



Dates for your Diary

28th - Governors Meeting 4pm
29th - PTA Meeting 9am in School
4th & 5th February - Bikeability Year 5 & 6
11th February - Shrovetide School is closed
21st February - QEGS Dance Festival
7th March - World Book Day
15th March - Ancient Egypt Day KS2
20th March - Mad Science Whole School

Ofsted

As you know we were visited by Mrs Lois Furness a Lead Inspector for Ofsted on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Although I am not permitted to inform you of the outcome just yet I am able to tell you that the inspection was a positive experience for all involved and we look forward to sharing the report with you in the coming weeks.



Parentview

Thank you to those parents that visited 'Parentview' before and during the inspection. 50% of our families represented the school and responded to the questionnaire.

Shrovetide

As requested at the Parents Forum 2011/2012 we have opted to take half term during Shrovetide. **This means school will close on Friday 8th February at 3.30pm and reopen on Monday 18th February at 8.35am.** This differs from other Derbyshire schools that close on Friday 15th February and reopen on Monday 25th February.



Adverse Weather

Closing a school due to adverse weather conditions is never easy however, if the decision is made then we try to make it as early as possible usually by 7am on the morning of the closure.

Once the decision has been made, the information is sent to Radio Ashbourne and Radio Derby to inform parents.

The information is also published on the BBC Derby (School Closures) and DCC (Snow Info) webpages, we furthermore try to get a message posted on the village blog. Unfortunately, due to the number of parents at school we are unable to contact you all individually but do our best to get the message out quickly.

Ray Williams



The new date for Ray's Celebration of Life Service is **Saturday 2nd February at 2pm**, here at school. The service will start in school before we move to the Celebration Garden and plant an Oak tree in memory of the 25 years service Ray gave to the Parwich community.

Everyone is invited to come along, share their stories and thanks for the difference

Ray made to the children and parents he taught.

Ray's family and our school community do hope you can join us.

Bikeability

Following the receipt of grant funding from the Department for Transport children in Year 5 & 6 have been offered Level 2 cycle training with Bikeability. The training takes place in and around the village and is provided by qualified and experienced trainers.

The training consists of two, half day practical sessions as well as a homework activity. Permission slips have been

sent home with our older children and must be returned before the training starts.



PTA - Tuesday 29th February at 9am

Please join us for coffee on Tuesday 29th January at 9am, straight after drop off. We'd love to hear your ideas and offers of help as we try to ensure that teaching and learning resources and experiences continue to enrich our school curriculum.

We have lots to plan for the coming year and would really appreciate your support - please try to attend.

Thank you