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Newsletter Friday 14th March 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

We just want to take a moment to say how proud we are of all our children, especially those who have been working so hard on their assessments over the past few weeks. They've shown such resilience and determination, and we couldn't be prouder of them!

As always, we're committed to working together to support every child, and we really appreciate your ongoing involvement. A letter has gone out about Parents' Evening, and we're looking forward to catching up with you all to chat about how your children are getting on.

We've also been running some great mental health workshops for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, helping them develop important skills to look after their well-being. We're hoping to continue working with Compass to bring even more support for our children in this area.

We had some upsetting news at the beginning of the week when we were informed that one of our year 3 children had been involved in an accident involving a car. We would like to wish him and his family well and we hope he has a speedy recovery, we are hoping to go and visit him very soon.



Fundraising

We were pleased to be able to send out our fundraising letter earlier in the week. The team would like to clarify that for the Easter shoebox competition it does not necessarily have to be an Easter scene. They could include other examples such as children's favourite band, a farm yard, famous people etc.

Red Nose Day

Next Friday is Red Nose Day. Children can come in non-uniform, or wear an item of red clothing. You can send your child in with a £1 donation if you wish and all money raised will be going to the Red Nose Day Appeal. If your child has PE on this day they can either bring their PE kit to change into or come in something that is suitable to dance in as the focus for PE this term is dance.

Behaviour

I have been asked by a handful of parents to express their concerns about the behaviour of some children before the start of the school day. It is important that children are supervised on school grounds whilst they are waiting to come in. School cannot be responsible for incidents that happen before children enter school. Staff are often in meetings or setting up for the school day.

Parking

We are still having issues with parking on the yellow zig zags outside school. We had another near miss this week where a child was nearly hit as somebody reversed off the lines. We have requested extra parking enforcement to be able to attend at the start and end of the day to ensure all children are safe. Also could parents please refrain from parking on Ashby Court or Sandford Court as this week workmen were complaining that they could not get to their job as parents cars were parked in the way, and they had to wait until the parents came back from dropping children off to be able to start their job.

Clubs and breakfast clubs

As you will be aware we have been chosen by the DFE to pilot a free breakfast club which we are aiming to start after the Easter holidays but as it currently stands we don't have a starting date. This is still in the early stages as it is a big project to manage and there will be problems we encounter along the way (this is always the case with pilots). I am hoping to be able to send further information out towards the end of next week regarding how you will be able to sign up for this.

We have had a limited number of clubs this term due to staff availability. This is something that we are aiming to improve. As the weather gets warmer, we will have space outside to be able to provide further clubs. If anybody has any connections to outside agencies/providers who could offer clubs afterschool please contact me with details.

Changes to the cost of child school meals

The cost of school meals for your child/children will be increasing to £3 from Tuesday 1st April 2025. We apologise for this increase but it is unfortunately out of our control and has been implemented by Barnsley Catering Services.

If you think that your child could be entitled to Free School Meals please visit - <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/>

Future dates

March	
Friday 21 st	Comic Relief
Wednesday 26 th	Horizon to speak to year 5 and Year 6 children around phone safety Parent Meetings
Friday 28 th	Rock steady concert 10am
April	
Thursday 3 rd	EYFS bonnet parade 2pm Easter competition 3pm years 1-6 Chester residential meeting 3.30pm in the school hall
Friday 4 th	School closes for Easter (children are in school on this day)
Tuesday 22 nd	School reopens
Tuesday 22 nd	London meeting for year 3/4/5 parents 3.30pm-4.15pm

May	
Monday 12 th	SATs week
Monday 19 th	Residential to Chester
Friday 23 rd	School closes for half term (children are in school on this day)
June	
Monday 2 nd	School reopens
Monday 2 nd	Y4 MTC checks to take place for all year 4 children this week (multiplication checks)
Thursday 5 th	London trip
Monday 10 th	Phonics checks start for all year 1 children
Tuesday 17 th	Class photos
Tuesday 24 th	KS1 trip to Magna
Wednesday 25 th	EYFS sports day am (time to be confirmed) Key stage 1 sports day pm (time to be confirmed)
Thursday 26 th	Key stage 2 sports day pm (time to be confirmed)
July	
Friday 4 th	EYFS seaside trip
Tuesday 8 th	Year 6 Summer Show 1.30pm and 6.00pm performances
Wednesday 9 th	Year 6 Summer show 6.00pm
Friday 18 th	School closes for summer

Finally we may have to cancel the KS1 visit to Magna as currently we have a large outstanding amount which school cannot afford to fund. We will be making a decision over the next 2 weeks and we will let parents know as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Athorn and the Shawlands Team