

Farnsfield St Michael's CofE Primary School Newsletter



10th March 2023

Weekly Briefing

Dear All,

Another busy week has been had in school this week.

We started Monday with trips out a plenty! Key stage 1 went off to the National Space Centre to find out lots of information to support their topic. A great day was had and it was a pleasure to see and hear the children sharing their thoughts and 'wow' moments as they arrived back into school on Monday afternoon. Thank you to all of the parental support and to the staff for organising this trip.

The Year 3 and 4 also went out on Monday to Castleton on their Geography focused residential visit for 2 nights. They took part in a whole host of activities which included: visiting Treak Cliff Cavern searching for the Blue John stone, lead mining and gem panning, fossil making, local walks and rivers work to support their create topic. A huge well done to all for the efforts the children put into the activities and for the teamwork they displayed. Also, a huge thank you to our staff team who gave up their time to enable this to happen.

On Tuesday our Y5 children visited the mosque in Sneinton to support their learning in RE and their understanding of world religions and beliefs. They found this very informative and learnt a lot from having a real-life experience. As we know, our school community is not the most diverse, therefore, having these opportunities really enhances what we can share with the children and their learning of the wider world around them.

It has been a busy week for the Year 3/4 children, as they also took part in some flood awareness workshops on Thursday with Nottinghamshire County Council. This was to support their learning linked to their big question 'What if water could talk?' There are some photos of this for you to take a look at later in the newsletter. Thanks to Mrs Brooksby for organising this informative session for the children.

And then what an end to the week we had! Snow has fallen and some rare opportunities to play in it were taken in school. Please see the joy on the children's faces in the photos later on, as they build their snow creations and make snow angels. I have loved looking at the photos as I am so sad to have missed it all as I have been out of school this week on a leadership course. I am sure the children will have plenty to share when they get back home this evening.

Please continue reading for the important dates and updates for the week ahead. I wonder if it will be as exciting as this week.

Best wishes, Louise Carpenter

This Week's Key Dates and Events

British Sign Language Week

**Y3/4 Football – Mansfield
Academy – Monday 13th
March**

**Y6 visit to Sneinton Mosque
– Tuesday 14th March**

**Y6 RSE Parents Meeting on
Teams 5pm – Tuesday 14th
March**

**Y4 Swimming – Wednesday
afternoon**

**Connect – Thursday March
16th**

**Deadline for Red Nose Day
competition entries –
Thursday 16th March**

**Red Nose Day – Friday 17th
March – non-uniform - wear
red – please donate where
possible via the link on
Parent Pay**

Rainbow Worship – Friday

All other clubs will continue as
per advertised days and times

**School will be open as
usual on Wednesday
and Thursday,
unaffected by the
intended strike action
that has been planned
by some teaching
unions. Thank you.**

Reminders for the week

Due to the snow last week, Connect has been moved and will be this Thursday instead.

Please could KS1 parents check at home return any reading scheme books that their child is no longer reading. We seem to be low on some levels so some books may still at home. Many thanks, Mrs Okiwe, KS1 Reading leader

Year 6 are visiting the mosque on Tuesday next week (14th March) Please can all parents make sure they have paid the money required to cover coach costs via ParentPay. Many thanks

Key dates this half term:

- Y5 Residential to Boggle Hole – Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd March
- Connect – Thursday March 23rd
- Cake Sale and Non-Uniform Day – Water4theWorld Campaign – Monday 27th March – cake donations welcomed please
- Parent open Evening – Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar – Monday 27th March 6pm
- Upper KS2 (Year 5/6) Musical Showcase and Album Launch Parent open afternoon – time TBC – Tuesday 28th March
- Deadline for Water4theWorld Competition entries – Tuesday 28th March
- Spring Term Music Concert – Wednesday 29th March 6pm
- Lower KS2 (Year 3/4) Art Gallery and Sale Parent open afternoon – time TBC - Thursday 30th March
- Easter Egg-stravaganza – Friday 31st March
- Easter Church Service – Friday 31st March 2pm
- Easter Holidays – Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April

More information about all these events will follow

Competition Time

Red Nose Day 2023 – Design a red nose

Please remember to send in your entries for our Red Nose Day **'design a red nose'** competition by Thursday 16th March. The theme is **Nature and the Natural World around us**. Competition entry sheets can be purchased on Parent Pay for 50p. all monies raised will go directly to Comic Relief. School Council will be choosing the winning entry on Friday.

The link to donate to Comic Relief for **non-uniform day on Friday 17th March** is:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=10238>



