



Dates For Your Diary

April 2014

14th to 27th - School Closed for Easter Break

28th - School reopens for the Summer Term

28th - PTA Meeting in school 2.45pm

29th - Year 1/2 Football at QEGS 4.15pm

29th - KS2 Rounders with Fitzherbert Primary School on the cricket pitch after school. Refreshments for parents available at 50p for tea/coffee and a biscuit kindly offered by the PTA.

May 2014

1st - Year 3/4 Football at QEGS 4.15pm

5th - BANK HOLIDAY

6th - Year 5/6 Dove Valley Football Tournament at QEGS 4.15pm

19th - Governors Meeting 7pm

23rd - PoKick Challenge Assembly

26th - 30th School Closed for Half Term

Easter Assembly

Easter Bonnet Parade Winners

KS1 Winner - Georgia Wayne

KS2 Winner - Eve Lomas

Easter Egg Competition Winners

KS1 Winner - Thomas Dickinson

KS2 Winners - Will Edge, Grace Rushton & Ashley Rushton

Spring

Another full but exciting term has passed in the blink of an eye. The children have been working extremely hard talking about what we do well at Parwich and what needs to improve. The School Council have led debates and meetings encouraging all the children to share their ideas and thoughts about day to day aspects of the school. Grace and Emily from Year 6 have met with staff to discuss the results and how we can best move forward. We have agreed that staff should have their faces added to the Behaviour Chart and should be rewarded or sanctioned for misdemeanours including: not being organised, not marking work on time, being late for playtime and Meet and Greet as well as forgetting our manners. Emily and Grace have been very proactive and have ensured that the School Council's voice is being heard and making a difference. Attached to this newsletter is an update of their work this term prepared by the girls.

Emergency Evacuation

At school we regularly review
'The Critical Incident Plan.'

Following a scrutiny of the current system

I need to let you know what to do in an emergency, when it is essential that we evacuate the building but are unable to contact all parents due to electrical or technical faults.

In the event of an emergency we will move the children and staff to the safety of the Memorial Hall. If you receive information that we have evacuated school please make your way to the hall as soon as you possibly can.

This plan and other school policies are in the School Policies section on our website.

School Website

Don't forget we update the school website regularly and although photographs may not appear on the newsletter the website does have recent snapshots of the exciting activities the children have been involved in. www.parwich.derbyshire.sch.uk

Open Door Policy

If you have questions or queries for staff then please don't hesitate to contact a member of the team either directly on Meet and Greet or at the end of the school day. Otherwise we can be contacted on 01335 390245 or by email

headteacher@parwich.derbyshire.sch.uk

Even during the holidays if you have a problem or need to discuss an issue please email and I will endeavour to answer promptly.

Year 6 QEGS Science Morning

Year 6 children have had a fantastic morning with Mr Wheatley and other Year 6 children from our local school cluster. The children researched and investigated Solids, Liquids and Gases and used data loggers to explore how data can be recorded. Thank you to Mrs Wood and Mr Pitts for transporting the children.

Science Ambassadors

Hollie Fentem, Freya Noble and Leoni Mosley have been chosen as Parwich Primary School's Science Ambassadors. The girls spent a morning visiting Derby University with other Derbyshire Schools carrying out investigations about 'Space and Beyond'. It was a great morning and the girls are now planning a Science Focus Week for all the children based on their experiences and the tasks involved.

Lunch Money

For parents who wish to pay for their child's lunches for the next half term the amount is £1.95 a day for 19 days at a total of **£37.05**, cheques payable to **Derbyshire County Council**.

(If you are in credit/arrears you will receive a note home)

A reminder to parents who pay weekly, please send payments to school on Monday morning for the beginning of each week and that we need a weeks notice to swap to or from lunches to sandwiches.



Fruit Scheme - New Procedures

After the Easter break the junior children will be able to purchase fruit from the school 'Tuck Shop'.

For just 10p per piece of fruit children will be sold fruit by School Council members.

Please make sure your child brings money into school each day to enable them to purchase a healthy snack and avoid the disappointment of being refused.

The Infant Class will still receive a free piece of fruit each morning break in line with statutory government entitlements.

Helping your Child's Learning

Larissa Washington will be offering Adult Literacy sessions on a Tuesday afternoon from 1.30pm until 3.15pm at school in the middle classroom. The sessions are free and open to any parents, grandparents or carers who feel they would benefit from help supporting their children's learning particularly in Literacy. If you are interested please complete the reply slip below. To enable the class to go ahead we would require a minimum of 5 adults. Sessions begin on Tuesday 6th May and will continue for 6 weeks during term time.

We are beginning to extend our links with local agencies able to support families in the Ashbourne area. We recently sent home a survey asking you what provision you feel as a family you would find helpful and supportive.

If you haven't already returned the survey please do so by Friday 2nd May.

Adult Literacy Sessions

I am interested in attending the Adult Literacy Sessions on Tuesday afternoons at Parwich Primary School at 1.30 - 3.15pm.

Name _____ Contact Telephone Number _____

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

This term has been good for School Council as we have got a lot done.

We have decided that we would like more 'Outdoor Learning' and sticker books to keep our stickers.

This year we are taking part in the School Council Awards 2014.

The chair is Grace Rushton, vice-chair is Emily Pitts, secretary is Ash Rushton, Will Edge, and the reps are Eric Prince, Freya Noble, Lily Rushton, Eve Lomas, Ollie Prince, Maisie Larkin and Billy Hotchin.

The new teacher's faces have been a success because it's now fair as both children and teachers have faces.

At the moment we are deciding how you move your face up and down for the teachers.

The year5 rep says "School Council has been brilliant and can sort out your problems." Yr1 Rep said "I like how new people join school council."

Happy Easter

