



Newsletter 17th March 2023



Science Week

We have had an exciting week celebrating Science across school. Children in Ducklings have learned about the important jobs that robots do and enjoyed carrying out colour and pattern investigations. Parrot and Penguin classes learned that some substances dissolve when you mix them with water, and that they no longer appear in their original state. In the Toucan Class children learned about materials. They enjoyed building houses to test which materials made the best waterproof roofing. Puffin and Flamingos learned about the importance of carrying out a 'Fair Test'. Children identified and classified objects and carried out an exciting experiment to make 'Rainbow Rain!'

Congratulations to the winners of Mrs Butler's Science Challenge; Ruby and Isobelle (Ducklings), Joshua and Henry (Parrot Class), James (Penguin Class), Oliver and Jessie-Ann (Toucan Class), Daisy (Flamingo Class) and Finnley (Puffin Class).

Events happening across school.

Reception children (Parrots and Penguins) children have been learning about contrasting environments in Tibshelf. They are planning to walk to Tibshelf Ponds during Muddy Monday next week (20th March). They would welcome additional adult helpers. Please speak to a member of the Foundation Stage team if you can join them for the walk.

Year two children (Flamingos and Puffins) have been invited to Town End to watch their production 'Glint of Gold.' Children will be walking down to the Junior school after lunch on Monday 20th March. They will return to school in time for collection from 3:00pm as usual.

Nursery children have an exciting visitor on Thursday 30th March when the Mobile Mini Zoo will be coming for a visit!

M & M theatre productions – will be coming into school on Thursday 30th March to perform to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Tesco – now the cabin roof has been repaired we are waiting for a response from Tesco community foodbank to restart our support families across school.

Clubs

A reminder that breakfast club runs every morning from 7:30 am. Due to staffing ratios we only have 12 spaces in this club. Please make sure that you have booked a space/spaces for children wishing to attend. Aftercare runs from 3:00pm until 5:00 pm. 14 children can be booked into aftercare. Please collect your child promptly at 5:00 pm as staff have their own children to collect.

Future Dates

- **Break up for Easter on Friday 31st March 2023**
- **Back to school on Monday 17th April 2023**
- **Bank Holidays – Monday 1st May, Monday 8th May.**
- **May 2023 – Year 2 sats will take place towards the end of May.**
- **Break up Friday 26th May 2023**
- **Back to school on Monday 5th June 2023**
- **Monday 26th June – Inset Day school closed for staff training.**
- **Friday 14th July Whole School Sports Afternoon on the field followed by the Summer Fayre.**
- **Friday 20th July – Year 2 Leavers assembly at 1pm.**
- **Break up for Summer on Friday 21st July 2023**
- **INSET DAYS – 4th September 2023 and 5th September 2023**
- **Back to school Wednesday 6th September 2023**

If you haven't signed up to the school gateway app, you can download this from the App Store or Play Store. We use the app to communicate with parents/carers on a daily basis. It is also used to make any payments, book onto clubs or wrap around care. When you first download the app, you need to click "sign up" at the bottom and follow the instructions. If you have any problems, please contact the school office on 01773 872571.

Your child's happiness, well-being and safety is of the utmost importance to us. If you have any worries or concerns, please talk to your child's teacher or have a chat with myself or Mrs Boswell. At the end of the week, I am the Parrot class teacher, but I am happy to have a chat after school and please feel free to message on School Comms. Thank-you for your support,

Mrs Alton, Head of School.