

Newsletter
Tuesday 21st
March 2017

● ● ● End of Term Almost Here...

Hello everyone, isn't it crazy that in my last newsletter I am welcoming you all back and in this one I'm informing you all that we have only 9 more days left of the Spring Term! How time flies when you're having fun. I hope this newsletter finds you all well as we are so, so close to getting all of our school back...perfect timing for the Summer Term. I have just a few notices for you all this week.

Uniform Voting ● ● ●

A huge thank you to you all for participating in this so enthusiastically, we have really appreciated how much interest it has created. Remember voting closes on Wednesday and once we have all the votes then we can let you know what will happen next. I know there have been lots of questions about the ties, summer dresses, when it is going to start, how much will it cost, what colour book bags etc... Initially I just wanted to see if people felt it was time for a change and with a couple of new ideas. Once this has been finalised with all votes cast by Wednesday we can then look forward to answering all the other relevant and important questions. Could a change of uniform be on the horizon at Dee Point?

● ● ● Volunteer Day – Wednesday 29th March



I have been asked by our local councillor Carol Gahan to provide you with some exciting details of a volunteer day that is being held at the Blacon Enterprise Centre on The Parade on Wednesday 29th March between 10 – 2pm. There will be a large number of volunteer groups there and we are encouraging as many people to go along to find out if there is anything they can do to support the local community.

Minibus Names Needed ● ● ●



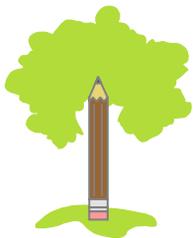
Our new minibuses have arrived and a number of children have had the pleasure of heading out in them already!! This week some of the adults at Dee Point will be doing their minibus driving test so we can have as many drivers as possible, meaning whole classes can use the buses more regularly for visits. Having spoken to the children they have decided that they would like to name the 2 new minibuses like we did when 'Dee Dee' arrived so please keep an eye out for some information and an opportunity to name our 2 new buses!!

● ● ● School Cuts Campaign



Many of you will have seen the national and local press coverage in relation to the proposed national cuts to school budgets through a new national funding formula and how they will affect schools in the future. We are asking parents and carers to join us in making their feelings known about how this could impact on our children's future education. The poster attached to this newsletter gives you further information about what you could do.

Year 1 Learning Outside the Classroom ● ● ●



As you receive this newsletter some of our children from Year 1 will have arrived back from Beeston, whilst others will be there exploring the wonderful rural environment. This will be their first time away as a whole class and if last night was anything to go by, it promises to be just as magical tonight! The children have been incredible and we just love watching them grow, thrive and flourish outside of the classroom and the school environment. Guaranteed too that they will sleep well on their return!!

● ● ● Comic Relief – Friday 24th March

Just a quick reminder to everyone that we will be supporting the annual Comic Relief event on Friday. The children can come to school dressed in anything red (a funny outfit of their choice, along with any comic relief accessories and donate £1 to a fantastic cause. I look forward to seeing some crazy ideas from you all!!



Friday 24 March

● ● ● Building & Demolition Update

Well everyone, you have managed to see the transformation for yourselves in the past couple of weeks of our outside area and following a meeting on site yesterday we are confident that all of this external space will be open and ready for when the children come back after Easter. It is so exciting to see everything come together. You will see the final tarmacking take place this week and next week and all the fencing and gates will soon be in place too. There are a couple of things that we won't be able to access when we return after Easter. Behind the caravan we are going to have a new wooden trim trail, however this has been delayed until the middle of May and also we won't be able to access the grass areas as these will be seeded in April and will need the Summer to grow and establish, but we will have lots more playground and finally our Nursery and Reception children will get there own outdoor play space!!

We are still waiting on final approval for the main entrance into the building but this will be done some time after Easter. We're in touching distance now!!

Sports Update ● ● ●

Well we have had a really busy couple of weeks with our school teams. The girls football team played in a tournament last week and were unbeaten in all 4 games, winning 2 and drawing 2. They are soon to play their quarter final cup match next week! Our incredible Year 1 mini-kickers had an amazing football tournament finishing 2nd in their league having won 4 games and losing just 2. Our Year 2 team went one better and ended up runners-up in the whole tournament having narrowly lost in the final. The school B Team footballers had a brilliant tournament at Christleton High, with some representing the school for the first time...amazing! Our school football team lost in the quarter finals of the cup, to a brilliant Farndon Primary School team and our handball team were so close to a 1st place finish and needed one more goal in the final match but just missed out. Amazing children who have represented the school superbly recently. It doesn't stop there with Y3 Mini Kickers, a Under 11 Football Tournament, BEV Netball, Y4 Mini Kickers, Y3/4 League match and a bit of Basketball to finish the term...pew, catch your breath everyone!!!



**SPORTS
UPDATE
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● ● ● ...And Finally

There we go everyone, as we hurtle towards the end of the Spring Term, we have a busy couple of weeks planned. Next week we have pupil progress meetings with all classes to discuss and look at children's progress; you have the informal parents meeting on Wednesday 29th March and we will be busily observing and recruiting new teachers to join our school in September. Busy, busy times but exciting too as we head for the lighter, longer days.

Have a lovely week everyone

Kind regards



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