



Spring 2 Newsletter 2023

Staffing



Hayley is starting to settle into her role in the office and making links between children and the correct parents. It won't be long before she knows all the children's names and their likes and dislikes. We continue to ask you to check the website before making a call to ask as we are trying hard to keep it up to date with all events happening.

Our thanks go to Kay for being our relief breakfast club worker while Lucy was on maternity leave. Lucy has decided to relocate so she will not be returning to her positions within school. We wish Lucy all the very best in her new life as a mum and we know that we will have regular updates on how they are all doing. Good luck Lucy. We also are very grateful to Kay who has been part of our school family for over 14 years Kay has also relocated not too far away but will no longer be doing relief work for us. We wish Kay and Eric lots of happiness in their new home together.

Governors



We are delighted to announce that we have two new school governors. Father Julius has agreed to be our new Foundation governor. This is wonderful news as he will continue to maintain the strong church links and help us to guide our children's and staff spiritual development.

Mrs Heather Richards is our new parent governor, we welcome Heather to our governing board and we know that she will be able to support us within her role to help address the school improvement plan.

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." Maya Angelou

Parent Workshops



Our mathematics and Literacy workshops were well attended and it has been wonderful hearing such positive feedback. Many of the parents and grandparents who attended can see that the expectations for children in 2023 are far higher in comparison to years ago. This being the case, we really need parents/ grandparents to support the work we are doing in school by ensuring that homework is completed and that children engage in spellings, reading and times tables practice.

Attendance & Lateness



We are closely monitoring the attendance of all children in school. We have started to notice that some children have significantly low attendance and again this means that they will have significant gaps in their learning that we will not be able to plug. We appreciate that there has been a nasty cold/ flu type bug going around and we do not want that spreading throughout the school community.

Parks Class attendance 98.8%

Mandela class attendance 96.9%

Angelou class attendance 92.9%

Rashford class attendance 94.5%

We have several local children who are late each morning. This is having a detrimental effect on the early morning work that they are missing each day. Staff have worked hard to rotate early morning activities so that they are not missing the same thing each day. However, it has become significantly noticeable that within their workbooks there is less work in comparison to their peers. Being on time is essential to making sure that children are ready for learning. When some children are late, they may become upset and it takes staff longer to settle them. It also stops the teaching, as staff need to find out what they are doing for lunch. This impacts upon the flow of the morning and in some cases, we have already ordered school dinners. The purpose of having a 15 minute window was to help with the parking issues. Please get your child to school on time. All children who arrive after 9am when the gate is closed, will be marked as late.

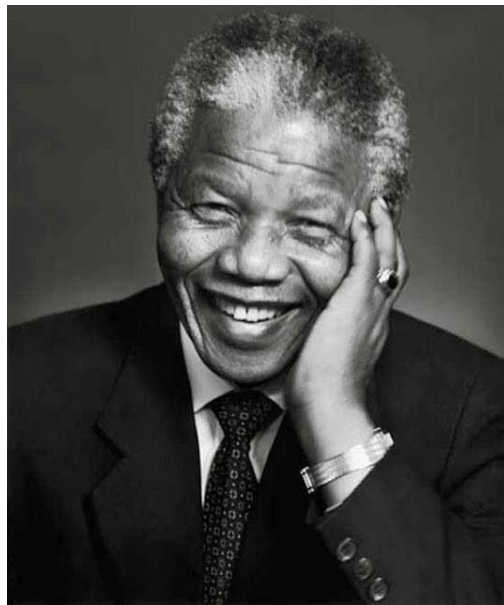
Class Topics for this term have been...

Topics

Why is food important?



Beside the Seaside/ How does life compare in different places?



Who were the Romans? Why were they good engineers?



What worldwide impact have ancient Islamic discoveries had?



Reading, spelling and times tables continues to be a focus for all children.

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Open Centre Trip



<https://derbyopencentre.org/>



We are really looking forward to our Open Centre trip, linked to the work that we have been doing about religion and culture.

