



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018



Dear Parents,

We have received a lovely thank you note from the Alice charity, thanking us for your kind donation. The Alice charity was the chosen local charity for the Christmas Jumper Day money you donated. This is on display in the reception area if you'd like to have a look.

It was great to see so many parents attending meetings this week and being able to share the good progress the children are making.

Today our years 1 and 2 children have taken assembly celebrating Mother's Day, they did us proud as always. I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend with your families.

### **Friends of Knutton St Mary's (PTA):**

A letter is going home today regarding an Easter bingo event on the 27<sup>th</sup> March, this should be fun evening for all, and we hope you will come along and support us.

We will be holding a separate Easter raffle; tickets will go on sale from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

### **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.

### **Effort of the week:**

Well done to the following children who won this week: Dylan Keen, Holly Price, Tommy Wright, Tegan Stevenson, Charlotte Keen, Cassie Bedingfield, Lucy Jankowiak, Teegan Brzozowski, Aimee Glover, Lacey Dilks and Luke Corderio.

### **Good to be Green:**

Well done to the following children who won the good to be green raffle: Beatrice Denson, Lola Hall, Ryan Pickerill, Kyle Gibson, Vinnie Day, Freya Allen, Ebony Needham, Travis Sargeant-Brookes, Maddison Fry and Alfie Horsley.

### **Team Stars:**

The running total so far:

Endeavour (blue) 44 Stars, Pioneer (green) 41 Stars, Voyager (yellow) 40 Stars, Discovery (red) 45 Stars.

### **Attendance:**

Our whole school attendance target is **95.5%**. This week we achieved **93.1%**.

### **Messy Church:**

Due to the fantastic success of our two Messy Church events in November last year, we are happy to announce that we are going to be holding two more events on 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of March, this again will be down to the great support of the Silverdale Elim Church who organise these wonderful events and to the Indian Fellowship who come to support us with it, and also to Mrs Oliver for organising another two great days. We would love to see you at these free events! Please let us know if you are attending so we can ensure there are enough craft resources to go around. Letters will be sent out for this nearer the time.

### **School Ties:**

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



**Dates for the Diary:**

Date	Event
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-Uniform Day for Easter Chocolate
21 <sup>st</sup> March	KS1 Messy Church
28 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Messy Church
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Progress assembly 9:15am start School closes for Easter

**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.

**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. Please note the office opens from 8.30am.

**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 Weaver 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.