

Over the past few months we have invested heavily in new learning resources and wanted to share with you the new resources your children are now using. We have improved our reading scheme with new books for the children to read and with new phonics books in Key Stage 1, we have spent over $\pounds1000$ in this area, with a further $\pounds800$ currently on order.

The children have also used a new Maths scheme from September. The Busy Ants maths programme has improved the diversity of the maths the children learn. Again, an expensive resource at over £1000, we believe the children deserve the best and are enjoying undertaking an exciting and varied maths curriculum.

In 2020, technology is a fundamental part of our lives. We teach computing as part of our curriculum including e-safety and as such need the latest devices to facilitate this teaching. So, we have invested over £2000 in new laptops which the children are now using.





<u>Worship</u> Please join us for our next Holy Communion date is **12th March**

Would you like your child to be baptised? On **19th March** we have arranged for a baptism ceremony at All Saint's Church, this will be followed by a celebration back at school. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Love, by **6th March.**

Join us for our Mother's Service and Afternoon Tea at Godley Brook Methodist Chapel on **Friday 20th March** at 2.00pm. All are welcome.

<u>Diary Dates</u>

Thursday 5th March-Y6 World Book Day event @ TCA 10.00 – 12.00– transport provided. Friday 6th March-KS2 Dance Festival @ St. Werburgh's 9.00—12.00-Transport provided. Wednesday 11th March-Library Van Thursday 12th March-Communion Service @ school-9.30 Friday 13th March—Non-uniform Day for Chocolate bingo-donations of chocolate to be brought in please. Thursday 19th March—Baptism @ All Saints Church-2.00pm Friday 20th March—Mothers Service & Afternoon Tea– Godley Brook Methodist Chapel @ 2.00pm Wednesday 25th March-Y3-4 Football Thursday 26th March—School Photographer-Class groups & Leavers Friday 27th March—PTFA Chocolate Bingo -6.oopm Monday 30th March—Music Festival @ TCA—Time to be confirmed Wednesday 1st April—Easter Service @ All Saints Church @ 9.30 Wednesday 1st April—Y5/6 Football At 1.1pm Thursday 2nd April—Easter Activities afternoon Friday 3rd April—Inset Day Monday 20th April-School re-opens.

Associate Teachers

At the end of last half term we said goodbye to our Associate Teachers, Miss Youngson and Miss Kentesber. Next week we will be welcoming two new Associate Teachers to the Dilhorne Team.

Attendance

Below are attendance percentages up to 14th February:

> Class One: 96.4% Class Two: 96.4% Class Three: 97.3%

Whole School: 96.7%

If your child is unable to attend or is going to be late, please phone the school office before 9.30 am, or alternatively, send a text to the school mobile, 07711007072



World Book Day

Following feedback from previous events, this year, we are not dressing up for WBD. Instead we ask children to bring in, or draw a picture of, some items which might belong to their favourite character for us to guess. For example, Paddington Bear might have a marmalade sandwich and some wellies.

Growing in faith and learning

Lost items

Please check your child hasn't accidently picked up another child's school uniform. If this is the case, 'pop' them back into school and we will endeavour to return to their rightful owner.

Please, please, please ensure that ALL of your child's belongings are labelled. We can always find the real owner of a labelled jumper or cardigan; anonymous items can be somewhat more difficult!

If you purchase new school uniform, please do not have suppliers embroider your child's initials in prominent places. This is not our school uniform policy.



<u>Term</u>

<u>Dates</u>

You can see all term dates, school opening and closing dates at:

http://www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk/dilhorne/ school-family/parents/

Please **don't** book holidays during term time. We cannot authorise, only in exceptional circumstances, and you risk receiving a penalty notice from the Local Authority if your child does not attend school.

Please be aware that school re-opens for the Autumn Term on Wednesday 2nd September, which is the week of the August Bank Holiday.

Staffordshire Moorlands Work Clubs

If you live in the Moorlands and are looking for Work, Information on local Training Courses, Support with Job Applications, Universal Job Match Or developing a CV. Then drop in to get free Advice & Support.



Nork Clubs are open EVERY Week 10am – 12pm

Leek:

Wed - Haregate Community Centre, Queens Drive Biddulph: Thurs - The Learning Curve, St Johns Road Cheadle:

...your one-stop shop for all LOCAL information and updates from support agencies, training providers and employers...

For further information contact: Louise Harley - Your Housing Group - 07766991305



Reminders

- Please continue to regularly check your child's head for head lice.
- Children now have the opportunity to get a library book from the library van.
 Please can you ensure that your child brings in their school library book on alternate Wednesdays
- PE kit needs to be kept in school all week
- Swimming continues on Tuesdays for Class 2 this term
- Dilhorne is a nut-free school. Please do not put items containing nuts, including Nutella, in your child's lunch box.

Thank you for your continued support.