

2nd September 2016

Scalford CE Primary School Newsletter

Welcome Back

We hope that you have all had a relaxing holiday and enjoyed the welcome break in preparation for the new term ahead.

We would like to welcome all the new children and their families who have just joined us, and are sure that you will soon settle in to our warm and friendly school and begin to make new friends.

We also have two new members of staff who have joined us: Miss Kaisey Lambert and Mrs Caroline Hibbert who will be joining our Learning Support Assistant team. We are very excited that they have joined our team and look forward to working with them.

Morning and Afternoon Procedures

The school gate will be locked until 8.40 am. If your children come into the playground at that time they should be accompanied by an adult as there will not be a member of staff on duty until 8.50am. Parents can leave their children as soon as a member of staff is on the gate. This action is to ensure the safety of the children and to give the staff time for their daily staff meeting and the preparation time that they require.

Two electronic alarm bells will sound each morning, one at 8.45 am which is for staff and one at 8.55 am for children. The bell at 8.55 am indicates that the children should line up in preparation to make their way into the classroom as directed by the member of staff on duty, and that parents should leave the school building. This will enable us to start school promptly at 9.00 am. No children will be allowed to enter the classrooms until 8.55 am.

Please make every effort to get your children to school on time as late arrivals cause disruption to the start of the school day and does not set a good example of timekeeping to the children. If your child arrives after 9 am, they should first report to the office where a register will be kept of late arrivals before joining their class.

The school day finishes at 3.15 pm. Please ensure that children are collected promptly at the end of the school day. Staff have after school commitments which makes it difficult for them if children are collected late.

Please remind your children not to play on the play equipment before or after school.



Dates for your Diary

Mon 5th Sept—Reception children to start school.

Scalford Breakfast Club—
Opens at School from 7.30 am to 8.45 am.

Tues 6th Sept —Rise and Shine morning club begins 8 am—8.45 am.

Thurs 8th Sept—After school Football Club begins 3.30 to 4.30 pm

Mon 12th Sept —Leics Fire and Rescue to visit Yr 1 and Yr 5

Fri 16th Sept—Recorders begin at lunchtime.

Mon 19th Sept —2 pm Open afternoon for perspective parents of children joining in 2017.

Thurs 22nd Sept—Harvest Festival 10 am.

FOSS meeting Kings Arms 7.30 pm.

Tues 27th Sept—9.30 am Belvoir High School open morning for Yr 6.

Communication Evening at Scalford School 7 pm.

Fri 30th Sept—Special Assembly for Reverend Beverley Stark.

If your child is unexpectedly unable to attend school for any reason e.g. sickness, we ask that a person with parental responsibility telephones school before 9.15 am. If a call is not received, a member of staff will telephone for an explanation. This is part of our child protection policy to ensure the safety of the children, especially those who may walk to school unaccompanied.

Children like to know who is collecting them after school. If there are any changes to your plans, please let the class teacher know in the interests of safety.

Please could we politely ask that you do not allow your children to play with the Base 1 Equipment that is set up in the playground, either in a morning or at the end of the school day.

As School Lane is very narrow, parents/carers are asked not to park in School Lane when either collecting or dropping their children off at school.

Dinner and Milk Payments



School Lunches are now £2.20 per day (£11.00 per week). Please send lunch payments in to school on Monday mornings. Any adjustments e.g. if your child has been absent can be made the following week. Payments can be made monthly or termly if you wish—again any adjustments will be made retrospectively. Please make cheques payable to LCC.

From September 2014, in line with current Government policy a **Universal free school meal** will be available for ALL children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If you do not require your child to have a school lunch every day, we are happy to accommodate set chosen days providing that those days remain unchanged for the half term.

It is important to note that if you consider yourself eligible for **Free School Meals (not the same as Universal Free School Meals)** because you are receiving Income Support/Tax credits: please take note of the following. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and entitled to a Universal Free School Meal, **you are required to apply**, in order for us, as a school, to access funds available via a Government grant (Pupil Premium), for trips and residential visits and support etc. This also ensures that you do not miss out on vital financial support. The application process is now straight forward and can be done either online by emailing freeschoolmeals@leics.gov.uk or by telephoning 0116 3056588. Please rest assured that your personal circumstances will be treated with the upmost confidentiality.

All children, including our new Reception children, who wish to have milk in school, must register with 'Cool Milk' even if your child had it last year or your child is entitled to free school milk. The website address is: www.coolmilk.com.

No Nuts in School!

It is essential that any food/sweets/cakes that are brought into school or taken up to the village hall DO NOT CONTAIN NUTS or nut based products. This is to protect everyone who has an allergy to nuts or nut products. Thank you for your co-operation.

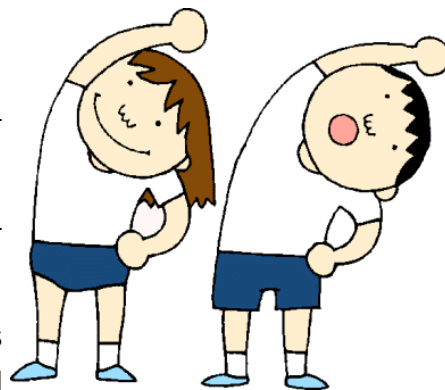


P.E. Kit and Uniform

A reminder that the addresses for ordering school uniform via the Internet are: www.your-schooluniform.co.uk or www.tesco.com/ues.

