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March Newsletter

The school is very sad to announce that Mrs Williams has decided to retire at the end of this term.

We will be very sorry to say goodbye to her but feel that after 26 years of working in our school she is entitled to 'hang up her apron'!

Mrs Williams has filled many positions over the years; secretary, finance officer, teaching assistant and - above all friend - both to members of staff and to the children. We shall all miss her but wish her a happy retirement.

PTA News

Leanne Whalley was the lucky winner of the 200 club.

There are still complaints about bad parking, especially on the corner of Station Road and in Swan Lane. Children are still being dropped off in the school entrance and the entrance is being used for cars to be turned. Also - please remember the voluntary one way system.

Governors

At their last meeting Governors expressed their appreciation to the school for staying open during the snowy weather. We were only able to do so because we have so many staff living locally. We would also like to say thank you to all those extra helpers we had over those days.

Exciting News We have been told that there is a possibility that phase 3 of the building



programme may begin next year! It is wonderful news but also very scary as the school will have to contribute £45,000 to the estimated £450,000 cost - which is a lot of money to raise in so short a time! Watch this space!

School Hours

Staff have asked me to remind you that children are not expected in school until 8.50 in the mornings - and they are expected to be in by 9 o'clock!

School Council

Despite the snowy weather the cake competition was a great success and raised just over £50. This will be spent on things for the children to play with in the playground at lunchtimes. There will be an egg decorating competition on 3rd April - details to follow.

Eco Team

The team would like to raise money to sponsor an endangered species (headteachers come to mind!) and in order to do so they will be holding an Easter Raffle and an Art competition at the beginning of the next term. Details will follow later.

NSPCC

Thank you all so much for your generosity when sponsoring children for the NSPCC activities. Your support raised an amazing **£833!** Well done, everyone.

Photo letter

You will have received a letter asking for consent for your child's photo to be used





publically, including on our website. When your child started at the school you will have received a similar letter - and this will continue - but we thought it worth updating all our records; especially as some parents may have forgotten they had already done so.

INSET Day

You may remember that I wrote to you on 28th November explaining that we had to change our INSET day from 22nd May to 6th January as we needed to use our 'free' day to help the teachers move back into their classrooms at the beginning of term.

Unfortunately the Diary of Events on the website wasn't amended to reflect this change and I understand there is some confusion as a result - so please accept my apologies for the mistake.

Contact by email

Contacting the school this way during the snowy weather was such a successful method of communication that please feel free to use email (our address is at the top of this Newsletter) for other messages, too. If you do wish to contact the school this way could I ask two favours of you? Please could you use the codewords 'Parent enquiry' or something similar in the subject heading to make sure I don't delete the email by mistake as I won't necessarily recognise your email address. Also, please don't email after 12.30 if the email is relevant to the same day - e.g. a message regarding who is collecting your child, as I cannot guarantee to check emails between then and 3.15 if it is a teaching day.

Class photos - Thursday 26th March

We are experimenting with more informal class photos this year. If they are not popular with you we will revert to the usual format next term.

Vouchers etc

If it is collectable - we do it!

We collect stamps, coins, Tesco and Sainsbury vouchers, Books for schools, Nestle box tops, Flora and ink cartridges.

All collecting boxes are in the hall.

A plea from our voucher counters - **please** don't staple them as staples have to be removed and they fight back and HURT!

Hot Lunches

We have contacted Meals Matter regarding May Day and the charges for 4 weeks are as follows: 1 child - £10.40, 2 children - £19.40 and 3 children 27.80. Forms to be in by Wednesday 18th March, please

Diary Dates

March

Thursday 5th to 6th - Book Fayre

Thursday 5th PTA mtg, World Book Day

Friday 15th - Comic Relief

Sunday 22nd - Mothering Sunday Service
Meet at 10.50

NB meet at **10.50 for 11am service**

Thursday 26th - class photos

Friday 27th - last day for Clubs

April

Fri 3rd - break for Easter holiday

Mon 20th - open for Summer Term

Sunday 26th - St George's Day Parade to church

May

Monday 4th - Spring Bank Holiday

Friday 22nd - break for half term

June

Monday 1st - return from half term

Swimming starts

Saturday 6th - Dancing at Church Fete

July

Tuesday 7th - Changeover Day

Thursday 9th - Open Afternoon

Last day for After school swimming

Friday 10th - Pig Roast

Monday 13th - Sports Day

Tuesday 14th - End of Year Service

Friday 17th - Break for summer holidays