



Executive Headteacher
Mrs C Middleton

10th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a short week this week and the sunshine has certainly brought a smile to everyone's face! The children have continued to engage in their learning, and I have had some individuals come and share their work with me, which is always nice to see. We are approaching a week of statutory testing in Year 6 and all we can ask of the children is that they try their best. It is an opportunity for them to demonstrate all the knowledge gained throughout their primary schooling. It is normal to feel anxious, and nervousness is a natural reaction to exams. Whilst it is a statutory requirement, we all know that each child is unique with many other strengths, talents and qualities that cannot always be measured by a test.it is important that they hear this message too.

Plans are in place for other year groups, and we will welcome our new starter children for their visits after the half term break. Please keep a close eye on the diary dates as it does tend to get busy over the summer weeks. If you are booking holidays for next year, please ensure you look at the NCC holiday patterns. If your child is in the current Year 5 class, their statutory testing week will be from Monday 12th May 2025, so please avoid any planned absence.

I am pleased to share that the governing body have completed their recruitment process and once all of the necessary checks have been completed, we will share the news for September.

You will have noticed that the class teachers are bringing the children in ready for the 8.45am start so please ensure your child is here on time ready to start the day.

Attendance Matters

As a school we are unable to authorise holidays, but we do ask that you inform the school of your child's absence. An email/phone call into the office will suffice and will reduce the number of calls Mrs Spencer makes each day locating children. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Any child with attendance falling below 90% is classified as a 'persistent absentee', if you are struggling with your child's attendance then please let us know so that we can work together.





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Are you eligible?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

All children in Creswell, Elmton and Rufford get free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme, but if you receive one of the benefits from the list above you may also get help with a range of things in school. You can find more information on Notts County Council's website where you will find an online application form.

School Meal Costs

Please ensure that school meals are paid in advance through the online system. We appreciate that life can be hectic and ask that any outstanding monies are cleared as soon as possible. Thank you.

New Starters in Creswell September 2024

We have some places remaining for September, so if you know of anyone moving into the village or surrounding area then please spread the word.





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News from the Classes

Creswell Class

The children have had lots of fun reading their story of the week - 'Cake'. This delicious story from 'Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet' tells the story of a cake who was about to attend his very first party—but he had no idea what was coming! They have had lots of fun making predictions, describing the character of Cake and they have had a go at writing their own party invites. They also finished the week by baking their own delicious party cakes! The children worked hard as a team and were great at following the recipe. Mr Bell knows how much they enjoyed eating them too!



Elmton Class

Elmton class have had a fantastic few weeks at school. In English, they have been reading their class book, 'Paddington Bear'. They have enjoyed retelling the story through actions and they have also written their own story of Paddington Bear. In Maths, they have been learning how to count in 2's, 5's and 10's. The children loved learning the times tables through songs! In PSHE, they have been learning about feelings. They have discussed the different types of feelings we feel and how our actions can make other people feel. Elmton have also enjoyed learning





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how to play cricket in PE. They have practised their overarm throw and they have improved their batting skills.

Rufford Class

Rufford have been working hard writing mystery stories over the past couple of weeks and have been learning all about adding suspense into their writing. They have been concentrating on spelling, handwriting and presentation as well as the content. In History, they are learning about 'Walter Tull' and have been discussing the protected characteristic 'race', finding out how Walter was discriminated against when he was a footballer and thinking about how he may have felt. In Music, they have been playing the notes A, C, D, E and G on the instruments and created their own piece of music which they performed to the class.



Clumber Class

Clumber Class have continued to learn about Ancient Egypt. They wrote their own ancient Egyptian story, including many year 3 grammar features. In Maths, they have recapped their learning about fractions. In Science, they have been learning about the functions of the flower. They enjoyed searching the school fields for a flower to observe. In PSHE, they have been learning about the different ways they can express their feelings. They created their own graffiti wall stating feelings that they experience.





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Thoresby Class

Thoresby Class have really enjoyed consolidating their knowledge of decimals. They have been learning how to flexibly partition decimals alongside comparing and ordering them. The children have been focusing on developing their pace and accuracy with answering multiplication questions in preparation for the Multiplication Check using 'Times tables Rockstars' and 'Purple Mash'!

In English, they have been learning the features that are present in a news blog. The children have discussed the similarities and differences between newspaper reports and news blogs. They have researched something that they are interested in and have compiled this information into writing their own blog post! In Design Technology, the children have used the information that they have researched in their homework to create their own design criteria so that they have a plan ready for when they bring their creations of famous ancient landmarks to life!

Sherwood Class

In Sherwood class, they have been busy separating mixtures in science, planning and carrying out the experiments. They have also been learning how to draw and measure angles using protractors in Maths.

Their current Design and Technology topic is all about bread and they enjoyed tasting a range of different breads, discussing the flavours and textures. They are looking forward to creating their own flavour combinations when they do some baking.

In PSHE, they have been talking about risky situations and how they recognise when there is an emergency. They learnt how to put someone into the recovery position and talked about when it would be appropriate and necessary to dial 999.

Welbeck Class

Over the last couple of weeks in Welbeck Class, they have been working hard to revise angles and plot coordinates in Maths. They have also had the highest number of children score full marks in their times table test! Well done children!

They have also continued their 'World War Two' history unit. This week they learnt about the axis powers and the allies and started to explore how the Blitz impacted on lives in Britain. They have also been learning about evacuee children and the





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journeys that they went on. The children have started writing a diary entry from the perspective of an evacuee child, which they are enjoying.

Next week the children will be completing their SAT's. The children have worked incredibly hard over the last year and Miss Tomlinson knows that they will all try their best next week.

As always, we are here to work in partnership for the children so if you any queries or issues please do not hesitate to contact one of the team.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs Middleton & the St Luke's team

Looking ahead:

May

13th Year 6 Statutory tests

23rd May- Sherwood Class Trip

24th Inset Day

27th – 31st Half term

June

3rd - Return to school.

Two-week window Year 4 statutory multiplication check

Residential for Sherwood & Welbeck

10th – Statutory Phonics Testing Year 1 all week

14th – Clumber Class trip

19th - Big Transition for named Y6.

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July

3rd – Year 6 transition

4th – Year 6 transition





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5th - Provisional date for Sports Day

19th – Yr 6 Celebration event

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.

