



24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

How quickly the year is passing. We have had some tremendous successes this term:

Year 5 have had the fantastic opportunity to perform on the Derngate stage with other NPAT and local schools to celebrate our work on *The Tempest*. A number of children have also watched the production performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company at Lings Primary School.

Year 5 and 6 children have had the opportunity to attend some Science workshops and listen to the Royal Philharmonic orchestra. All Year 5 and 6 pupils attended the Bible Exhibition hosted by the United Reformed Church. Thank you to the Year 4 children who led our Family Service this week; and good luck to our Y3 children who will lead our Easter Service on Tuesday at Church (Redwood Class KS2, Maple Class KS1).

St Peter's Church worship team have been hosting the Easter Experience at church, which our Y3 and Y5 children visited this week. This involves a large number of parishioners from the church and we appreciate their support, thanks go especially to Mrs Kirby for leading this event.

We have held 2 coffee mornings in the community room. The next one is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, all parents are invited to attend to meet Vicki Wild and Naomi Mardlin our family support workers and other parents.

#### **Congratulations to our sports teams:**

Our Y5/6 swimming team are attending the water polo festival on Monday following our win at the Level 2 gala in December. The Y3 orienteering squad are attending a festival today. Year 4 children are participating in the Tri golf competition next week.

Our Goal Ball team won their Level 2 competition. The 42 strong cross country team competed well last week with 5 children achieving coming in the top 10 of their races.

We were the hosts of the School Games Batons this week and children in Year 3 and 4 have been writing poems and making bunting to recognise these values.

Tomorrow our Y3/4 Strictly squad are competing at the Deco theatre in Junior Strictly. In the evening Mr Pawlusek, Miss Spaven, Mrs Panter and Miss Bird are competing in the adult event (Miss Storey and Mr Bettles were due to compete but are unable to due to a sporting injury). We wish every one good luck and hope they enjoy their events after the hours of practice they have put into the preparation. Tickets are still available for both events from the Deco.

#### **Easter Egg Raffle**

Easter is fast approaching and we are having another Easter egg raffle this year. Our PTFA and TESCOs have started the Easter egg collection, if any of you can donate an Easter egg or know any companies that might be able to donate one, please let us know. Please send your donated Easter eggs to the office – **no nuts please**. Some of the Year 6 children are selling the raffle tickets before school on the playground. The tickets will cost 20p each or 5 for £1 (please do not send your child in with more than £5 per child). The draw will take place in school on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**. Your child's name will be written on the tickets just in case any tickets get lost. School Council and Eco Council will decide how the funds raised will be spent, to benefit the children at WFPS. Thank you for your support.

#### **Fabulous Finish for our Tempest Project – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

You will be aware that the whole school have been working on *The Tempest* since January – some year groups finished this work at half term. We would like to share the work we have been doing with you:

Children in Y1,2 and 3 will share their work at 9.15am in the school hall

Children in Y 4,5 and 6 will share their work at 2.30pm in the school hall.

*Parents of children in Y4 are **also** invited to look at their child's work in classrooms from 3pm.*

### House Keeping

Thank you for all of your support in ensuring your children arrive to school on time and with all of their belongings, this ensures a stress free start to the day for all concerned. Our office staff are constantly taking things to children in their classroom that have been brought to school during the day. Please ensure that wherever possible, your child has everything they need for the day at the beginning of the day.

We have a large amount of lost property in the box on the courtyard – most without names; please could you label all property brought to school including musical instruments. Thank you

We have extended the use of our online payment system and encourage you to pay for items online wherever possible. Any cash payments should be exact money in a named envelope please to the school office.

For health and safety reasons children should not be using the Trim Trail before and after school. Please support us in this.

Parking is still an issue with residents complaining that parents have parked across their drives, or in such a way that they cannot access their own driveway. We do open the school playground for major events when we can (last night it was opened once our sports clubs were finished) but parents parked around the roundabout (which is illegal) this caused a coach which uses the roundabout as a turning point to be unable to move. Please can you park safely?

### Dates for your diary:

Y4 Ilam Meeting Reminder - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 6:00pm for Yr4 Parents/Carers and Y4 children.

<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>School closes</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Training Day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens Solihull Approach starts 10 weeks 9-11am- please contact Vicki Wild for details
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Annual NPAT review of our school. There will be 7 additional adults in school to visit lessons and talk to children about our school.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Coffee Morning 9-10 Community Room St. George's Day – red team to dress in red and bring a contribution to their chosen charity. PTFA Clothing Collection – unnamed lost property will be disposed of.
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Chestnut class celebration 9.15am
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Shining Stars Cake sale
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	School closed Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	PTFA meeting 7.30pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 4 Residential Ilam Hall until Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Oak class celebration – 9.15am
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Coffee Morning 9-10 Community Room Parent E-Safety Session 6-7pm (this is a very informative session for all parents, it will cover how to your child safe online and the use of social media)

Tuesday 23rd May	Class Photos 2.45 Singing Square – all welcome
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	1.30 May Day @ St. John's Home – children to come to school in smart clothes. Parents and Carers welcome – please bring a blanket to sit on PTFA – School disco – more details to follow
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School re-opens SK to set up Prayer Space for Year 6 transition for NPAT. (All week)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Cherry class worship has been moved to 21 <sup>st</sup> June to give the children more time to practice

**Marathon Day Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April** - As you know, our school is part of the Northampton Primary Academy Trust and, this year, we have a number of staff across our schools who are running the London Marathon for the following different charities: Breast Cancer Now , Get Kids Going , Ichthyosis Support Group , Clic Sargent.

In order to support these fantastic causes and also to encourage children to enjoy taking part in running, we are holding a 'Marathon Day' on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of April. All children and staff will be invited to wear 'running kit' for the day and we will be organising some running activities for the children and staff to take part in. We ask that children bring a minimum donation of £1 each on this day which will then go towards these causes. We look forward to enjoying Marathon Day and hope that many of us might catch the running bug this Spring as a result!

**Church School Survey** – thank you to parents who have already completed our online survey and to the many parents who took the time to complete the survey at parents' evening – we do try to make our school the best it can be and will listen to and act on your feedback wherever possible.

Wishing you a Happy Easter.

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