

28th October 2016

# Scalford CE Primary School Newsletter

## FIRST-TIME ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS – 2017/18 REMINDER

Parents have been able to apply for a school place for Autumn 2017 since 1 June 2016 with the closing date of **15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. Leicestershire parents are encouraged to apply online at [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions). This is quick and easy and an e-mailed receipt is sent within 15 minutes of the application being submitted so parents are sure it has gone through correctly. This also allows parents to view their application and update it, up until the closing date and to view their results online on the offer date. If parents do not have access to the internet at home they are able to access the internet for free at all Leicestershire Libraries. If parents are not able to do this then please contact school who will provide a downloaded paper form so that parents can apply by post.

It is important that parents return their application form **direct** to County Hall and not to school. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that the form reaches School Admissions by the closing date.

Any forms received after this date will be considered as late.

## Heathy Eating Awareness

A number of parents/carers have approached school with concerns over the amount of sugary sweets shared to celebrate birthdays. Although we recognise that it is a lovely gesture, in support of parents/carers who do not wish their children to eat sugary snacks, could we suggest refraining from sending sweets in to school. This would also support parents/carers who have children who have food allergies and reactions to additives/sugar.

For those parents/carers who really would still like to send in special treats, may we suggest that you pop alternative suggestions in to the 'suggestion box' outside of Base 3 so your ideas can be shared.

## Parentview

Thank you to those Parents/carers who have shared their views of school by completing the short survey. We still welcome your opinions so please log on to [www.scalford.leics.sch.uk](http://www.scalford.leics.sch.uk) and click on the 'Parent's information' tab and selecting 'Ofsted.' This is a very quick and easy survey which will only take 2 minutes of your time but is very important to school. Thank you in advance for your support.



## Dates for your Diary

### Scalford Breakfast Club

at School from 7.30 am to 8.45 am.

**Sat 29th Oct**—Leics Primary Cross Country Prestwold Hall

**Mon 31st Oct**—Mad Science after school club begins.

**Thurs 3rd Nov**—Base 2 visit to Little Dalby.

**Fri 4th Nov**—Base 2 and 3 Visit to Leicester Cathedral

**Thurs 10th Nov**—FOSS AGM in school 7.30 pm.

**Fri 11th Nov**—Remembrance Day 10.30 am.

**Thurs 17th Nov**—Base 3 to visit Little Dalby.

**Thurs 17th Nov**—FOSS Clarins Evening at Ragdale Hall 7 pm.

**Fri 18th Nov**—Children in Need day.

**Tues 22nd Nov**—Base 1 visit to the Botanic Gardens in Leicester.

**Wed 23rd Nov**—Base 2 Drama Workshop.

**Sat 26th Nov**—Leics Cross Country Prestwold Hall.

**Tues 29th Nov**—Christingle Service 10 am Methodist Chapel.

**Tues 29th Nov**—Year 5/6 Basketball Competition Belvoir High School.

## Sunshine Bags

Thank you to everyone who returned the Sunshine bags. From the 17 so far returned, we have raised £58 which will be sent to the charity 'Rainbows.'

## 100 Club September Draw

The lucky winners from the 100 club draw are:

1st Kirsty Black (£22.50)

2nd Janice Skipper (£13.50)

3rd Jeff Wakeling (£9.00)

Congratulations to those who won—don't forget that you have to be in it to win it!

## Clothing packs for refugees

A local charity, Refugee Action, is co-ordinating a shipment of containers full of clothing to go to Syrian refugees in Lebanon as winter approaches. They have asked for packs of clothes to be made up to make for efficient distribution.

If you would like to donate any clothes to the project, they are asking for packs that contain:

- 1 winter coat
- 1 top
- 1 pair of trousers
- 1 pair of underwear
- 1 pair of socks
- 1 winter hat
- 1 pair of gloves
- 1 scarf

Then please label it as boy/girl/unisex and the age it is appropriate for.

