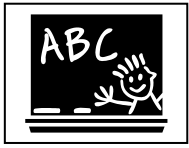


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Newsletter



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Laches Wood Assembly - Parents of Y5 children are warmly invited to our Laches Wood Assembly at 9:30 on Friday 7th April. Come along to hear all about the antics from the week, some funny recollections and find out the reasons behind why your children will come home so filthy!!



Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat - Huge thanks to all of the choir who were incredible in their performances of Joseph last week. I was very proud of the choir and also so pleased to be able to see so many of our ex-pupils in the cast from Y7 and 8, and how they have blossomed in confidence. Overall a brilliant experience - thank you to everyone who came along to support.

Mrs J Mosedale - it is with regret that I inform you that Mrs Mosedale, who only joined us in September, has tendered her resignation. Unfortunately there has been a significant change in her husband's work responsibilities, which make it unviable for Mrs Mosedale to continue working. For the immediate return after Easter we will go back to teaching Year 5 in the two classes (5D and 5E). We are exploring a range of different options that would make it possible to return to teaching in three classes as soon as possible within the term in preparation for Year 6 and will keep parents updated. Although she has only been with us a short time, I know the children who Mrs Mosedale teaches and also those in her photography club will miss her. We wish her and her family well.

Helping Hands - Unfortunately we have to cancel our Helping Hands Coffee Morning on Thursday 30th March due to staffing. Apologies for any inconvenience. If you would like to speak to a member of staff about anything, you are still most welcome to contact us. Thank you for your understanding.

Comic Relief - Thank you for your generosity and support for our non-uniform day raising money for Red Nose Day. We raised £252.90 which will be sent to support the magnificent work of Comic Relief.



Spring Fair - Wednesday 5th April - 3:45 - 4:45 - Year 6 children are getting super organised for their stalls which they are running at the Spring Fair. Don't forget that the Friends will also be holding a raffle, tombola and refreshments stalls.

During the day we will be holding our **Decorated Easter Egg Competition**. The Co-op have kindly donated prizes and will be coming to judge entries. We will be creating a gallery of entries to the competition for parents to view during the Spring Fair.

Please do come along and support this Friends' fundraiser - we had a really lovely time last year.

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Line Painting

Thanks to



Markings I am pleased to say that our playground now looks absolutely fabulous! The children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves playing on the new games this week and hopefully will continue to enjoy them for a long time to come.

Road Safety outside of school - Sadly, the issue of children's safety outside of school is being raised again. This is an ongoing issue, which I had hoped had improved, but recent events would indicate otherwise.

The list of dangerous incidents which I have witnessed, or have been brought to my attention over the last fortnight include:

- Dangerous parking and turning in the gateway of the school car park and Barton Aquadome.
- Parking on the double yellow lines by the railings outside school.
- Reversing out of the parking bay and on to zebra crossing whilst children were crossing.
- Mounting the pavement when turning into Gilmour Lane whilst children and parents were waiting to cross.
- Driving with excessive speed down Gilmour Lane at 4:30, when a huge number of children were leaving after-school clubs.

The children's safety is ALWAYS our top priority and we ask for all parents to drive safely at all times around our children.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Please note the clubs that are not running due to Y5 at Laches Wood.

Week commencing		NEXT WEEK 27/3	3/4
M	Easter Craft	Y	Y
	Forest Schs	Y	Y
T	Gymnastics 2	Y	Y
W	Art 2	Y	
	Mario Kart 2		Cancelled due to Spring Fair
	Netball		
	Tennis	Y	
Th	Football	Y	
	Science		
F	Choir		

Visitor Lunches

Don't forget you have an opportunity to come in to school for a lunch; to have a look at some of the work the children have been doing in class and also spend some time out on the playground trying out the new games!

3M children are invited to bring a visitor on Tuesday 28th March at 12:00.

3P children are invited to bring a visitor on Wednesday 29th March at 12:00.

Booking is essential by Monday - please log in to ParentPay and pay for a 'Visitor Lunch', please also book a school dinner for your child on that day.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe