

# Scalford CE Primary School Newsletter



## Belvoir Schools Cross Country

If your child is taking part in the Belvoir Schools Cross Country on the 7th February please provide them with a packed lunch, and if you are interested in being a volunteer please speak to Mr Leonard.

## Reading Workshop

During 'Everyone Reading In School' morning on Friday 3rd February, there will be a reading workshop for the Y4 children and parents. We encourage parents to attend and learn more about how to support your child with their reading at home.

## Head Lice

Unfortunately we have had reports that head lice are with us once again. Please ensure that any long hair is tied back and check your children at home.

## Big Breakfast Week—Local Produce

Big Breakfast week was a great success once again. The children tried a variety of breakfasts including Italian Frittatas, all made with locally sourced ingredients.

## Parents evening

Just a reminder that parents evening is just over a week away and that if you wish to see your child's teacher please complete the letter and return to school.

## Scalford School 2016 Questionnaire Results

The results for the 2016 questionnaire have been summarised, please check your child's book bag for the results.

## Birthday Sweets

A polite reminder not to send your child to school with sugary treats to hand out to their class. This was agreed by a questionnaire sent out to parents at the beginning of December., alternatives include biscuits or small chocolates.

## Dates for your Diary

### Scalford Breakfast Club

at School from 7.30 am to 8.55 am.

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

**Tue 7th Feb**—Belvoir Schools  
Cross Country

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

**Fri 10th Feb**—Gold Book Assem-  
bly 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

**Mon 13th to Fri 17th Mar**—  
Science Week

**Tues 14th Feb**—Base 3 visit to  
British Geological Survey

**Wed 15th Mar**—Vale Choral  
Concert Yr 3/4

**Fri 24th Mar**—Red Nose Day

**Sun 26th Mar**—Mother's Day

**Wed 29th Mar**— Year 2 Beau-  
manor residential visit

**Wed 29th Mar**—Base 2 visit to  
Little Dalby

## **End of Year Results**

We are attaching details of the end of year results for 2016 for your information.

### **Safeguarding in Education/ Child Protection**

To help support us to keep children safe, please could we politely ask parents/carers to remain in the public viewing area of the swimming baths when they wish to observe swimming and not stray into the teaching area or changing rooms.

**End of Newsletter**

As a society people are becoming increasingly fascinated with data. The beauty of data collection is that it can be manipulated and analysed to such a degree that all sorts of wonderful and colourful correlations could be found.... And so on.

There is a lot of performance data available at the moment from 2016, so I felt it would be a good time to clarify some key points.

Scalford School has, and will always have small cohorts, and that is what makes us so special. However our small numbers do not lend themselves to being over analysed. For example last year's data is based on 6 pupils.

I feel confident you will all agree it would be hugely unfair and highly inappropriate for us to unpick such a small amount of data, but this, in a nutshell is what our data shows: THINGS TO SHOUT ABOUT

Key Stage	Details	Scalford School	National
Key stage 2	Pupils Achieved The Higher standard in Reading	50%	19%
Key stage 2	Pupils Achieved The Higher standard in English, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (EGPS)	33%	22%
Key stage 1	Pupils Achieved The Expected Standard in Yr 1 Phonics	92%	81%
Key stage 1	Pupils Achieved The Expected Standard in Maths	73%	73%
Key stage 1	Pupils working at Greater Depth within Expected Standard in Maths	27%	18%

THINGS TO LOOK AT

Key Stage	Details	Scalford School	National
Key stage 2	Pupils achieving Expected standard in Maths	67%	70%
Key stage 1	Pupils working at Greater Depth within Expected standard in Writing	9%	13%

As you can see the differences are marginal, again remember small cohort's mean individual pupils results can dramatically slant results either way. Data is brutal and does not demonstrate the full picture. It does not illustrate how many children enjoy school, have an amazing time, care for those around them and the world we live in today, share and reach their own personal best. So let us strip back the data to what is relevant to us.

This is a direct quote taken from the 2016 Ofsted Inspection Dashboard for Scalford School, 'No weaknesses were identified in this dataset'.

*I am happy with our results.* The Governors and I have a clear plan to develop the school, as have all schools, but we are a great team, with wonderful pupils and fantastic staff.

**The most important thing which every member of staff at Scalford School prides themselves on, is this:**

- *Every child is given every possible opportunity to reach their full potential.*
- *We strive to provide a stimulating, safe and caring educational environment where our children are nurtured, so that they develop into well rounded, kind individuals with skills to carry them forward onto their next chapter in life.*