



24th March 2010

Dear parents,

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of the Spring Term. Thankfully Spring does appear to be slowly happening.

This has been yet another busy term. The children have been very industrious during our Lenten activities and I must thank you for your generosity throughout this time.

My thanks also go out to the P.T.A. for their continued support and fundraising. We are about to have two whiteboards fitted donated from P.T.A. funds. Thank you.

- ❑ **School closes at 3.15pm / 3.25pm on Wednesday 31st March, there will be no Joe's Club on this day.**
- ❑ **School re-opens on Monday 19th April.**
- ❑ **Holiday Club** – This will run from Tuesday 6th April until Friday 16th April, for bookings please contact Mr Shone on 01782 641212.
- ❑ **Reports** – I hope that you have all received your reports. If you have not please e-mail Mrs Pickford who will ensure that you receive one.
Please return your reply slips as this helps the school monitor your feelings and act upon any concerns. Many thanks to those people who have responded.
- ❑ **Summer Term** – Weather permitting summer uniforms should be worn by the first week of May.
- ❑ **Sun Protection Policy** – Please note our Sun Protection Policy in the front of your child's school diary. We ask that you send in a labelled sunscreen for your child. Children are supervised when applying this.
- ❑ **Supermarket Vouchers - Sports for Schools / Computer Equipment**
Sainsbury's and Tesco are now offering their school vouchers to customers we would be very grateful if you and your family and friends could collect them for us by sending them into school with your child.
- ❑ **Forthcoming Diary Dates**
 - **Wednesday 31st March** – Non Uniform Day & bring in £1.
 - **Wednesday 31st March** – Don't forget the Easter Bonnet Parade for Nursery, Reception and Pre Prep children!
 - **Alton Castle Meeting** for Prep 5 Parents on Tuesday 20th April at 6.30pm.
 - **Skip Hop Day** – Thursday 22nd April – children who are taking part must come to school in their P.E. Kit / Tracksuit and Trainers.
There are still quite a few children who have not sent in their reply slips please ensure that you do this before we break up for Easter.
 - **P.T.A. Meeting** at the Trentham Hotel on Wednesday 28th April at 7.30pm. Please do come and support Mrs Trevor.
 - **Swimming commences** for PP2JP, PP2JO & P5 on Thursday 29th April. Please ensure that your child has a black or red swimming cap.
 - **Health Drop-In** with Nurse Smith on Thursday 29th April at 08.50am.
 - **No School on Friday 30th April (Day in lieu of Prize Day).**
 - **May Day – Monday 3rd May – School Closed.**
 - **Blessed Edmund Rice Day – Wednesday 5th May**
Mass being held at St. Teresa's Church for Reception through to P6 children at **10am**. All parents / carers are welcome to attend.

- **Alton Castle Residential** – Wednesday 5th until Friday 7th May. Prep 5 pupils will go to Mass but will be wearing their outdoor clothing in readiness for their departure at 12.30pm.
 - **Prep 3 Class May Day Assembly** – Tuesday 11th May at 3pm in the school hall. Parents / carers are welcome to attend.
 - **Prep 6 Trip to Drayton Manor Park & Zoo** – Friday 14th May (Consent Letters to follow after Easter)
 - **Exam Week** - Week commencing 17th May.
 - **Reception Class Assembly** – Tuesday 18th May at 3pm. Parents / carers are welcome to attend.
 - **Bags-2-School** – Wednesday 19th May (drop off point will be at school gate). More information to follow from Mrs Trevor.
 - **Humanities Week** – Week of 24th May.
 - **Swimming Gala at Denstone College** – Friday 28th May for PP2, P3, P4, P5 & P6.
 - **Break-Up for Half Term on Friday 28th May** (Joe's Club as usual).
- **Nursery, Reception and Pre Prep Lenten Activities** -The Pre Prep were due to hold their Toy Stall today but due to a lack of things to sell we have postponed it until Friday 26th March during break time. Teaching Staff would be very grateful if you could send in any toys which are in good condition but no longer played with for the Pre Prep to sell. The main thrust of the Pre Prep fund raising will take place in the summer term on Friday 18th June when all the school will take part in a sponsored event "Jump Rope for Heart" – hopefully by then we will have some decent weather.
In addition, Miss Simpson and Miss Buttery will be selling a small selection of Rosary Beads. If your child would like to purchase a set, please send in £3.50 in a clearly labelled envelope.
- **Extra Curricular Clubs** – We hope to send out next term's club sheets tomorrow, so would be grateful if you could endeavour to return your child's choices before we break up for Easter.
- **Rookery Lane**
I have recently had a meeting with the Police, Local Authority, Staff from St. Joseph's College and Oakhill Primary. The Police are very concerned about traffic flow and parking on Rookery Lane, ways are being considered to alleviate this problem and I will update you when I know more.

We are still waiting for a Crossing Patrol – if you know anyone please contact the school office or the Transport Department in Stoke Civic Centre.

Once again, please do be considerate when parking your vehicles and take care.

Thank you for your continued support. May I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Yours sincerely

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