



**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**  
**28<sup>th</sup> April 2017**



Dear Parents,

The children have settled back well after the Easter holiday. They have had a great attitude to their learning and have worked very hard.

All clubs will be back running next week.

Next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May the school will be hosting a very exciting event. It would be great to see our children joining us - I can guarantee a fun time will be had.

**Children's Roller Cycle Race Event (part of the Newcastle Festival of Sport)**

**Knutton St Mary's School**

**Friday 5 May 2017**

**6:00pm to 9:00pm**

The event will take the form of a simulated race between schools using bicycles on fixed rollers measuring the time and distance covered by the riders. There will be three age categories:

Foundation - Nursery and Reception

Years 2, 3 & 4

Years 5 & 6

Bicycles, instruction and supervision will be supplied by Lyme Racing and its coaches (all of whom are British Cycling qualified and accredited and DBS (Enhanced) cleared). Mementoes and refreshments will be provided on the evening; children are also invited to bring along their own bicycles and helmets to use the Skills Area that will be in use outside on the playground. Once again Lyme Racing coaches will oversee this activity and give advice to riders regarding techniques and aspects of safe riding.

We can guarantee an evening of good humoured fun and exercise that will introduce children to the exciting sport of bike racing. Who knows maybe the next Bradley Wiggins or Laura Trott is amongst them?

**Office Hours:**

Just a reminder that the school office is open from 8:30 to 3:30 Monday to Friday

**Attendance:**

Our whole school attendance target is 95.5%. This week we achieved 94.7%.

**Dates for the Diary:**

1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday – School closed

Week Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> May SATS Week

26<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> June – Half term holiday – School closed

**School Meals:**

**Can we please remind you that all meals are paid in advance and we cannot provide adhoc meals. If your child comes to school requesting a "one off" meal, we will contact you, to provide a packed lunch. Please note the kitchen have order food four weeks in advanced. There are rare times when the menu may have to be changed from the published one due to delivery issues.**

**Sandwiches:**

We have noticed many Reception and Year 1 and 2 children are choosing to have a sandwich instead of a hot meal. We are not sure if this is something you discuss with your children but wanted to bring it to your attention so you can have a chat about it. Our kitchen makes delicious hot meals which I am sure many of the children would enjoy.

**Hair styles / School Uniform:**

Can I ask that the uniform rules as agreed to in the Home School Agreement are adhered to. 'Children should not come to school with fashion haircuts. We define fashion haircuts such as hair dyed, non-natural colours, tramlines, Mohicans and gel used to style hair into extreme styles. Girls and boys with long hair will need to be tied back at all times.'

I do appreciate that children like to experiment with their hair but ask for parental support in this. There are some girls wearing Jo Jo bows I understand these are expensive and I am asking that these are won at home and not at school.

**Pupil of the Week:**

Well done to the following children – Ellie-Mae Welsh, Alfie Hulme-Jones, Alex Lawton, Tommy Wright, Layla Davies, Maisy Muir, Oonah Turner, Mark Eagles, Lania Hughes, Daniel Hayes and Corey Johnson

**Good to be Green:**

Well done to the following children who won the good to be green raffle – Esmail Williamson, Kady Johnson-Everill, Dean Gibson, Marshall Burgess, Lexie Hughes, Eva Jones, Harry Horsely, Keira Cairns, Matthew Myatt, Lauren Mason and Jamie Davenhill.

**Absence:**

If your child is unwell and will not be attending school, please let us know. You can text the school on 07786208450 at any time or leave a message on our answering machine Tel: 568680. If you do not contact us you may receive a visit from the ATTEND team.

**School Clubs:**

We are running the following clubs and still have spaces available, if your child would like to join one, please contact the office. Football KS2, Multi-sports KS1, Reading KS1 & 2, Dance, Art KS2, Skipping KS1 & 2, Drama KS1, BoyzNoyz, Songbirds, Reading Booster Year 6 and French club.

**Safeguarding and support:**

The welfare of our children is always our priority. If you ever feel you need to talk to anyone in school regarding safeguarding or any welfare issues we can help with Mrs Wheaver and Miss Middleton are the Designated Safeguarding Leads and Mrs Birchall is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.