



Newsletter

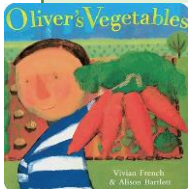
22nd April 2024

Dear Families,

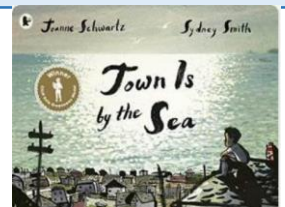
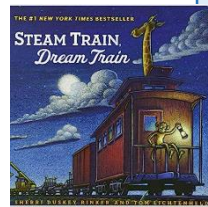
It has been a great start to the summer term as children have returned after the Easter break and have got stuck into their learning! The summer term is always my favourite as we have so many exciting things happening in school. Of course, you are all invited and more information will follow. I have noted some key dates so that hopefully, you will have enough notice to clear your diaries and make plans to join us.

This half term all of our children's learning is in line with the global theme: Our Heritage. We are looking forward to finding out about local history as well as wider British history from KS1 upwards. In our assemblies, we will be celebrating Earth Day, International Dance Day, Mental Health Awareness week and World Cultural Diversity Day. As always, we will be thinking about the British Values and Protected Characteristics. We will be finding out about how to keep ourselves safe and healthy and how to spot fake news.

EYFS are looking at the Circle of Life this half-term. They are finding out all about how plants and animals live and grow.



KS1 are finding out the answer to their big question: Who is George Stephenson and why is he remembered in Chesterfield? They are learning all about the first steam locomotives and George Stephenson's Rocket.



Our Heritage

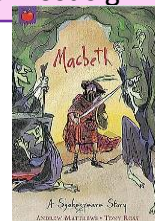
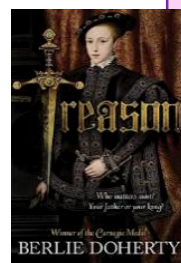


LKS2 will be answering their big question this half term: Were the Vikings the most ferocious invaders of all?

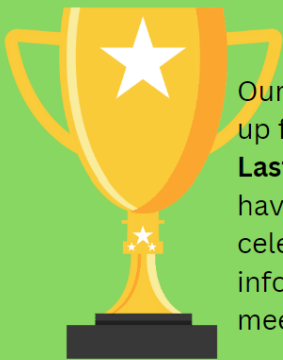
They will be learning all about Viking invasions and settlements and will enjoy a visit to Jorvik to kick start their learning!



UKS2 are discovering: Who were the Tudors and how they have impacted our lives today? They are learning all about how the Tudors came to power following the Battle of Bosworth and deciding which Tudor monarch was the most significant.



ATTENDANCE



Our attendance has gone up each half term this year which is fantastic! Before we broke up for Easter, we were at 94.87% from 93.8% before February half term.

Last week, our whole school attendance was an incredible 96.4%! This means that we have reached our target! The children have been suggesting ideas for their treat to celebrate so watch this space! Thank you so much for your ongoing support: from informing us of absences, working with us to get children into school and attending meetings.

You are wonderful!

YEARS LEAVERS

Parents of Year 6 children, please look out for a Microsoft Form coming to you soon via Parent Hub. Please take the time to complete the questionnaire so that we can find out what events you would like to see for your Year 6 leavers this year.

Coffee Mornings

Each **Thursday** morning, starting this week (25th April) we will be holding a coffee morning for families.

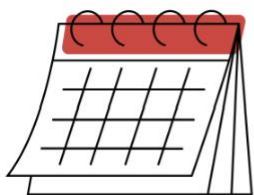
You are welcome to join myself and Miss Mark for a hot drink and a chat with no pressure.

Everyone is welcome!

8:45am - 9:15am



Easter marked the end of my first year as your Head Teacher and I could not be any more proud of what we have achieved as a community: I have loved getting to know all of you and welcoming you into school. Our new curriculum has meant that children are excited about their learning and can talk so beautifully about the facts that they have remembered. I wanted to say a huge **thank you** for your contributions towards the visits that we have planned, as well as the workshops that we have put on in school – together, we have provided our children with life-long memories and brought their learning to life. We could not do this without you and your support has been fantastic!



Key Dates

Thursday 23rd May – Colour Run Event

Friday 24th May – INSET

Thursday 6th June – Class Photos

Monday 24th June – INSET

Thursday 18th July – Summer Fayre

Tuesday 23rd July – Y6 Leavers

TBC – Sports Day Events

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter,
Mrs Wilkes