Water4theWorld – design a water bottle



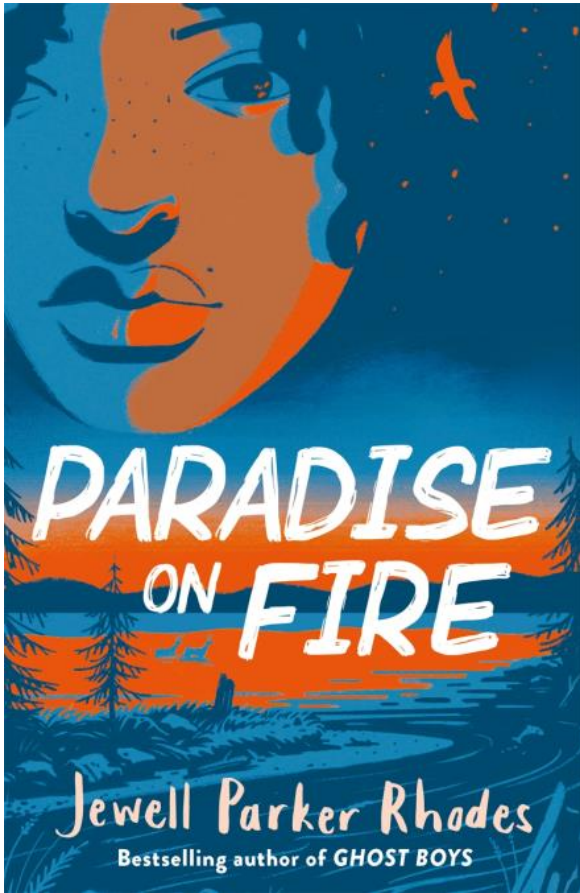
Please enter the **'design a water bottle' competition**, to raise money for the Rosie May Foundation to support children in Nepal and Sri Lanka to access clean water. The winner will have their design created into real water bottles to be sent to Nepal and Sri Lanka. Please could all designs be **returned by Tuesday 28th March**. Entry sheets can be accessed via the school office, or a copy is attached to this email.

A few Photos of the Castleton Residential for Y3/4





Year 6 Book Club Reminder



Don't forget, Year 6 Book Club are meeting at break time on Wednesday (15th March) to discuss their latest book, Paradise on Fire.

Thanks,

Mrs Swales and Mrs Vardy

Foresters and Forest Friday Reminder

A reminder that Foresters group children and the Foundation stage Forest Friday group need to bring in wellies and warm clothing for our sessions. We will be out in all weather! We don't want your child to miss out as they are not dressed appropriately, many thanks. Mrs Turner and Mrs Brooks



Flood Workshops - Year 3 and 4





Snow much fun!





British Sign Language Week

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Dear Parents, Carers, Guardians and Families,

RE: Sign Language Week 2023

Our school is very excited to be taking part in Sign Language Week 2023. As you know we incorporate British Sign Language, BSL, into our everyday life here at St Michael's. To celebrate sign language week, we have signed up for a free online British Sign Language (BSL) lesson delivered by a Deaf BSL teacher. The lesson was arranged in partnership with two leading charities in the world of BSL: the [British Deaf Association](#) and [Signature](#). The lesson will take place on 15th March.

Almost a year ago now, on 28 April 2022, BSL was finally recognised in law as an indigenous language of Great Britain in the BSL Act (2022). This followed similarly ground-breaking legislation in Scotland – the BSL (Scotland) Act 2015 recognising BSL after many decades of campaigning by the Deaf community in Britain.

Sign Language Week is celebrated every year in March to commemorate the first time BSL was acknowledged (although not legally recognised) as a language in its own right by the UK Government on 18 March 2003. This year, we are marking the 20th year of that historic moment.

The aim of this year's Sign Language Week is to celebrate and educate the British public about BSL, to encourage more people to start learning our beautiful, unique, visual language, and to protect and preserve BSL for future generations to come.

I have no doubt your child will come home and teach the rest of your family what they learned, and we hope you will enjoy it too. To find out more about Sign Language Week, check out:

[Sign Language Week – Protecting BSL](#)

Sincerely,

Mrs Cargill

NEWARK AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS

THE WIZARD OF OZ

WIZARD OF OZ
BY L. FRANK BAUM
WITH MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
HAROLD ARLEN AND E. Y. HARBURG
BACKGROUND MUSIC BY HERBERT STOTHART
DANCE SONGS AND ARRANGEMENT BY PETER HOWARD
ORCHESTRATION BY LARRY WILCOX
ADAPTED BY JEFFREY HARRIS FOR THE ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY
BASED UPON THE CLASSIC MOTION PICTURE OWNED BY
TURNER ENTERTAINMENT CO. AND DISTRIBUTED IN THE UK BY WARNER BROS.

WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH - SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2023
NEWARK PALACE THEATRE, APPLETON GATE
EVENING PERFORMANCES AT 7.30PM
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MATINEE AT 2.30PM
BOX OFFICE: 01636 655755
WWW.PALACENEWARK.COM

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OPERATIC SOCIETY

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BEAUMOND HOUSE HOSPICE CARE

EASTER FUN DAY



Beaumont House
Hospice Care

FRIDAY 7TH APRIL

10^{AM} - 3^{PM}

NEWARK MARKET PLACE

INFLATABLES FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

CRAFTS BOARD GAMES DISCO

EGG & SPOON RACE

CLIMBING WALL

**Come along & support
YOUR LOCAL hospice**

PLUS...

Chicken Run

**A 2.5km family fun run
beginning in Newark Market Place**

*** ADULT £10 - CHILD £5 - FAMILY £25**

DISCOUNTED
EASTER FUN DAY
ACTIVITIES
WRISTBAND AVAILABLE
FOR PARTICIPATING
CHICKEN RUN
CHILDREN

***WRISTBANDS
£8 PER CHILD
WHEN BOOKED
IN ADVANCE**

**BOOK ONLINE at beaumonthouse.co.uk/easter-event
Further enquiries please call 01636 610556**

**ADVERTISED PARTICIPANT PRICES FOR ADVANCED ONLINE BOOKING ONLY. CHILD ENTRY CLASSED AS AGED 16 AND UNDER.
CHICKEN RUN FAMILY ENTRY CLASSED AS 2 ADULTS AND 2 CHILDREN. ONLINE BOOKING ADVISED TO GUARANTEE ENTRY.
FOR FULL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BOTH EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE BEAUMOND HOUSE WEBSITE**

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