

Scalford CE Primary School Newsletter



Happy New Year!

Welcome back and we hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas and Santa delivered your Christmas wishes.

As we start the New Year, we have two new faces in school. We would like to welcome Mrs Julie Clifford who is a trainee teacher and will be working in Base 1 alongside Mrs Dickson for a few weeks whilst on her teaching practice placement.

We will also be welcoming Miss Julia Berdej who will be joining the office staff from next week as Mrs Howden gradually reduces her days as part of a phased retirement. We are sure they will both settle into the Scalford family very quickly and we look forward to working with them both.

Taxi Children.

Please could we politely remind parents of the children who are transported to and from school by taxi to inform the office as well as the taxi company if there is a change to normal travelling arrangements e.g. being collected from school and not travelling home by taxi. Thank you for your co-operation.

Wednesday 11th January—Pantomime Visit



The children in Base 1 and 2 will be visiting the Nottingham Playhouse on Wednesday 11th January to see the Pantomime 'Aladdin.'

Theatre visits provide a wonderful opportunity for the children as it enriches many areas of the curriculum including music, drama, history, English and PSHE.

Please ensure that you send in a packed lunch as the children will need to eat early before departing for the theatre. The children will **not** require any money or sweets as a drink and snack will be provided during the interval. If you have not as yet contributed towards this visit, you can now pay online at www.parentpay.com using your unique user name and password which was sent home before Christmas.

We will be arriving back in Scalford at approximately **6pm** (traffic dependent). All children will need to be collected from **the Village Hall**. In order for us to secure the safety of the children, please allow staff time to call the register before taking your child.

Thursday 12th January—FOSS Meeting

Please note that this meeting has now been **postponed until February 23rd**

Dates for your Diary

Scalford Breakfast Club

at School from 7.30 am to 8.45 am.

Wed 11th Jan—Bases 1 & 2 visit to Nottingham Playhouse to see Aladdin.

Fri 13th Jan—Base 3 visit to Leicester Curve Theatre to see 'The Twits'.

Wed 18th Jan—Yr R and Yr 6 Heights and Weight check

Mon 23rd Jan—Breakfast Week begins!

Fri 27th Jan—Yr 6 Sats preparation evening 3.30 pm

Mon 6th Feb—Parents Evening 4 pm to 6 pm.

Wed 8th Feb—Parents Evening 3.45 pm to 5.45 pm

Fri 10th Feb—Gold Book Assembly in Church 2.30 pm

Mon 13th to Fri 17th Feb—School Closed for half term

Thurs 23rd Feb—FOSS meeting Kings Arms Scalford 7.30 pm

Fri 24th Feb—Base 2 Little Dalby Visit

Fri 24th Feb—Yr 4 & 5 Waste Awareness Workshop

Thurs 2nd Mar—World Book Day

Friday 13th January—Base 3 Theatre Visit



Base 3 will be visiting The Curve Theatre in Leicester on Friday 13th January for an all around theatre extravaganza!

They will leave school at 9 am **promptly** and will spend the morning taking part in a backstage workshop which may include meeting some of the actors and seeing what exactly goes on behind the scenes. After lunch, they will be treated to a performance of Roald Dahl's 'The Twits'.

The children **will require a packed lunch and a drink**. The children will **not** require any money or sweets as a drink and snack will be provided during the interval.

We will be arriving back in Scalford at approximately 4.30 pm (traffic dependent). All children will need to be collected from **the Village Hall**. In order for us to secure the safety of the children, please allow staff time to call the register before taking your child.

Please ensure that you have either contributed online (www.parentpay.com) or returned the permission slip that was sent home before Christmas. If you pay online you will find a permission radio button to tick to save returning the paper slip.

We would like to thank FOSS for their financial contribution which has enabled the visits to take place.

ParentPay

Our new online payments systems is now up an running! You should have all received your unique user name and passwords (sent home in a white sealed envelope before Christmas). You can now pay for educational visits, residential visits, swimming and lunches directly online, saving the need to send in cash/cheques and permission slips. If permission slips are required (for any visit outside of the normal school day), then a radio button will be visible when paying for you to tick, granting permission for your child to attend. You will be able to see how much to pay and how much you may owe e.g. for residential visits with stage payments.

We encourage parents/carers to pay online but if you need to still send in cash/cheques, please do so in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name and stating the event e.g. swimming.

Swimming contributions are now due - £35.75 for the full term. Please make cheques payable to LCC Scalford School (if paying by cheque).

Thank you to those who have started to use the new system and for your positive feedback.

Safeguarding in Education/ Child Protection

Many children will have been lucky to have received new technology items for Christmas e.g. phones, tablets etc so this is a good time to remind parents of the dangers and vulnerability of our children.

We have been alerted about a particular App called 'Musical.ly' - 'this makes it easy and fun to create amazing videos and impressed your friends'. The danger of this App is that the videos are uploaded to the internet where other users can then communicate with your children. There has been an incident where by an 8 year old girl was receiving highly inappropriate messages from another '8 year old boy'.

Please be aware of what your children are using on their devices at all times.