	May	Swimming starts for Years 1, 2, 3 and 4
08-12	May	SATs Week
19	May	Summer Dancing, 2.00pm
22-25	May	Year 5 and 6 Madrid Trip
26	May	Achievement Assembly "Numeracy Progress", 2.45pm

School Closes for Half Term 29th May – 2nd June

05	Jun	Teacher Day, School Closed to Children
14	Jun	Governors' Meeting, 7.00pm
16	Jun	Sports Day, 1.30pm
27	Jun	Last Swim Years 1, 2, 3 and 4
28	Jun	Open Afternoon, 2.30pm – 4.00pm
30	Jun	Achievement Assembly "Reading Progress", 2.45pm
05	Jul	Year 5 and 6 Production, 2.00pm
06	Jul	Year 5 and 6 Production, 6.30pm
12	Jul	Sports Awards, 2.45pm
13	Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Activity Day
14	Jul	Leavers' Service & Achievement Assembly, 2.00pm

School Closes Friday 14th July for Summer Holidays

(School Commences on Wednesday 23rd August 2017)