



Church Hill Infant School

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Summer Newsletter 2015

10th July 2015

Dates for your Diary....

Autumn Term Dates:

School Opens:

Tues 1st Sept '15

Midterm Break:

Mon 19th to Mon 26th Oct '15

School re-opens Tuesday 27th

School Closes:

Fri 18th Dec '15

All term dates can be found on our website

PTA Meeting

Mon 7th Sept at 3.15pm

Year 1 Parent Forum

Tue 8th Sept '15 at 2.30pm

Year 2 Parent Forum

Wed 9th Sept '15 at 2.30pm

Foundation Stage Phonics Meeting

Fri 25th Sept '15 at 2pm

Year 1 Phonics Meeting

Thurs 8th Oct '15 at 5.30pm

Year 2 Beaumanor Residential Meeting

Tue 13th Oct '15 at 3.30pm

Parents Evenings

Tues 3rd Nov '15

Thurs 5th Nov '15

Christmas Events:

Activity Day—

Fri 27th Nov '15

Xmas Dinner—

Fri 11th Dec '15

Yr 2 Twilight Carols —

Mon 14th Dec '15

Yr R & 1 Performance—

Tue & Wed 15/16th Dec '15

Whole School Panto Trip—

Thurs 17th Dec '15

Message from the Head

What an amazing year we have had. There have been a range of events and achievements which have made us very proud of the children and we are always very grateful of our parents support too!

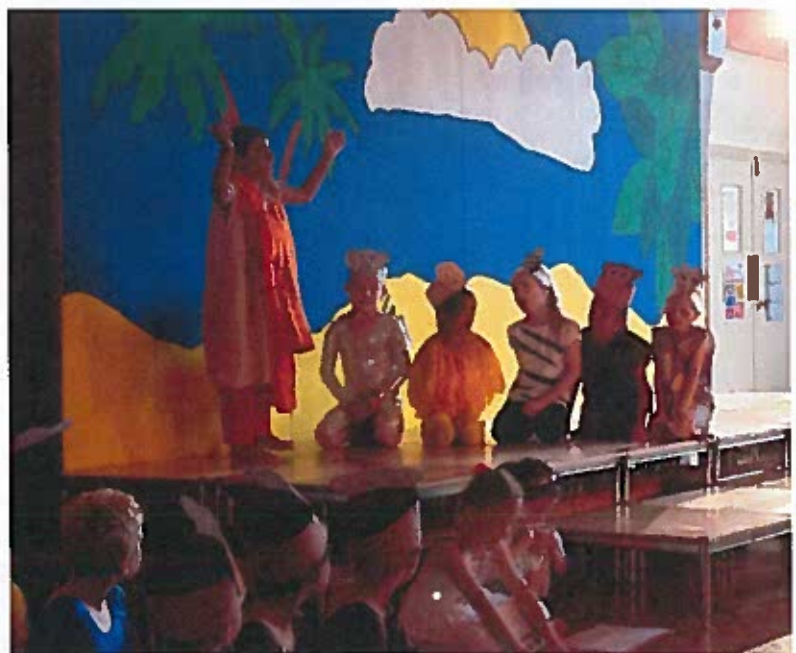
You will have recently received your child's end of the year Teacher's Report. We aim to provide detailed information on how your child has progressed both academically and in terms of their personal, social and emotional development. The teachers have also highlighted personal targets for your child to help them to progress further next year. We hope this information is useful in guiding you on how you can support your child at home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the excellent team of staff who are thoroughly committed to the life of the school. But most of all I would like to thank the children who have excelled both academically and have become confident young people over the year. The staff at Church Hill would like to wish our families a happy summer break and we all look forward to working with you again in the new academic year.

Mrs Bulsara

Leavers' Concert

The Year 2 Leavers' production was a spectacular event. The children sang, narrated and danced confidently as they told the story of "Animal Rumble Grumble". It was lovely to see so many family and friends who came to watch the show. I am sure you will agree that the children did us proud. Although we are sad to see them move on we have really enjoyed working in partnership with you over the recent years and would like to wish you and your child all the best for the future.



Teaching School Alliance

Free School Uniform

We would like to remind parents that if they are in receipt of income support they will be entitled to a free uniform pack worth **£60**. Please contact the school office to find out details of how to apply.

Health & Safety—Car Parking



We have been working more closely with the community support officers and this has helped to minimise traffic congestion on Church Hill Road during drop-off and pickup times.

Thank you to all the parents who always park considerately. We hope you will continue to support us by parking sensibly and away from the school so that we can keep our children safe at all times.

