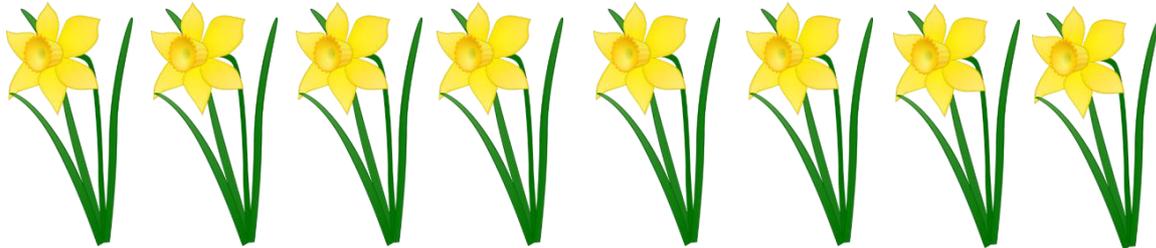




Wednesday 26th February 2020



Welcome Back, News & Reminders - Spring 2

Staffing News

We can now confirm that Miss Stirrett will be leaving us at the end of term. She will be taking up her new position at our Trust headquarters and will be on the finance team supporting ours and other LEAD schools. She will also remain a Governor of our school. Ms Burton will be joining us after Easter and is currently a very experienced Office Manager and PA to the Principle at a Nottingham Secondary School. We are really looking forward to welcoming her to the team.

Governors

We are delighted to announce the appointment of four new members of our Academy Governing Body and look forward to the contribution to the continued improvement at our school.

Miss Randall - Teaching Staff Governor
Mrs Webster - Support Staff Governor
Mr Bannerman - Parent Governor
Mr Turner - Community Governor
Miss Stirrett - Community Governor

Healthy Eating

Thank you to the SNAG group for their hard work promoting healthy eating at our school. KS2 Fruit and Vegetable break time snacks have been a real success, thank you for your support.

We are also encouraging Healthy Lunchboxes with lots of rewards and incentives for the pupils. The key message from SNAG is;

Low fat. Low sugar. Low salt. No nuts. No chocolate bars or sweets.

We are committed to giving all of our pupils consistent messages about all aspects of health to help them understand the impact of particular behaviours and encourage them to take responsibility for the choices they make.

The school supports the '5 a day' campaign to encourage children to eat at least 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day, which has been shown to reduce the onset of certain life-threatening conditions as well as being helpful in tackling and preventing childhood obesity.

Children are being encouraged to think about their lunchboxes and learn that a well-balanced, healthy lunchbox will **not** include packaged snacks such as crisps or chocolate bars. Healthy snacks are great in small plastic containers to act as a garnish to sandwiches etc. This is to prevent the setting of future habits such as 'A sandwich means a bag of crisps'.

Pupils are not permitted to have sweets, chocolates or fizzy drinks in their lunchboxes and if they do these will be sent back home that evening. These items can be replaced by fruit or water provided by school if it is felt any child risks being hungry or thirsty.

For more information on the '5 a day' campaign, healthy lunch box ideas and much more, please visit www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/five-a-day

PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT FOOD WILL NOT EVER BE TAKEN OFF ANY CHILDREN

Some parents feel the school meals are not healthy e.g. Chocolate sponge. These items are often delicious but are always healthy versions e.g. low sugar and chocolate replaced by cocoa etc.

All school meals provided meet the Government's updated Minimum Nutritional Guidelines. The NCC Food Service is passionate about feeding children well and spends a lot of time working on the menus and ensuring the balance is right and healthy, balanced meals are served.

We have worked hard on creating a positive dining experience for the children and have the following in place;

- We encourage members of staff to dine with the children in the dinner hall
- Our new service aims to make sure children have time to eat their lunch and do not need to rush and still have plenty of time to play
- Children in Y6 are encouraged to support children in the KS1 dining hall by helping them to serve their food, pouring water, helping them try new food, promoting good manners and conversation and supporting the younger children when clearing away
- All dining furniture is brand new and is child friendly and brightly coloured
- Children use plates and cutlery in place of flight trays to promote eating etiquette
- Children choose and collect dessert, fruit or yoghurt after their main meal is eaten and cleared away

- Children are encouraged to self-serve from salad bars and bread baskets to encourage independence
- The dining experience is happy and positive and rewards are given for manners, healthy choices, eating all of their lunch etc.
- Queues are avoided at lunchtimes as children are invited to the hatch 5 at a time from their class line. Lines are only called when it is their classes turn to enter for lunch and awards will be regularly given for best lines

We hope this information reassures you and that you will actively support our healthy eating policy.

School Field & Playground - Green Lane

It has recently been confirmed that the school field and playgrounds are owned by the Academy.