Please bring packs to school by Friday 4 Nov. Many thanks!

## Base 2 and Base 3 Visit to Leicester

Base 2 and 3 will be visiting Leicester Cathedral and Newwalk Museum on Friday 4th November. During their visit the children will be comparing places of worship, learning more about Richard the Third and his final resting place, and visiting the Diwali exhibition at the Museum.

The visit will take place during the normal school day so no permission slips are required on this occasion. Please send your child to school with a packed lunch and drinks for the day, a warm waterproof coat and hat and gloves as we will be walking to the museum from the Cathedral.

We would like to thank FOSS for financially supporting this visit by paying for the transport.

## Dates for your Diary

**Thurs 1st Dec**—Flu vaccinations for Y1-6

**Thurs 1st Dec**—Last Football after school club.

**Fri 2nd Dec**—Base 3 singing at Melton Christmas Light Switch on 1.15 pm.

**Wed 7th Dec**—Nativity Play 10.30 am in Church

**Thurs 8th Dec**—Nativity Play 6 pm in Church.

**Thurs 8th Dec**—School Christmas Hot Dinner Day.

**Mon 12th Dec**—Christmas Jumper Day—Part 1!

**Mon 12th Dec**—Singing at Scalford Court 3.30 pm.

**Thurs 15th Dec**—Christmas Party Day.

**Fri 16th Dec**—Goldies and Oldies Celebration 2 pm St Egelwins Church. Christmas Jumper Day Part 2!

**Fri 16th Dec**—End of Term.

## Leicestershire Primary Cross Country

The 2nd Leicestershire Primary Cross Country is due to take place on Saturday 29th October at Prestwold Hall near Loughborough for those children who have registered to take part. Mrs Waring will be attending the event so will see you there— Good Luck to all of our runners.

## Mad Science

Mad Science after school club begins on Monday 31st October for those children who have registered to attend. Please ensure that your child is collected at 4.20 pm promptly. Thank you for your co-operation.



## Base 2 Visit to Little Dalby

Base 2 will be visiting Little Dalby on Thursday 3rd November for a day of outdoor learning. Your child will need to take a packed lunch and drinks for the day, wear jogging/track suit bottoms (no jeans please as they are very uncomfortable if they get wet) and have a warm waterproof coat, hat and gloves, wellies and spare shoes. The children will be outside all day, so please ensure they are suitably dressed as they will get muddy and possibly wet (but will have a fabulous time!)

## Special Bonfire Lunch

On Thursday 3rd November the school lunch menu will change from that advertised. Instead the menu will be:

Leicestershire Sausage

St Bart's Super Sausage (created by Oliver Stakes from St Bartholomew's Primary)

Cheese Flan (V)

Chips or Jacket Potato

Baked Beans

Peas

Creamy Coleslaw

Catherine Wheels and Chocolate Custard

Fruity Flapjack

Fruit and Yogurt also available.



A new winter menu for school lunches will start on 7th November and a copy is being sent home today for your information. It will also be posted on to our school website for your reference.

## Safeguarding

Please ensure that the main school gate is closed between 9 am and 3.30 pm especially when you exit the playground.

## Samaritans Shoebox Appeal

Mrs Catherine Shaw is co-ordinating a Christmas Shoebox Appeal if any parents would like to contribute and bring a smile to child this Christmas who is less fortunate than ourselves.

You need to choose weather to fill a shoe box with gifts (fun toys, hygiene items & school supplies) for a girl or boy & select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. The appropriate label needs to be attached to the box. These can be obtained from Mrs Shaw or parents can print one off themselves from this website:



<https://www.samaritanspurse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

It gives gift suggestions & there is also a few notes on things that can't go in the boxes.

NB- There is a shipping donation of £3 for each shoe box to cover transportation costs. (Enclose cash or cheque to Samaritans purse)

You can follow your box if you pay online.

Please hand your filled box to Mrs Shaw by Thursday 17th November.