



19th March 2018 * SPRING TERM * ISSUE 24

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Down's Syndrome Day

Our school is recognising today by wearing odd socks. This day is particularly special as we have the now very famous Seb Franklin in one of our Reception classes. Mrs Evans, our Assistant Headteacher shared some of the facts associated with Down's Syndrome during assembly on Monday and the pupils showed such respect. This links in with our inclusive ethos and helps us celebrate difference in our school and recognise the uniqueness of every child. We are very proud of Seb and his family who are raising awareness in such a positive way.

Sports Relief

We have an exciting day planned on Friday for this great cause. As per the letter sent last week, pupils can come to school in their favourite sport kit/outfit. Please bear in mind that the children will be walking on potentially slightly muddy ground either in school or at Allesley Park for Year 5/6 so please provide a spare pair of shoes/trainers and ensure they have a coat ideally waterproof. The children will also be playing balloon volleyball and having a go at an obstacle course too.

Easter Fun

The PTA have sent out information regarding Easter activities after school next Thursday. If you haven't done so already, then please read the information.

There is also a competition in school being organised by Mrs Gibson. We would like to invite the children to decorate eggs using the theme of Prince Harry and Megan Markel's upcoming wedding. Eggs that have been decorated will be on show for the children to look at and to be judged. **Entries need to be brought in on Wednesday 28th March** and prizes will be given out in assembly on Thursday 29th March. This is a voluntary activity and there is no charge to enter. We look forward to seeing your amazingly decorated Easter eggs!

Salvation Army Appeal

Within our newsletter today we have included a request from Miss Potter, one of our past employees. Miss Potter now works for The Salvation Army working tirelessly for those less fortunate. We are looking to help her collect as many small Easter eggs as possible for her to distribute to children who are living in challenging conditions. We will collect these in school on Wednesday and Thursday next week and deliver to The Salvation Army before we break up.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Robinson
Headteacher BEd Hons. NPQH

WEEKLY FOCUS

Assembly Focus: Phase Assembly – Sport Relief
Faith and Belief: Buddhism

Musical Inspiration: – Island in the Stream – Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers

Language Word of the week: to say hello in Swedish say 'hej'.

Talk Topic: World Down's Syndrome Day

SPORTS NEWS

Another busy but exciting week at our school. On Monday this week our Netball Team travelled to St Peter and St Paul Primary School to finally play the cup quarter-final match that has been postponed four times. St Peter and St Paul are the Coventry Catholic School Primary Champions for this year. We knew it would prove a tough test and so it turned out to be. Our team never gave up however, Mr. Coyle's motto states 'you win some, you learn some'. We took lots of learning points away from the game which we will use to improve our game.

On Tuesday we had a visit from four Coventry City Football Club players. This was a fantastic opportunity for the true Sky Blue fans at our school to meet and question their heroes. After the Q&A, the children had the wonderful opportunity to play a game alongside the players.

Finally, they had the chance to grab autographs and pictures. The Sky Blues organiser, Heidi Sloan, praised both the children and the school for such a well organised event.

On Saturday, our XC boys finally get the chance to compete in the Coventry Schools Cross Country Races at Bablake Fields. Mr. Coyle is praying for good weather as this event has been cancelled twice already this winter.

All clubs finish for this term on Friday 23rd March, except for the Wednesday after school Football Club for Year 6 Boys.

We will be using a new online booking form for Summer Term clubs. Please log on via the link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/NmmSzsoC8nUsSZCj2> or scan the QR code below. Should you need some help with this then please contact the office or Miss Penn.



Pupil of the Week Awards



Pupil of the Week Awards go to:

Eoine - 1C: making all the right choices during lessons, break and lunch times – Keep it up!

Freya - 1W: super work in Maths. Keep it up Freya!

Ishaaq - 2A: a brilliant effort in all lessons, particularly in Maths

Leo - 2K: excellent effort with his reading and ideas in writing. Keep up the great work Leo!

Chloe - 3B: being a lovely friend to everyone in the class, always trying her best, being helpful and a lovely person to have around!