The children will have a workshop based on Jewish music at the Open Centre. We will then be travelling by bus to the Mosque on Rosehill Street. Once in the Mosque, the children will be shown the different features of the Mosque and can listen to a talk from the leaders. We will then return to the Open Centre by bus to have lunch. The children will then be taken by bus to the Sikh Gurdwara on Princess Street where they will get an understanding of the features of a Gurdwara. The second bus will then join us at this final venue, and we will return to school. On this trip I have ensured that we have high ratios of staff and adults to children. Our governors will be coming on this trip with us as part of their monitoring and evaluation role. We are very excited to have this wonderful opportunity and know that this experience will consolidate some of the teaching that has already happened and get the children to ask big questions. Out of respect for the 2 places of worship that we are visiting, we need to ask all children to wear trousers for this trip. If you have no school uniform trousers, please let us know as we have lots of spares in school that can be borrowed.

Religious Education wow week 27th-31st March

This wow week will be linked to our visit to the Open Centre. We will be looking at the world religions studied and making those links to the world in which we live. We will end the week with parents and grandparents being invited into school, for the last hour, to have a look at the work we have completed linked to our visit.

The King's Coronation



The children are currently being consulted about what they would like to do to celebrate the Coronation. Our IT leader Nathan will be compiling this information through a digital questionnaire. Once Nathan has looked at the result, he will then share this information with Esther who will ensure that pupil voice is embedded, and she will talk to the children about the choices they will have to plan the event. Our wellbeing directors, (Esme and Jacob), and creative curriculum director, (Brooke) will then spend some time with Sam to plan the day's events. Once this has all been agreed this information will be share with all our school community. I do believe we will be having a crown parade for this event!

Parking



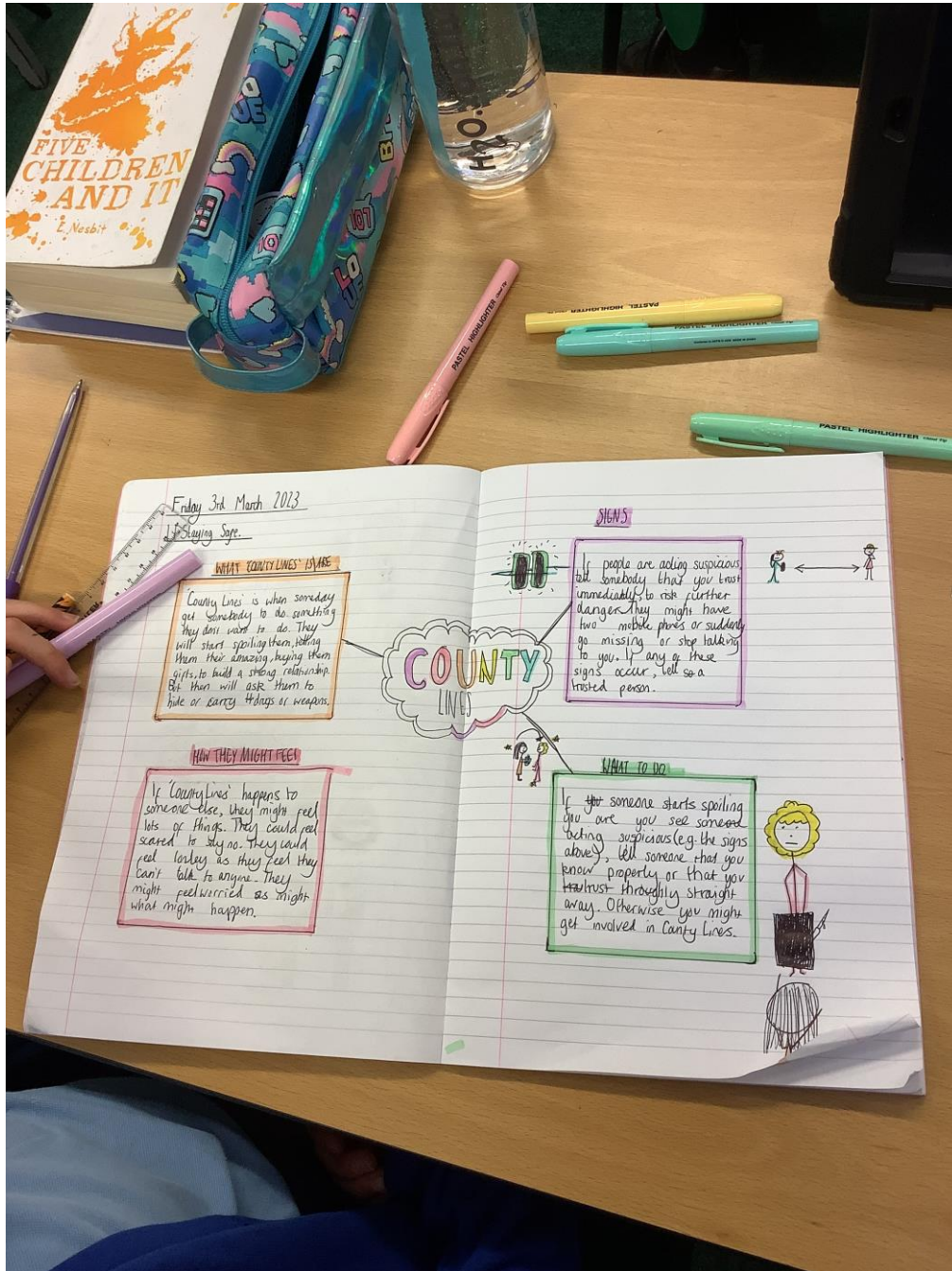
There seems to be a significant improvement in parking at drop off and pick up time. I have not had any complaints from our community. Thank you to all who are using the pub Monday-Thursday for parking. I can confirm that Georgina is really pleased with how the first couple of weeks have gone. This has really helped us as a school and hopefully we will be able to continue to use this parking. My thanks go to Georgina we really do appreciate her kindness.

