

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER



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A word from Mrs Toner

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The children have come back full of enthusiasm, and we look forward to a busy term ahead with many things already planned in the diary – a trip to the Briars for Year 5, Cultural Diversity Week, The Big Snore, Summer Fayre and First Holy Communion to name just a few.

You will notice there have been some new dates added to the key dates list below, so please do put them in your diary.

Yours sincerely, Celine Toner, Headteacher



Diversity and Inclusion Parent Forum and Cultural Diversity Week

Many thanks to the parents who joined me for our first Diversity and Inclusion Parent forum last Wednesday. We discussed the purpose and aims of the group as well as what we think we do well in terms of diversity and inclusion and what we could improve upon. We also discussed some ideas for our upcoming Cultural Diversity week. The minutes of the meeting are available upon request.

Mr Barfield and I are now busy preparing a very exciting week for the children to celebrate the Cultural Diversity of our school. This will launch on Monday 19 May with an assembly at 9.30am which you are all invited to. Watch out for a letter over the next few days informing you of the plans and how you can help make it a memorable and enjoyable week for the children. In the meantime, why not refresh your memory of our last Cultural Diversity Day by [watching this video](#).

Summer photographs

The photographer is in school on Monday 16 June. Please send children to school dressed in full uniform – girls can wear summer dresses if preferred. If your child has PE on the day, please send them in uniform with PE kit to get changed into.

Year 6 SATs

The children in year 6 have been working hard to prepare for their SATs which take place week beginning 12 May. As part of their preparations, they will have breakfast, provided by school, each morning from 8.15am before their tests take place. Please remember them in your prayers over the coming weeks.

The Big Snore - Friday 16 May

For GSA's Year of Service, Year 5 have chosen to support the charity Framework. On Friday, they delivered an assembly to years 4, 5 and 6 where they announced that we will again be having a sleepover in school – nicknamed 'The Big Snore'.

This event is to raise funds for this very important charity which provides much needed support to homeless people both in Nottingham and around the UK. Please see the letter that has been sent separately to year 4-6 giving more information about the event.

Attendance and Punctuality

As we begin a new term, I would like to take the opportunity to remind you of Our Attendance and Punctuality Policy which is available to view on our school website [via this link](#). As you know, the policy is very clear on our expectations that children attend school every day (unless they are too unwell). It also clearly states that leave of absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Please note, an unauthorised leave of absence may lead to you being issued with a penalty notice fine via Nottinghamshire County Council.

Wear it Green Day

As part of our ongoing commitment to Children’s Mental Health, we are holding our annual ‘Wear it Green’ Day on Thursday 5 June . As part of the day, children will be talking about the importance of good mental health as well as the sorts of things we can do to support our own and others mental health. All children are asked to come to school wearing green – as much or as little as they wish as a cost of £1.00 per child. All donations will go to the [Mental Health Foundation](#).

Dates for your diary

May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday 7th - Year 5 trip to The Briars• Friday 9th - PTA meeting, 9am at the back of the hall• 12th-15th - Year 6 SATs Week• Tuesday 13th - After School Holy Communion Sessions recommence• Friday 16th - Gurdwara visit for Year 3 and Year 5• Friday 16th - The Big Snore - sleep over at school for Year 4-6• Monday 19th - Cultural Diversity Assembly - 9.30am, parents invited• 19th-23rd - Cultural Diversity Week in school - more details to follow next week• Thursday 22nd - Year 1 Grandparents' Day, 2.15pm in the school hall – more information to follow• Friday 23rd - Last day of the half term
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 2nd - back to school after half term• Tuesday 3rd - After school Holy Communion session• Thursday 5th - 'Wear it Green' day for Children's Mental Health week• Friday 6th - OPAL Stay and Play - parents invited 1pm• Thursday 12th - New Reception Parents meeting at 6pm• Monday 16th - Class Photographs - full uniform• Tuesday 17th - After school Holy Communion session• Saturday 21st - First Holy Communion in Church

Sports Day Timetable

All Sports Day events will take place on the school field (including the parents’ race, so you’ll need to get training!)

Year Group	Date	Time
Nursery	Thursday 10 July	9.15am
Reception	Tuesday 8 July	9.15am
Year 1-2	Tuesday 15 July	9.15am
Year 3-4	Wednesday 16 July	9.15am
Year 5-6	Friday 11 July	9.15am

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