



## Church Hill Infant School

Being the best we can be!

Newsletter

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Syston and Thurmaston  
Education Partnership

**Bee the best  
you can bee!!**



**Hee, Hee  
that's funny!**

It has been another busy half term at Church Hill Infant School. Thank you to all the parents, carers, staff, governors and our hard working children who continue to support the school and make it an even better place to learn in.

Although our children are young, we are passionate about giving them a voice; may it be through school council meetings or surveys, our children continually demonstrate our strong ethos of "Being the best you can be". Even our youngest children in Foundation Stage understand that our school is about being a learner and trying their best at all times. Our "Bee the best you can bee" tree is spectacular in the front foyer – the children had a lot of fun pledging their promise of working hard and creating bees to help them remember our school values!

## Being Sporty at Church Hill

Mrs Sarai and the Lunchtime Supervisors have been extra sporty during lunch time. Mrs Sarai has set the whole school a challenge during the next few weeks so that we can achieve the Sainsbury's Active Mark. It has been great to see everyone so enthused and active during lunch time



### After School Multi-Sports Club

Last week we had a visit from a sports coach who gave our school an opportunity to trial a range of sports activities throughout the day. Many of our parents have asked about after school clubs and if we have enough interest from parents, we will arrange for some of these activities to be available after school. Watch out for the letter from Mrs Sarai!



## STEP UP and SING!

We have been given the opportunity for twenty of our Year 2 children to sing at a "Choral Extravaganza" with 10 other schools in Syston and Thurmaston. The performance will take place at Roundhill Academy on Thursday 6th June. Our children have chosen songs to sing as a school choir, as well as singing with children from other schools. We may be the youngest on stage but hearing our children's angelic voices will be a very proud moment for our school!

# New Home-School Agreement

You will have recently received information about our new Home School Agreement. Please take the time to read through the information. Your views and opinions are very important to us. We look forward to hearing your points of view on what you think about the changes to the new proposal.



## Book Club Fair



Thank you to Mr Mayhew and Miss Sharpe who organised another successful book club fair. We think it is important to teach our children the value of saving up for something special. It is lovely to see them get really excited when they know their regular savings are building up.

## School Council



At Church Hill Infants we continually strive to improve the health and wellbeing of our children. As part of this, our School Council has been actively involved in making decisions which helped our school achieve the “Healthy School” standards.

One of these initiatives has focused around lunchtimes. The children have decided to encourage healthier eating at lunchtimes by eating at least two pieces of fruit and/or vegetable a day.

We will be having a “Let’s Get Healthy Day” coming up soon. Look out for our children’s ideas and suggestions of what they would like to eat at lunch times to become even healthier.

(Minutes of the school council meeting are available on our website!)

## School fundraising

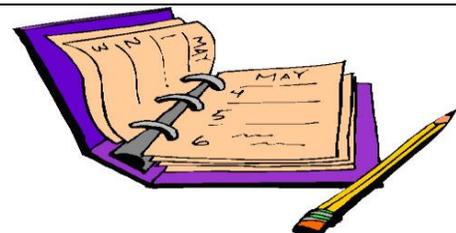
Our recent Sponsored Read was very successful. Thank you to all of the children (and parents) who supported this worthwhile cause. We raised £1013.83 for the school to buy new books.

We are in the process of establishing a PTA for the school. If you are interested in being part of a new team and supporting the school in raising funds and organising fun events for the school community, information will be coming your way very soon.



## Save the dates!

- Sports Day** – Wednesday 26 June (AM)
- Year 2 Leavers Concert** – Wednesday 10 July (PM)
- Transition day** – Wednesday 3 July (PM)
- Helen Gomes (School Nurse) – Parent Chat** -  
Monday 3 June & Monday 1 July at 9.00am



# Syston and Thurmaston Education Partnership (STEP)



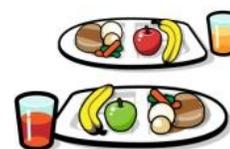
As you will know, our school works collaboratively with 10 other schools in the local area. Our main aim is to raise standards and share good practice within the community. Over the course of the year we have had many staff from other schools visit us and have complemented us on many initiatives; especially the standard of writing across the school.

Schools in STEP include;

Church Hill C of E Junior School , Eastfield Primary School, The Merton (Syston), Gaddesby Primary School, Thrussington C of E Primary School, Broomfield Primary School (East Goscote), St Michaels and all Angels Primary school (Rearsby), Queniborough C of E Primary School, The Pochin (Barkby)

We also continue to have strong links with Secondary schools in the area. Our strong association with other schools in our local community is a unique and successful partnership, which unites us all in making a difference to the lives of young people in Thurmaston and Syston.

## Free School Meals



Our school could be missing out on funding to help pupils. Did you know that registering your child as eligible for FSM will bring more money to the school to help them achieve better?

As parents you can register your child as eligible to receive free school meals (FSM) if you are in receipt of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based job seekers' allowance
- Income related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child tax credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than 16,190

If you successfully register, your child will get a free healthy lunch- saving you more than £350 a year. They will also be entitled to extra benefits to support their education in school and the school will receive **£900** extra funding.

**This can make a huge difference to how the school can support your child!**

If you would like extra information, please make a confidential appointment to speak to a member of the school office.

Look out for information on our school website too.



*We'd like to say a big welcome to our new School Crossing Guide, Mrs Claire McNeil.*

**Remember the  
Holiday Rules!  
Stay safe  
Have Fun  
Read plenty of books!**

**School will close  
*Friday 24 May at 3.00pm*  
School will reopen on  
*Monday 3 June at 8.40am***

