



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 9th February 2018



Dear Parents,

We've had a busy week, on Monday we took our mixed year 5 and 6 football team to Chesterton High School to take part in the Newcastle Football League; we lost 2 matches, but ended with a win. Well done to the boys! Tuesday was Safer Internet Day 2018, where Mr Jenks led a whole school assembly – we hope you found the information we sent home useful. On Wednesday we had our postponed Christmas disco, the children had a fantastic time and we have raised £200 for the PTA funds, thank you for your support. Thursday started with a visit from 6 Head Teachers from schools in Somerset to see our wonderful school and children. We had brilliant feedback, congratulating us on our excellent learning environment and engaging children.

Effort of the week:

Well done to the following children who won this week: Billy Jean Welsh, Miley Hall, Noah Forster, Freddie Smith, Maisie Eagles, Luca Romila, Tom Hayes, Adrian Pietraszko, Miya Mullock and Adam Hughes.

Good to be Green:

Well done to the following children who won the good to be green raffle: Kacey Plant, Madison Aldridge, Nickolas Moss, Lola Price, Shelby Gibson, Katie Marsden, Ella-May Wood, Keira Cairns, Liyang Chen and Emmy-Lee Matthews.

Team Stars:

The running total so far:

Endeavour (blue) 39 Stars, Pioneer (green) 34 Stars, Voyager (yellow) 36 Stars, Discovery (red) 41 Stars.

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance target is **95.5%**. This week we achieved **93%**.

Uniform & Hairstyles:

As you are aware we have a school policy regarding uniform and hairstyles, can you please have this in mind when taking your children to the hairdresser or barbers and also shopping for uniform items. Leggings are not appropriate for everyday school wear.

School Ties:

We have clip-on ties available for you to buy from the school office. These are £4 each. While stock lasts!

Book Fayre:

We have our book fayre in school next week, 14th, 15th and 16th February, we will have fabulous books at very reasonable prices, these also raise valuable funds for school. This will be at the lower end of the school, by the door from the playground and will be open each of the days straight after school.

Nursery Applications – September 2018:

The application process is now open for you to apply for a nursery place. The best way to make an application is by visiting www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date is 5th March 2018. For more information on our nursery please call into the office at anytime.

Bikes & Scooters:

Please can we remind you that children should not be bringing bikes or scooters at the moment, whilst we are experiencing cold and icing conditions, the safety of our children is always our biggest concern.

Stoke City:

Letters have gone out this week regarding a Stoke City football match. If you wish to take advantage of the special ticket offer, please can you make sure your forms and money are returned to school no later than

Monday 12th February.

Elim Church:

Every Friday Elim church hold a lunch club, you can just turn up and have a 3 course meal for a small donation. All are welcome. It is open from 12 – 1pm.

Dates for the Diary:

Date	Event
16 th February	School closes for half term
26 th February	School reopens
6 th March	Parents evening 3:20pm start
29 th March	Progress assembly 9:15am start School closes for Easter

FREE SCHOOL MEALS / MORRISONS VOUCHERS:

We are still offering a £20 gift voucher for Morrison, for any new free school meals claims that are successful. For further details please contact the school office.

Contacting the School:

If you are contacting the school by telephone, please use the options to help you contact the right person for your query, a short message will be played giving you options, please choose **option 1** to report your child absent, **option 2** to speak to Miss Middleton our Home School linker worker, **option 3** for Mrs Moore in Finance, **option 4** to speak to the kitchen and **hold the line** to speak to Mrs Brown in the office.

Winter Weather:

Please see attached information regarding snow and bad weather. We will inform the local radio stations Radio Stoke and Signal Radio, who will make an announcement if the school is closed. A text message will be sent to the mobile phone number we have on our records (please inform the school of your new number if you changed it). School closures will be listed on the Staffordshire County Council site please follow the link below. <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist/schoolclosurelist.aspx> Please note you can sign up for an alert to your mobile if you log on to the site.

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, please ask to speak to Mrs Wheaver or Miss Middleton who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads, if they are not available please speak to Mrs Birchall or Mr Jenks who are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.