



## What's happened?

**Ofsted** inspected our school on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February and gave us an overall strong good. Thank you for all your support. The report in the form of a letter can be found on our website under the tab key information or parents.

**Library Appeal:** We are looking for parent/grandparent volunteers to staff our library on a Monday or a Thursday afternoon 1.15 - 3.30. Training is provided. If you can help please contact the office staff. DBS can be organised if you don't already have one.

**Help needed in reception with our 4 /5 year olds** - following our March appeal someone came forward for Friday thank you, but we are still seeking a volunteer for a Monday afternoon. If you can help please contact office staff.

**Time to fill over Easter?** - [oxfordowl.co.uk](http://oxfordowl.co.uk) has over 250 books free to access online including the popular boy friendly Project X books.

### School Budgets:

Our new school budget year has begun once more (1<sup>st</sup> April). Many of the national funding formulas are 'free school meals' led so it is imperative that all those who are entitled to claim free school meals do so (thousands across Derbyshire go unclaimed). Apart from bringing more general income to the school it brings a nominated amount of funding for each child called 'pupil premium' (approximately a thousand pounds) that can be spent in a number of ways to benefit the individual child e.g. school tuition, additional support in class, music tuition. Even if free meals are claimed for only one month it currently entitles the child to 6 years worth of additional funding. I would encourage parents of junior children (infants are already checked when applying for universal school meal) to log on to: [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) to check if they are eligible. If you are, then please claim. We can provide a hot meal in the dining room or alternatively a packed lunch. If you haven't got access to the internet please speak to a member of the office staff.

**Plant Appeal:** It is that time again when the children 'garden.' We are seeking bedding plants, bulbs and anything else you can donate to make 'Pottery in Bloom!' Please send to class teachers or straight to the school office.

**FitBit** - whilst these are popular they are also very expensive and we cannot take any responsibility for loss or theft. Please note watches that can be used as phones are not items we allow in school.

## Diary for April

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** - year 2 **Tue 10<sup>th</sup>** -year 6 have a fire safety in the home talk from the Fire Brigade. If you have no smoke alarms in the home this service can provide them. They will talk to the children about knowing an evacuation plan if a fire started at night so please discuss this with them before/after this day.

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> April** - following our **Gambia** fund raising day the children have visitors in assembly to talk to them following their visit to the Gambia to hand over the sports items our funds paid for.

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> April 6pm** in the hall is our **parent on-line safety workshop**. An essential for any of us nowadays when the kids appear to know more than us. The internet is fabulous but can also be dangerous. Come along and discover how to keep them safe.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 8.45am** - meeting in hall for parents with children in reception.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 8.45am** - meeting in hall for parents with children in years 1 and 2.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 8.45am** - meeting in hall for parents with children in years 3 and 4.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 8.45am** - meeting in hall for parents with children in years 5 and 6.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April** - PSA film club, letter to follow.

### Coming Soon:

**School is closed Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May as it is a BANK HOLIDAY.**

**Year 6 statutory test week** commencing 14<sup>th</sup> May. Any absences other than illness will not be authorised during statutory test week.

PLEASE NOTE: STATUTORY TESTS FOR YEAR 5 CHILDREN IN 2019 IS THE WEEK BEGINNING 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY WHEN THEY ARE IN YEAR 6.

### Summer Fair: Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July

Lots of activities for all ages.

### Special Mentions

**To Izzy M (year 5)** Congratulations on getting a merit in both your modern and ballet exams. Also for coming first in the tap troupe at Chesterfield festival of dance, we are very proud of you, Mum, Dad and Jake. x