Book Fair



Book fair is being delivered to school on 17th March and will be collected on the 24th of March. All classes will get the opportunity to look at the books throughout the day on Monday 20th March and we will be selling books Monday, Tuesday and Thursday after school if any parents or grandparents want to come and view with children.

Countylines Training





Thank you to PCSO Victoria for her great County lines training for our Rashford class. We now know the children have the correct information to keep themselves safe when they are out in the community.

In addition to this they know how to report anything which they are concerned about. We continue to talk to the children about Safeguarding to ensure they know how to report, question and keep themselves safe both at school and at home.

Dates



Spring term 3

Thursday 28th February – Thursday 31st March

Fire and Rescue Talks-Years 2 and 6 8th March
Reception 2023 starters

Friday 10th March Stay & play 2:15pm in school

First Aid training for all children 16th March
3.15pm 3rd May

Book Fair 20th-24th March
May

Open Centre Trip 22nd March

Friday 24th March Stay & play 2:15pm in school
May

Religious Education wow week 27th-31st March

Parent Consultations 28th and 29th March
May

Easter Holidays Friday 3rd April – Friday 14th April

safety. 23rd May

Summer term 6

INSET Monday 5th June

Tuesday 6th June – Thursday 21st July

Year 4 multiplication checks June

Year 1 Phonics screening 12th - 16th June

Class photos and year 6 photos 20th June

Summer term 4

Thursday 17th April – Friday 26th April

Monday 17th April Open day for

Bank Holiday 1st May

Year 6 Residential Parents meeting

Coronation Celebration Day Friday 5th

Bank Holiday 8th May

Key Stage 2 Sats week 9th - 12th

Year 5 Engineering week 9-12th May

Year 6 Residential 17th - 19th

Key Stage 1 SATs wee 15th - 19th May

STEM Wow Week 22nd - 26th May

E Safety Gameshow to support online

Festival Day 30th June

Summer Fayre 7th July 3:15-6pm (TBC)

Sports Wow week 10th- 14th July

Sports Day 14th July 9:45am

Year 6 leavers service 21st July 9:20am