Holiday Requests

Many parents have asked for holiday requests during these last two weeks of term. Unfortunately, the school cannot grant time off unless there are exceptional circumstances. Each request will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The attendance officer reviews all issues surrounding unauthorised attendance. The schools attendance target this year was **96%** the actual figure for the end of the academic year currently stands at **95.4%**.

Raising attendance awareness will continue to be a priority for the school next year. Thank you to all parents who support the school and ensure that their child attends school regularly and therefore maximises their learning potential

After School Clubs

Our afterschool clubs have been growing from strength to strength. From cheerleading, Archery, Dancing with props and Multiskills – we really are trying to provide a range of experiences for our children. The feedback has always been positive and the children have thoroughly enjoyed experiencing these extracurricular activities.

The Gardening club run by Mrs. Phipps has been really popular. Children and parents have grown a range of seasonal vegetables which have been used by the school kitchen in the children's lunches.

We have the following clubs available for the Autumn Term:

- ◊ Street Dance for Yr 1&2 - Wednesdays - 3.15-4.15pm
- Places still available, book through ParentPay.
- ◊ Cheerleading for Yr 1&2 - Thursdays - 3.15-4.15pm
- Places still available, book through ParentPay.
- ◊ Drama Club - Tuesday - 3.15-4.15pm
Book places with Helen O'Grady Drama Academy (www.helenogrady.co.uk)
- ◊ Garden Club - Thursdays - More Details to follow

Building Works



The building work near the Foundation Stage classes is well underway. Although it has caused a little inconvenience for the Foundations Stage and Year One parents it will be worthwhile to see the improvements at the beginning of next term. Thank you for your patience and understanding over this matter.

Sports



Sportsmanship at school has been increasingly prominent this year. We have had a variety of sports coaches working with children and teachers to develop specific skills. The children enjoyed being coached by Leicester City Football Club and Louise Jaggard, a specialist dance teacher this year. We will continue to commit to developing positive attitudes to

sports and will pursue working with different types of sports coaches too.

It was great to see so many parents here to support the children as they took part in the annual sports day. The children enjoyed participating, competing and trying their best with all the games set out on the day. **Well done to Terrell Blackman's mum and Sienna Nolan-Duncan's dad who won the parents races this year! We hope you enjoyed your prizes!**

Fundraising - A message from Mrs Sarai



We have been thrilled with your support for this worthwhile cause. In total the school raised just above £1000 this year. Mrs Sarai's family and Glenfield hospital have praised the children's efforts and commitment to the cause. The personal contributions and effort put in by parents and children highlight how caring and compassionate the school community is. Particular thanks go to the families of **Scarlett Morris, Lily Foulds, Nikita Mistry, Lydia Parker-Bates**. The children have been an inspiration and we were very proud to see their passion captured in the recent article in the Mercury.

A special thanks to **Sophie Ludlum** who also held her own event and raised funds for the cause too.

Please find Mrs Sarai personal message to the children and families below.

"I am so proud of you all for raising £1000 for Glenfield Hospital. The nurses and doctors said that you are all very clever and kind children. The money you raised will help lots of children and adults who get poorly.

Thank you very much. I miss you! "

Mrs Sarai

Breakfast Club

We are excited to be offering all our children the opportunity to attend our new "Breakfast Club" which will be open every term day from 1st September 2015.



The club will be open at 8am each morning. There is no need to book, if you want your child to attend please just bring them into school on the morning they are attending.

There is a charge of £3.50 for each session your child attends; this should be paid through our online payment system "ParentPay". Full details of how to make your payment are included on the Breakfast Club page of our website.

We will be offering a varied menu each morning which will be inline with our "Healthy Schools" status. There will also be a variety of activities available for the children to enjoy while they are at the club.

Message from the Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governors of Church Hill Infant School I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and pupils for all your hard work and support over this academic year. There have been many highlights for me this year however, the one I am most proud of is how the children came together to raise money for Glenfield Hospital in support of Mrs Sarai's cause. Their passion over this just shows how much of an influence a much cared for teacher can have.

I would also like to wish all the year 2 children leaving us the best of luck in their new classes at the Junior school and to say well done on a fantastic Leavers' Concert. It just shows how much you have grown during your time at Church Hill Infants.

For the rest of the pupils I want to wish you a happy holiday. Have lots of fun over the summer and we look forward to seeing you next academic year.

Lastly, I must thank the staff at the Church Hill Infants. Their hard work and dedication is a credit to the school and their passion for teaching and learning and young children is what, in my opinion, makes us such a unique school. Have a wonderful summer holiday and the governors and I look forward to working alongside you all again next year.

