



May 2023

## HEAD TEACHER'S WHITSUN MESSAGE

This is always an exciting time of year when we start to look ahead to next year and the opportunities available. Young Voices is already part of the plan.

Our class organisation remains the same with Mrs Hall returning from her maternity leave at the start of the autumn term.

On 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> July our year 6 pupils will get a taster of high school and we will meet our new teachers and new classmates.

Wishing you a sunny half term.

Mrs Ward

## Essential Information

### Beaumanor

It is always a pleasure to take our year 5 and 6 pupils on their annual residential to Beaumanor.

They stand out from the rest for their:

- Kindness
- Teamwork
- Determination
- Enthusiasm
- Leadership
- Respect

They are Noticeably Newton! Thank you to Mrs Oakley, Mr Ikin-Dean and Mr Ward for their help.

Photographs will be shared after half term.

### Forest School

Learners must bring [clothing for the weather](#) including coats and a hats and sunscreen We do not have the capacity to call home for forgotten kit. Dates will be confirmed on diary dates.

### School Dinners

The menu can be found on our [website](#).

[School Dinners](#) for the Summer term have been added to SchoolMoney for KS2 children. Please adhere to our no debt policy and make dinner payments in advance. Many thanks.

It is not easy, in the world of education, to change food supplier. There are many hurdles, all of which take time, in particular because there are 4 schools involved in the process. We are making progress towards the provision of nutritional hot and cold options which the children want to eat but I do not have any further information for you yet due to the nature of the process and the business interests involved.

**Back to School: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

**Last day of term: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

*Early collection, see Diary Dates*



# General Information

## **Trips and visits**

Thank you for supporting all of our trips and visits this year. We still have some exciting events planned:

- Year 6 leavers – forest school and Pizza
- Year 5 and 6 rugby trip – we have been selected to participate in a rugby festival at the Tigers ground
- Year 4 and 5 university trip – science and engineering in action – lunch provided and an opportunity to win a free class trip to the space centre - TBC, we are trying to source transport and maybe reliant on parents to attend
- Year 2 – geography trip - TBC
- Year 5 and 6 coal mining trip - TBC

Your support makes a difference – thank you.

This is what your children said after our trip to Leicester this week:

- I found it really interesting in the temple and I enjoyed the ringing of the bell and the chanting.
- I thought the dancing was a great experience - we might not get chance to do that again.
- I thought it was interesting to find out how many of the Asian community knew at least four languages.
- I thought the way they dance is unique and really nice.
- I learnt about some of the religious symbolism like why they rang the bell and why they closed the curtains.
- I really liked the temple and I didn't realise how long sarees take to make! They're really pretty I really liked the lunchtime prayer singing by the ladies in the temple"
- I liked that everyone was really kind
- I enjoyed talking to the priest, his life was very interesting
- I really liked going into the shops and thought it was cool how one of us got to wear a saree
- I thought the statues of the Gods in the temple were interesting

## **STOP PRESS!**

### **Thank you to:**

- Mrs Clasper, Mrs Rickard, Mr & Mrs Storer for their help with our trips.
- All our Forest School helpers
- Mrs Ward and Mrs Boulter for leading the development of our school garden. This has been a huge undertaking.
- Mrs Thompson for her help with the KS1 art morning



## **Class News** **Class 1, 2 and 3**

This week, Class 1 and 2 had a lovely morning doing an art workshop based on nature. They learned how to make prints using stamps and how to blend the colours to create interesting effects. After having a practice, they then got to decorate a bag, which they were able to take home. They had lots of fun and got VERY messy!

Class 3 have had an amazing last week before half term, full of great learning experiences! We started the week learning what life was like in Ancient Greece and were shocked to learn that women were not able to go to school. Therefore we enjoyed having our own class debate based on the statement 'Girls shouldn't be allowed to be educated' just like the Greeks did. In Science, we created our own switch using, paper clips, split pins and cardboard and added this into our circuits to see if they would work. We were amazed that they worked and the bulbs did light up when the switch was closed. To finish the week, we had the Class trip to Leicester! I would just like to say a huge well done to Class 3 for their behavior during the trip, they were extremely polite and respectful and I was very proud of you all.

