



Executive Headteacher
Mrs C Middleton

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy time here in school. We were delighted by the support shown by you all for the children's sports day - it is always a pleasure to see these events come together and your cheers and encouragement enthused the children.

The children have all experienced their transition day with their new teachers and interviews have taken place for three teaching assistants in school – there will be some familiar faces and a new member joining the team and once all checks are through, this will be communicated.

Our new starter children have continued to visit us and we cannot wait to have them on board!

A reminder, due to children with severe nut allergies in school, can we please request that parents/carers support our policy to be 'nut free' and minimise risk to the children in our care.

Shireoaks Carnival

We have helped to celebrate at Shireoaks Carnival! The King and Queen, Henry and Leah were crowned and all of the royal party looked very smart! Our Talent Show finalists, Matthew, Harriet and Lucy performed and impressed everyone with their piano playing and gymnastics skills. Our singing groups did a great job of singing 'Proud' to entertain the crowds. Well done to who took part!





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Eco School

This term, our Eco School Committee have been hard at work, trying to achieve the Green Flag. We celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June and made sculptures using recycled plastic. We had a uniform swap event and collected lots of unwanted uniform to reuse. We have also had a Community Canal Clean and collected lots of rubbish from along the canal. Thank you to everyone who took part in these events!





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News from the Classes

Creswell Class

This week, the children have been writing their own 'Animal Encyclopaedia'. Each day they have focused on a particular animal category, such as amphibians or reptiles. They have now completed the first two pages of their book and have enjoyed writing facts about frogs and snakes. In maths, they have been learning all about 'positional language' as part of their spatial reasoning work. They have been working so hard to remember their left and right, and how to turn or move an object in these directions. The children are also feeling very excited about their upcoming trip to Cannon Hall Farm on Tuesday!

Elmton Class

The children have had a wonderful two weeks at school, and they have all been working really hard. The children loved going on their school trip to Sundown Adventureland, exploring the fairytale houses, Toy Town and Lollipopet Castle. They were also able to go on the rides. Their favourite was the Jolly Pirate Barrel Ride!

The children were very excited about Sports Day and they enjoyed participating in the races, earning points for their tree token team. In Maths, they have been learning about money, understanding how much a coin is worth. In English, they have started to learn about instructions. They have written a set of instructions explaining how to wash their hands correctly. The children have also enjoyed making their lever and slider projects, bringing them to life, making them move.





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Rufford Class

Rufford Class have been extra creative over the past couple of weeks, learning more about different joining techniques in both Art and Design & Technology. They have been able to use different materials to practise these techniques themselves, alongside creating some simple appliqué work using sewing, gluing, taping and stapling. They have also learnt more about the British Value 'democracy' and discussed the importance of it, alongside finding out more about how an election works. They all performed amazingly for Sports Day and were so sensible and supportive to each other throughout the event. Thank you to all of our grown-ups for coming to support us! In English, they have been learning more about recounts and have been writing their own, based on their learning about the Amazon rainforest. In Music, they learnt more about different sound waves and how these relate to the pitch of a sound. Another wonderful few weeks of learning!





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Clumber Class

Clumber Class have continued to work hard over the last two weeks. Miss Marsh was so impressed with their iron man/robot creations, they were amazing! They created a great character description from it. The children are eager to write their own stories about these. In Maths, they have started to learn about 2d shapes. In PSHE, they have been focusing on risks in 'our houses' and what we can do to minimise these. Miss Marsh was really impressed with their sportsmanship on Sports day saying that the children had a fantastic day and worked really hard!

Thoresby Class

This week, the children have been learning all about angles and being able to order and compare them. They have worked hard to recognize the properties of a variety of triangles, quadrilaterals and polygon shapes.

In English, they have used the laptops to research interesting facts about animals in the Amazon Rainforests so that they can include these facts in their non-chronological reports. The children inputted all of their findings onto PowerPoint and presented their knowledge to the class!

They have really enjoyed planning and preparing for Sports Day! The children did a fantastic job of organising and setting up the race tracks for each class in Key





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Stage 2. They should all be proud of themselves and their commitment to their learning. Well done!

Sherwood Class

In Sherwood class over the last couple of weeks, the children have worked really hard to complete their assessments. They have put lots of effort in and have all been able to show what they have achieved this year. All the children should be extremely proud of themselves. They have also been enjoying their computing lessons using Scratch and have really improved our coding skills, using backgrounds sounds and different characters to create simple games. We have also been experimenting with using Scratch to draw shapes. In English, we are busy preparing for our class debate all about whether children should assist in cleaning the school building or not. We have some very strong opinions and are excited for our debate!

Welbeck Class

As we approach the end of the summer term and the children prepare for their transition to secondary, it has been lovely to see how well the children approached the transition days at their secondary schools last week. We will continue to work through our worries or questions about the move to secondary over the next couple of weeks, but I know that the children are more than ready for the next journey with their schooling.

This week, the class have continued learning about our local area. They have studied the human and physical features of Shireoaks and have learnt more about ordnance symbols. They have discussed further why Shireoaks is an appropriate settlement for many families and how geographical features have changed over the last 100 years. They have also enjoyed designing their own 'ideal' towns.

As we approach the final two weeks of term, let's have our fingers crossed for fine weather and for the children to enjoy their remaining days in their current classes.

Please take a look at the attachment from our Eco committee.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs Middleton & the St Luke's team





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Looking ahead:

July

12th – Pride at St Luke's

16th – Creswell Class trip – Cannon Hall Farm

19th – Yr. 6 Celebration event - NEW DATE

23rd – Clumber to Weston Park Museum – 23rd July

26th – Leaver's Service 2pm in Church.

Last Day of term

Notts County Council publish the school holiday patterns for forthcoming years – take a look on the County Council website.