The Academy does pay for their maintenance and upkeep and of course the children use them throughout the school day for PE, Break-times and other outdoor curriculum learning.

We have had issues with the previous public use of the fields in relation to dog mess, broken glass, spent fireworks and other undesirable items.

In order to maintain the safest and healthiest environment for your children the school premises will all be secured at the end of the school day and no longer available for public use. This is in line with the vast majority of schools across the country.

Attendance

We will be sending out clear guidance on attendance requirements and expectations for all of our pupils from Nursery to Y6.

The guidance will contain a list of FAQs for you to refer to if you are unsure whether an absence will be authorised or not.

We will also be launching our Attendance Tree Project! Pupils will be given a gold leaf for 100% attendance, silver leaf for over 98% attendance and a bronze leaf for over 96% attendance.

At the end of the year, those with Gold, Silver or Bronze leaves for the whole year will be entered into a different prize draw **including Big Prizes for the whole family e.g. Family ticket to a day out somewhere special in Nottingham.**

EYFS Garden

We have fantastic plans in place to create a wonderful new garden for the children in Larch and Walnut.

Work will commence during the Easter holidays and the final garden will include a track for the bikes, an all-weather surface and dedicated areas for water play, construction as well as sheltered areas for all-weather learning and role play.

This will vastly improve the all year round outside provision for our youngest pupils. When the plans are finalised we will publish them for you to look at and follow the progress of the project.

Reading Rocketeers Launch this Week

Here is a reminder of the rules - great prizes to be awarded.

- Children are to read at home at least 5 times a week.
- This is to be recorded in the partnership book and signed by an adult in Nursery/EYFS and KS1.
- In KS2, the partnership books must be signed by an adult for at least three of the reads. The remaining two can be signed by the child.
- A child can only get a maximum of 5 recorded reads a week.
- Partnership books will be checked on Friday and tokens will be awarded accordingly.
- A child will be awarded a token once they have read 20 times.
- For every subsequent twenty reads, a further token will be given.
- Children may spend their tokens or save them to get a higher value reward.

Book bags

Glapton school book bags are still to be launched in September. In response to feedback there will be no space to write a child's name. A sample will soon be available for you to have a look at and at a really cost effective price.

The book bags will ensure that all children have a bag dedicated to their partnership book and their reading book only. It also means that it will be accessible to them all day every day as it will fit in their tray. These two books will be their most important items needed in school every day. We will provide all their resources.

Children will also need a drawstring PE bag as these can be stored safely and neatly in their cloakrooms. Large rucksacks do not fit in cloakrooms and result in coats all over the floor, lost or broken belongings, trip hazards and impediment to exit.

Children can of course bring their lunch bag of choice as this will be stored in the lunchbox class tubs.

I hope this helps to clarify the reasons for the type of bag to be used.

Coronavirus

The latest update from Government as of the 25th February 2020 is that "the risk to individuals remains low" and the general principals to help prevent the spread of any respiratory virus are as follows:

- washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin.
Catch it, Bin it, Kill it

Please follow specific travel advice if you have recently been abroad.

Junior Bake Off

Applications have opened for the 6th series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. They are looking for budding bakers between **9-15 years old**.

Filming would take place from July 2020, but the **applications close on Sunday 5th April 2020**. Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk
Please see attached information.

STEM (Science Technology Engineering Science) Week

Please may we ask you to support our upcoming STEM week and a Young Innovators Challenge by donating any of the following, clean, safe (no sharp nails) etc. materials to school;

- Wood - including, but not limited to, cocktail sticks, matchsticks, lollipop sticks, dowel or sheet
- Recycled plastic - including, but not limited to, plastic bottles, straws, foam, rod or sheet
- Paper or cardboard in any form
- Fabric
- Thin rope, string, wool or other thread
- Foil, film or other similar sheet material
- Paper clips, staples, glue, tape, split pins or other similar connecting materials
- Any decorative materials including but not limited to stickers, Eco friendly glitter and feathers

All of these will be gratefully received by the class teachers, thank you.

Dates for your Diary (most are published in partnership books)

Tuesday 3rd March - 16 Day Book

Thursday 5th March - Reading Challenge Day (dress up in your favourite PJ's)

Friday 6th March - Road Safety Quiz

Monday 9th - 13th March - STEM WEEK & Challenge Day

Tuesday 17th March - Y4 LEAD Cultural Arts Event Day

Thursday 19th March - Chestnut class assembly

Wednesday 25th March - 16 Day Book

Friday 27th March - Sports Relief Activity Day

Wednesday 1st April - Children's Disco

Wednesday 1st/Thursday 2nd April - Easter Focus

Thursday 2nd April - School Breaks up for children 3.15pm

Friday 3rd April - INSET. School closed to pupils

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher

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