Ruby - 3T: an absolutely fantastic improvement in her scores for Jedi Mathsters, week by week. Well done!

Daniel - 4N: his enthusiasm and demonstrating great knowledge in a Geography lesson.

Kitty - 4T: giving excellent answers to some extremely challenging questions during her reading assessment

Charles - 5G: a wonderful ancient Egyptian pyramid. Charles researched his pyramid and included lots of interesting detail.

Ellie - 5P: outstanding presentation in all aspects of her work in school and at home.

Tilly - 6H: making super progress with her writing and for being an amazing role model

Mekriban - 6L: an excellent piece of artwork inspired by the Northern Lights

Well done to all of the above pupils

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (further dates/information to follow, please be aware that some dates may change):

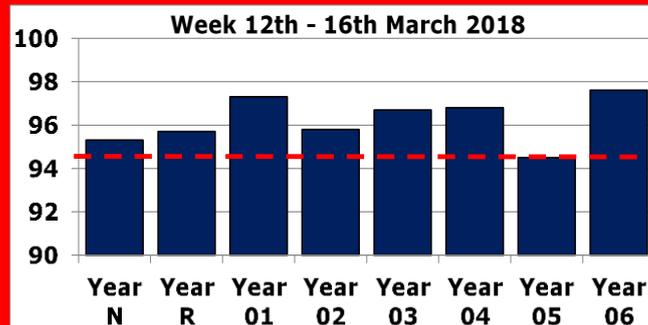
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| Friday 23rd March 2018 | Sports Relief Day - favourite sports kit, for a 50p donation, pupils will also complete a sponsored 1 mile walk/run. |
| Thursday 29th March 2018 | Nursery Closed |
| Thursday 29th March 2018 | Non Uniform day and PTA – Easter Disco and Hunt |
| Tuesday 17th April 2018 | Parents Evening: Y1-Y6 |
| Wednesday 18th April 2018 | Parents Evening: Y1-Y6 |
| Monday 14th May – Friday 18th May 2018 | KS2 SATs week |
| Monday 21st May 2018 | Skern Lodge Parents Meeting |
| Wednesday 13th June 2018 | Music Performance – Guitar PM (further details to follow) |
| Friday 15th June 2018 | PTA: Summer Fete (further details to follow) |
| Friday 15th June 2018 | PTA: Father's Day gifts to be sold in school (further details to follow) |
| Friday 15th June 2018 | Reception/Year 6 Photos |
| Friday 22nd June 2018 – Monday 25th June 2018 | Skern Lodge Residential – Year 6 |
| Wednesday 4th July 2018 | Moving on Day/Year 6 Ball |
| Monday 16th July/Tuesday 17th July 2018 | Year 6 Performance tbc |
| Thursday 19th July 2018 | Year 6 Mystery Trip |
| Friday 20th July 2018 | Reports sent home |

EASTER CRAFT

There will be a free children's craft session in St Christopher's church hall on Good Friday 30th March 2018, 9.30 - 10.30am.

This will be followed by an all-age service in the church. Everyone warmly invited.

ATTENDANCE BY YEAR GROUP





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Coventry City Corps Salvation Army Church and Community Centre

Dear all at St Christopher,

At Christmas, The Salvation Army ran a national toy appeal to help families in need. In Coventry, we were able to hand out over 850 toys for our partners to distribute to children and families on their caseload. Over 400 of the children we helped were living in temporary accommodation within the city. Often the whole family is in a single room, with only basic facilities.

Previously we have also supported some of these families, at Easter, by providing chocolate eggs for the children.

I know the staff, and children, at St Christopher are extremely supportive of charity events and I was wondering if those who are able would donate an Easter egg to help us with this appeal. We are asking for the eggs with a single chocolate treat in, which are usually £1 or £1.50 so that every child is getting something the same size. Although just a small gesture, we hope it is one that will bring a bit of happiness to all those we help.

If you feel you can support this appeal, I would be grateful!

Many thanks,

Gemma

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