



Newsletter

Monday 21st January 2019



Welcome

This term has got off to a very busy start! Please see this week's Curriculum Information Newsletters which will be emailed shortly. These will give parents/carers an outline of the content and context of children's learning in each class.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

There will be an opportunity for parents to meet with class teachers on Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th February. Parents will be able to discuss their children's progress at this mid-way point through the academic year.

Appointments will be arranged by class teachers.

Dates & Events

This Friday, we will be joined by Rev Irene Smith in school who will be leading our act of Worship.

Also on Friday, Year 3 & 4 children will be attending the Multi-Skills Festival at Thomas Alleyne's High School. Our involvement has been organised through the Uttoxeter Sports Partnership and funded via the School Sports Grant.

On Tuesday 5th February, Year 1 & 2 children will visit Ford Green Hall as part of their learning around the Great Fire of London - an extremely popular theme with children and a superb educational visit!

On Thursday 7th February, Academy School Photographers will be here. Information has been sent to Parents.

On Friday 15th February, we will be joined by Church Member, Mrs Heather Graham who will be leading our school worship. After this, school will close at 3.30pm for the half-term break.

On Wednesday 27th February @ 6.00pm parents of children in Year 2 (end of key stage 1) are invited to attend an Information Evening explaining the end of key stage assessment arrangements for their children. This will be led by Mrs. Manlove, who again has undertaken training to support other schools in Staffordshire completing the statutory assessments.

After school singing club

Places are still available for children in Reception to Year 4 to join Singing Club on Mondays 3.30pm—4.00pm. The sessions are taught by a Music Teacher from Entrust, Mrs Gibson and cost £2 per session. Places can be booked through School Money.

2018 Year 1 Phonics Success

I was really pleased to receive a letter recently from the Cabinet Minister, Nick Gibb, congratulating the school on its achievement in the teaching of phonics.

We achieved another 100% pass rate in the Year 1 statutory phonics screening check, placing our school in the top 3% of all primary schools in the country.

Thank you for the support you continue to give at home helping your children to grasp this vital early reading skill.

I have attached the letter for your information.

End of Key Stage 1 Assessment 2018

The governors and I have recently received information from the Department of Education in relation to our school's attainment of children in the statutory assessments at the end of Key Stage 1.

In 2018, our children's attainment in each of the areas Reading, Writing and Mathematics (and combined) places our school in the top 10% of all primary schools nationally. The Fischer Family Trust (who support schools and local authorities in analysing school performance data nationally) ranks our children's attainment in Reading, Writing & Mathematics in the highest when compared to other schools nationally—Ranked 1 (Rank 1 highest—Rank 100 lowest).

School leaders and governors analyse key performance data regularly and through evaluation, we are constantly seeking ways to improve the quality of educational outcomes for each and every one of our children. In our recent meeting, Governors felt that it was important for us to share such key headline data snapshots with all our stakeholders - including parents. In doing so, parents will hopefully feel better informed about how well Hutchinson Memorial School is performing.

The support of all our stakeholders is very much appreciated as we continually seek to improve the educational journey for all of our children.