

Newsletter Spring Term 2015

13th February 2015

Dates for your Diary....

Spring Term Dates:

Midterm Break:

Mon 16th to Fri 20th Feb 2015

School Re-opens:

Monday 23rd February 2015

School Closes for Easter:

Fri evening 27th March 2015

Summer Term Dates:

School Opens:

Mon morning 13th Apr 2015

May Day Bank Holiday:

Mon 4th May 2015

Midterm Break:

Mon 25th May to Fri 29th May 2015

School Closes:

Fri evening 10th July 2015

Parents Evening

Tuesday 3rd March (Late)

Thursday 5th March (Early)

Year 1 Farm Visit

Wed 11th / Fri 13th March 2015

Food Fayre

Thursday 19th March 3-5pm 2015

Easter Service

At St Michael's Church

Friday 27th March 2015

Message from the Head

Although it is mid-February, the staff, Governors and I would like to wish our families and friends a happy and prosperous 2015. The New Year has been quite eventful so far at Church Hill Infants. Children have returned to school eager and enthusiastic and there have been many events and trips like the Beaumanor Residential and Reading Week which have enhanced their learning experiences.

The school would like to welcome Roma Chauhan (Class RB) and Marisa Chauhan (Class L/E) who have joined our school this term. We are glad to see the children settled, happy and making friends.

Mrs Bulsara

Year 2 Beaumanor Residential

Thank you to all the parents who supported the Year 2 Beaumanor Residential. From building dens, making a campfire (and drinking hot chocolate!), going on a night time treasure hunt, attending a colour party, dining at the great hall and exploring the beautiful grounds at Beaumanor; it truly was an eventful 2 days.



I am sure that the children will have many fond memories which they will cherish for years to come. Thank you to all of the staff who were involved in the organisation and running of this special trip.

Reading Week



It's been an extravaganza reading week at Church Hill Infants. The reading café was very successful and it was lovely to see so many mums and dads cuddling up with a book. It felt a little like Church Hill had transformed into Hogwarts on dressing up Thursday. Pippa Goodhart, Author of the Winnie the Witch books, was greeted by a school full of witches and wizards. It was a spell-tastic day!

Reading is one of the most important skills to learn as a child. Thank you to all of the parents who continually read at home with their young ones and support the school in making it a pleasurable experience. . . please continue to read and share books as much as you can during the half term break. **Remember the readathon!!**

Parking



Thank you to everyone who park safely during the school run hours and support both schools in keeping our children safe.

Unfortunately, some parents are still continuing to park inconsiderately. This makes the roads outside school unsafe and causes a lot of disruption and upset for our neighbours, pedestrians and other parents who walk to school.

To keep our children safe please remember to park further away from the school.

ParentPay

 Our new online payment and communication tool through ParentPay is proving to be a very easy and secure method for parents to use. Currently, 47% of parents have used the system so far to pay for trips and clubs. Please remember, reservations through payments for all future clubs will be made on this system.

If you would like any advice or help on how to use ParentPay, or require your login details please pop into the school office where our staff will be happy to help you.

Cheery Tots

“Cheery Tots” sessions are continuing for pre-school/toddler aged children. The sessions are very popular in the community. The sessions run on Tuesdays from 10.30 – 11.40 in our school hall.

Weather Warning

Hopefully the Spring Term will start getting warmer but as we know British weather can be unpredictable. We thought it would be useful to remind you of the service **BBC Radio Leicester** offers in case of snow and school closures. You will be able to find out if our school is closed by listening to BBC Radio Leicester bulletins or by visiting the BBC Radio Leicester website.



In the event of a closure we will also be using the school's text messaging service to inform you. Please make sure that the school has a record of your **CURRENT** mobile number so that you can benefit from this service. Announcements will also be made on our school website.

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Our learning attitude

Being the best we can be!

It is very important to value **how** the children learn as much as **what** they learn at school. At Church Hill Infants, we encourage children to develop confidence and independence as they progress through their learning. We often talk to them about being “determined” and “persevering”. We believe our school motto, “Being the best we can be” is a core life skill. We want children to be happy, successful and resilient and as part of that journey the teachers will be talking more about challenges and supporting each child to see their successes. During our forthcoming parents evening we will be happy to talk to you about how we support your child to have the right attitudes to learn for now and for their future lives.

Attendance



Our school target this year is **96%**. Currently, our attendance figure stands at **95.2%**. We understand that during the cold months many of our children do get poorly but we hope this figure will improve over the course of the academic year.

The school regularly reviews the attendance of each and every child with the Attendance Officer and we notify parents if we have concerns about a child's absence record. There is a great deal of current research available about achievement which clearly shows that even quite low levels of absence have a negative impact on learning. Thank you to all the parents who support the school's commitment; and send their child to school every day.

New Website

We are very excited to inform you that the school has been developing a new website. Although our current website is very informative, the increasing use of smart technology has restricted the services we can offer with touch screen devices. We have also listened to feedback over the years and hope you will find the new version easier to navigate. The website will be launched after half term. Until then, our current website will be in use. Please note, there will be no change to our website address.

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