



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 2nd March 2018



Dear Parents,

It's been a great start back. We have celebrated World Book Day in style. Thank you so much for your support in this – our children looked fantastic in their costumes.

The school is now running Knutton Library and we have changed the opening times. We are open 2:30 – 4:30 Monday to Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 – 12:00. We hope the new times will allow you to pop in on your way home from school. For the next month we are entering all visitors to the library into a prize draw – where you could win a £20 Love 2 Shop voucher.

Some children are arriving in school before 8.45am and going onto the playground. We are not insured and also staff are not on duty to supervisor the children before **8.45am**. We are not responsible for any children who are left unattended before the bell rings and the gate to the playground will not be open before 8.45am as from Monday 5th March. If you need to drop your child off before this time, you can take them to our breakfast club, but they must arrive and be signed in before 8.30am.

Building Work:

We will have contractors on site from Monday 5th March for 1 - 2 weeks, to complete work on the roof. The disruption to the school day will be minimal. The work area will be cordoned off and this will not affect the children, they will still be able to go outside for playtimes and P.E.

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: Kacey Plant, Thomas Cole, Brandon Gibson, James Edwards, Maisy Muir, Lucy Price, Abbie Taylor, Alex Lawton, Jayden Pettitt and Grace Hulme-Jones.

Good to be Green:

Well done to the following children who won the good to be green raffle: Harry Hopkinson, Maisie Grace Hollingworth, Josie Proudman, Amelia-Rose Griffiths, Riley Gibson, Corey Johnson, Francesca Bailey, Finley Williams, Keira Knight and Lauren Mason.

Team Stars:

The running total so far:

Endeavour (blue) 43 Stars, Pioneer (green) 37 Stars, Voyager (yellow) 38 Stars, Discovery (red) 42 Stars.

Old £10 Notes:

As of the 1st March we can no longer accept the old paper version of the £10 notes. If you have any you can take and exchange them at your local bank.

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 21st and 28th 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!

Nursery Applications – September 2018:

The application process is now open for you to apply for a nursery place. The best way to make an application is by visiting www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date is 5th March 2018. For more information on our nursery please call into the office at any time.

Dates for the Diary:

Date	Event
6 th March	Parents evening 3:20pm start
21 st March	KS1 Messy Church
28 th March	KS2 Messy Church
29 th 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 Wheaver 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.