Mrs Hollis

PTA

The trial PTA event Hawaiian themed disco was a huge success.

Thank you to Ansu Brahmhatt, Gayatri Samplay, Sunita Bhal and Dina Patel who put on a fun and highly organised event for the children.

If you would like to be part of the formal PTA next academic year please call into the school office for further details.



Goodbye

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to the following members of staff who will be leaving us at the end of this term, I am sure you will join us in thanking them for the contribution they have made at our school. We wish them all the best for the future and hope they will come back to visit us soon.

Miss J. Gilbride ~ FS Teacher

Miss K. Allen ~ FS learning Support Assistant

Miss A. Samuel ~ Year 1 Teacher

Ms C. McNeil ~ Lollipop Lady

We will also be saying goodbye to *Mrs Tadman* who will be retiring at the end of the term. She has contributed a great deal to the life of the school over the last 23 years. We wish her all the best for her retirement.

We would also like to **Say Hello!** to the following new members of staff to our team...

Mrs P. Houghton will join our year 1 teaching team.

Miss J. Jeffery will join our foundation stage teaching team

Miss A. Sethi will join our Learning Support team in foundation Stage

Mrs D Hurst is our new lollipop lady.

School Staffing Structure

All children have taken part in a transition afternoon, and will have met their teachers for the new academic year.

The staffing for next year will be:

Foundation Stage

RB -Mrs Randle (Deputy Head/ Foundation Stage coordinator) and Mrs Borman

DC - Mr Corcoran

JJ—Miss Jeffery

Support staff – Mrs Clarke, Miss Mistry and Miss Sethi

Year 1

P/B – Mrs Phipps/ Mrs Bell / Support staff – Mrs Bailey

PH – Mrs Houghton / Support staff – Mrs Walters

WK – Miss Kirby / Support staff – Mrs Lidder

Year 2

L/E – Mrs Lissaman / Mrs Elliott (SENCO/Assistant Head) / Support staff – Mrs Thompson

OM – Mr Mayhew / Support staff – Mrs Weetman

AH – Miss Harris / Support staff – Mrs Dalton

Office Staff

Mrs Roberts, Mrs Hancox & Mrs Wren

Have a great  Summer



Dear Parents/Carers

8th July 2015

As you may be aware, recently the Police and street wardens spent a week at the school at drop off and pick up times. In total 6 fixed penalty tickets were issued. We do these patrols primarily for the safety of the children. It is important that all parents, children and teachers consider this whether they walk or drive to school. On some occasions whilst doing these patrols, we stopped parking on Church Hill Road near the junction of Silverdale Drive or blocked the road at one end making it a one way only. This was to stop congestion occurring outside the school itself. It allowed traffic to flow better past the school and not be held up due to parked cars not allowing room for two way traffic. This made it much safer for the children. Unfortunately we cannot be at the school all the time to monitor the parking and safety so it is down to parents to do this for themselves.

The patrols were warmly welcomed by most but we were disappointed to see that some parents were driving or parking dangerously. Therefore we have compiled the following pointers that we would ask all to read and consider when around the school.

- The school yellow zig zags are there to protect the children, during the school day which includes drop off and pick up times you must not park on these. This includes pulling up in the area, the excuse of "I will just be a minute" is not acceptable.
- The double yellow lines must also not be parked on. This includes again the excuse of only being a few minutes. The lines also apply to the whole footpath not just the road.
- It is not an offence to park on a public footpath, it is however an offence to block the footpath from access being made. You need to allow sufficient room for a pedestrian which includes wheelchair users and double buggies to pass by your vehicle and not have to cross the road to do so. If you do park on the footpath please be aware of parents and children around you, we have seen vehicles reversing or driving along a footpath with children around which can be very dangerous. If too many pedestrians are around find somewhere safer to park.
- Leave home in plenty of time to find a safe place to park and park further away from the school if necessary to keep the immediate area of the school safe.
- If you walk to school please watch your little ones and teach them to cross the roads safely and use the crossing patrol lady.
- If you can see that there is traffic congestion around the school it is not acceptable to then do a three point turn or turn in the road causing further issues.



- If possible walk to school, its much safer for the children and healthier.
- When driving along the Church Hill Road and in particular outside the school, make sure you are observant, patient and driving at a low speed.

We all have a common goal which is to make the school a safe environment for the children. It's no good only considering parking and driving safely after a child is ran over and hurt, it's too late then, these pointers need to be considered now. Thank you to all for reading this letter.

We would like to wish all the children a fun and hopefully sunny, summer holiday.

Many thanks
Charnwood East beat team