Uniform can also be purchased from B & H Midlands Services on Norman Way, Melton Mowbray.

Please, please remember to label **all** school uniform. This really does save the headache of trying to match clothing to the correct child and parents money by not having to replace lost sweatshirts etc.



Now that Autumn is closely approaching, could you please ensure that your child brings a coat to school so when walking up to the village hall they will be kept dry. All children need to wear sturdy, practical shoes as Salford School children are required to walk up to the village hall at least daily with pavements not always being very even.

As you appreciate, space in school is at a premium. To help keep the cloakroom clear we would like the children in Bases 2 and 3 to keep their P.E. kit in a drawstring type P.E. bag: Base 1 have been advised to bring a small backpack which is safer and easier for them to carry. Please ensure that these are clearly labelled along with **all** school clothes. PE for Base 1 takes place every Tuesday and Friday, Bases 2 and 3 every Thursday and Friday. We advise that PE kit is kept in school as often it is required for extra activities such as dancing, visiting sports coaches etc.

The children will be using the field during P.E. sessions and as the Autumn progresses, the grass can very often be wet. We recommend that the children have both plimsolls and trainers.

Jewellery in School

Please can we politely remind parents that if your child wears earrings, that they are the small stud type. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons. In accordance with the National Safety in Sport Practice Guidance, children are unable to take part in sports, athletics, gymnastics or swimming activities which involves contact with others, unless the earrings have been removed: Plasters will not prevent tearing or the stud piercing, Thank you for your co-operation.

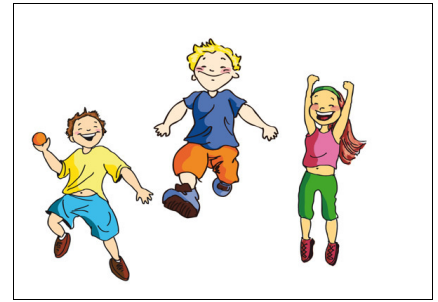
Cake Raffle



Please see the letter sent home today explaining the ins and outs of our very popular weekly cake raffle. Mrs Sarah Cox has very kindly agreed to continue running the raffle this year and she is hoping to beat last years takings of £1066, so your support in helping her to achieve this would be very much appreciated. If you are willing to go on the 'Baking a Cake' rota please see Mrs Cox in the playground, say 'hello' and buy a ticket—Remember, you have to be in it to win it!

School Clubs

Our popular 'Rise and Shine' morning sports club will start again on Tuesday 6th September at Scalford Village Hall. The club is open to children age 5 to 11 years. If your child would like to take part, please complete the registration form sent home with your child. This is a free club funded by The Big Lottery Grant Scheme.



After School Football Club starts on Thursday 8th September from 3.30 to 4.30 pm at the village hall. This is open to children in Yr 1—Yr 6. Again, this is a free club fund by the Big Lottery Grant Scheme and if your child is interested in joining, please complete the form which is being sent home.

For the Adults (we would hate you to feel left out) we have a FREE adult keep fit class to suit all ages, which will be held at Scalford Village Hall on Tuesday mornings starting 6th September from 9.15 to 10.15 am. The class will involve aerobic circuit training and will be tailor made to suit all levels of fitness, ages and physical activeness—so no excuses, give it a go and set yourself a new challenge.

And finally The new Scalford Breakfast Club will open on Monday 5th September from 7.30am. The club is a new initiative and will be run by Nikki Clarke and Kaye Ward, which some of you will know from Scalford Pre-school but will be based initially at our Primary School until numbers increase. This will be a great asset to working parents. Parents/carers have been sent the details, but if you want to find out more, please contact scalfordbreakfastclub@hotmail.com or Nikki on 07528173413 or call up to the school office.

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons begin again on Monday 5th September with the popular tutor Mr Mark Price. Children will require a packed lunch on Mondays if they are taking part. Payments must be made directly to the tutor either at the beginning of the lesson or full/half termly. Group lessons will cost £6.50 per student.

Further details can be obtained from the office if your child is interested in joining but you do not need to re-register if your child is carrying on from last year, just send them along with their guitar and money.

Please note children will need their own guitar to bring to each lesson.

Parent Helpers

We really enjoy inviting parents/carers/grandparents to join us in helping with some of the exciting projects that we organise throughout the year This might be to accompany us on our trips to Little Dalby, to sporting events, educational visits or even on our residential trips!

If you think that you would like to be involved and are available during the school day to help occasionally, please complete the form which is being sent home with details of your availability and return it to the office.

Scalford School Church Choir—A Message from Ginny Winder

Welcome back from the holidays! We hope you are fully recharged and ready for the School Church Choir performances!

For anyone not aware we hold a choir practice once a month on the Tuesday (usually the third Tuesday in the month) before the Family 430 Sunday service. This practice is open to all children from reception to year 6, and children can sing, act, recite or play a musical instrument if they would like. The idea is to build confidence and give children an opportunity to perform in front of a live audience!

Your child will be taken to practice straight from school to the church and you will need to collect them at 4.30 pm promptly. The Sunday service is at 4.30pm for 40 minutes - if your child is interested our next practice is a week earlier on Tuesday September 6th with a special Harvest themed service on Sunday 11th.

If your child is interested, please can you complete the form which will be sent home today and hand in to the office by Tuesday September 6th (even if your child/children are already attending so our records are up to date). Many thanks, the Choir Team - Ginny, Charlotte & Penny.