

Newsletter

29th April 2016

Attendance

Our school attendance is still a main focus for us. Well done to Class 3W who were top class attenders last half term.

We would like to remind you that we do not authorise holidays that are taken during term time. A school absence over a number of days impacts on children's learning and we want all children in school as much as possible to maximise learning opportunities.

Ethel Wainwright Day – Friday 6th May

Every year, as part of our curriculum enrichment, we celebrate 'Ethel Wainwright Day'. As a school we are extremely proud to be named after Ethel Wainwright as she achieved so much in her lifetime and worked tirelessly to improve the education for children in Mansfield. We want the children to learn about inspirational people that have effected local and national change and Ethel was certainly one of these people. Please see below the list of Ethel's achievements.

'A strong supporter of the Women's Suffrage Movement, Ethel possessed a great determination and pioneering spirit which led her to achieve many "firsts" in her life time:-

1920 First Lady Councillor.

1924 First Lady Magistrate.

1927 First Lady Chairman of Education Committee.

1928 First Lady Alderman.

1929 First Lady Mayor of Mansfield.

1947 First Lady Freeman not only in Mansfield but throughout the kingdom

School Dinners

We are really pleased with our new school dinner provider, Chartwells. We must say that the quality of food is impressive and the children are really enjoying the new menu. Here is a sample of what the children have to say about our new school dinners:

"The food is lovely and fresh" – Philip 2W

"The school dinners are really nice because you get lots of choice. I would recommend this." Brandon 6P

"The dinners are brilliant because they are so tasty" Troy 3W



A Cashless School

We are gradually moving towards being a cashless school. This means that all money paid into school will be done so through Parent Pay. We intend for the following to be paid through Parent Pay:

School dinners – Live now, the cut-off date for cash payment is **27th May**.

Snack money – Live now, you can pay for snack money through Parent Pay if you wish and at the moment continue to pay through cash. The cut-off date for this will be **22nd July**.

School trips - We will ask you to start paying for school trips at the start of the next school year.

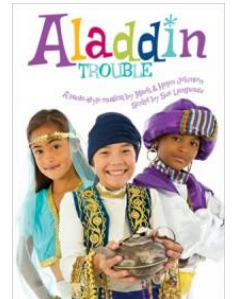
Please call into the school reception if you wish to arrange to have a demonstration on how to use Parent Pay.

Packed Lunches

Please can you ensure that your child brings their packed lunch in a named lunchbox. Lunchboxes are stored on lunchbox trolleys until dinner time. We have not got the space to keep bags and rucksacks on our lunchbox trolleys also.

End of Term Performance

The Key Stage 2 drama club will be performing 'Aladdin Trouble' during the week of the 11th July. Watch out for more information about dates and tickets!



Lost Property

In recent months we have donated bags of unclaimed lost property to charity. We are beginning to collect unnamed school uniform and coats. Please can you ensure that you place your child's name in all school uniform, including coats and PE kits. This way, lost items can quickly be returned.

Polling Station

We are no longer a polling station so the school will be open to pupils as usual on Thursday 5th May.

Key Dates

Year 6 SATS week – w/c Monday 9th May

Year 2 SATS week – w/c Monday 23rd May

Grand Opening – Friday 27th May. More details to follow

Half term – school will be closed from Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

School Reports – will be distributed to parents during the week of 18th July

End of Term – Last day in school will be Friday 22nd July