



Our School Production

Your children are all walking, talking miracles and are our talented and hard-working Stars of the Week! They put so much effort, time and energy into learning dance routines, words to songs, tunes and lines that they are officially amazing! The older children set a wonderful example for the younger ones. In fact, in Ladybirds and Butterflies, the children enjoyed an 'After Show Party' and have now turned their role play areas into a stage and a library. We've gathered together as many of the props and parts of the scenery as possible to make it realistic for them. They love it. It has also generated many opportunities for reading and writing. They will remember it forever and have generously given us beautiful memories too. All of which is great except that I cannot get the songs out of my mind! They have brain-washed us!

Thankyou very much for coping with the length of the performance. It was more of a serial than a show! Thankyou for giving the children a fabulous audience. Never again can any child at our school pretend to be shy. I hope that their confidence and self-belief stays with them right through school and beyond. Hopefully, when they approach an interview or another nerve-wracking situation they will have the confidence to keep calm, believe and do their best.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<p>All of our children are amazing superstars this week.</p> <p>They all shone so brightly whilst performing Matilda, we are extremely proud of them.</p>						

Easter Service at Church

Please could all children be at church for 8.45 on 5th April.

Children will walk back from church.

Diary Dates

March

25th & 26th Pupil Progress Meetings

April

5th Easter Service at Church (9-10am) and School Closes at 2pm for Easter

23rd School re-opens

25th Eager Beavers' trip to Ribchester Roman Museum



CARNIVAL QUEEN

The Carnival Queen will be chosen on Wednesday 3rd April in The Village Hall at 4.15 pm.

The Candidates should be in Year 6 or above, live within in Parish of St James and must have their parent's permission.

We are changing the method of choosing the Queen this year and candidates names will be put in a hat and the successful Queen's name will be drawn.

Children in Reception to Year 3 may be Rosebuds or Page Boys if they wish but will have to pay for their own outfits. They must also have their parent's permission.

Application forms are available in school or from Moira Maciver at alimo-mac@hotmail.co.uk or by phone on 01695 575397.

Thank you.

Moira

School Council

Mrs. Cusick has been leading our School Council representatives steadily through the year to achieve their goal of funding a magnificent story-teller chair which is almost ready to be installed in the semi-circle of fruit trees at the far end of our school field. They've been selling popcorn and other snacks to raise money and are currently saving to buy a reading shed and its contents which will live at the side of the chair.

The plan for the school field has been hindered by mild weather! In order for Mr Costello to bring his tractor onto our field, I need the ground to be frosty and hard. Typical. By hook or crook the plan will still continue . I'll let you know as soon as help is needed. It would be much-appreciated, please.

Thankyou.

TOAST

After many years of receiving free bread from a very generous parent who had connections with a manufacturer, sadly this cannot continue as the situation has changed. Now that we will be paying for bread, toast will now cost 20p per slice.

We are looking for a volunteer(s) to help make toast which will take 45 minutes of your time. Days to be decided.

When are YOU available? (Please!).

TOY AND BOOK SALE

Wednesday 27th March, 2.30

We are holding a book and toy sale on 27th March to help raise funds for those affected by the cyclone disaster in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

Please could children bring unwanted books and toys into school before Wednesday and some money on Wednesday to help our fundraising.

Thank-you.

Mrs. Albion

DON'T PANIC!

We've had a few queries from parents who have already booked their parents progress appointment but have received a message asking that they book an appointment.

We've spoken with School Spider and they have advised that they are trialing sending out a generic message to parents prompting them to make an appointment. This is a reminder for those who haven't already made an appointment. If you have already made an appointment please do not worry and ignore the message you have received.

Easter Hats at our Easter Service

On the last day of term (Friday 5th April) we are all meeting at St. James' Church for our Easter Service. Family and friends are welcome to attend. The children will all walk back together after the service.

World Book Day reminded us that reading at bed-time calms us and settles us to sleep. (Adults need that too!) There wasn't very much creative scope for you frustrated designers out there so we have a plan. **We'd like to invite each child to create their version of an Easter hat.** The theme is 'Easter ' and anything that comes to mind under that term. It might be a traditional Easter Bonnet or a play on words. It might be a scene on the peak of a baseball cap or pictures drawn around a paper hat. What matters is that it is their work and that they enjoy being part of the celebration. It'll be a distraction from Brexit.....

All hats will be celebrated. There will be 2 prizewinners in each class. Winners to be announced back in the classrooms. There will not be a Celebration Assembly on the last afternoon as we finish at 2pm and will have already gathered at St James Church for our daily Collective Worship.