

Parents' Newsletter

Friday 28th April 2017

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Welcome back, and a warm welcome to our new families who have joined us this week. The Summer term certainly got off to a hectic and very successful start with excellent results at Cross Country races and our annual 'Societas Sings' Concert which was held at the Victoria Hall last night. I was extremely proud of all of our pupils and the children from the other schools who form the Trust of which Ash Green is a part. The amount of organisation for an event such as this is immense and takes a lot of 'back stage' operations. Our thanks to all of the staff at Ellison Primary Academy who took on the role of organisers this year. My personal thanks must go to our children who worked so hard in rehearsals, and whose behaviour was exemplary; to you as parents for supporting us at the event and for your lovely comments this morning; and also to Mrs. Boote, Mrs. Heskey, Miss Jarvie, Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. Morris who rehearsed with the children and accompanied them last night. My congratulations too to our soloists, Alfie Erwood, Helena Law and Chloe James who exuded confidence in their performances and were a credit to themselves and to our school. Well done all!

We have an exciting term ahead, with lots of activities for the children and for you as parents, so please read the newsletter each week for updated information.

A reminder that the School is closed on Monday 1st May for the May Day Bank Holiday - enjoy, whatever you get up to.

Ruth Foster

PTA Events

Thank you to all of the parents who supported the PTA Non uniform day for Early Years and KS1 and the Year 1 and 2 disco. The PTA really do appreciate your support and we will let you know how much we raised next week.



Cross Country



The first of the inter towns Cross Country Tournament races was held last night. Max Dawson, Phoebe Dawson, Ella Jones, Tom Bryan and Matthew Skelton represented our school as members of the Stoke Town team who won the boy's and girl's individual races and the race as a whole! Well done all and thank you to Mrs. Parsons for her organisation and to the parents for transporting the children.



E-Safety Information Session for parents

Further to the flyer that was sent out this week, along with an email to those of you who receive these communications, we wanted to remind you that we have organised an informal 'E-safety' information Session for parents to raise awareness of the new types of issues that could effect your children when accessing mobile devices and the internet. Whilst this seems as face value to be an issue that would relate to older children, recent cases have revealed that issues can affect children as young as 5 and is becoming more common in Primary Schools. Please do come along to the session to be held on Thursday 4th May at 6.00pm which should last around an hour and will include a cuppa and a biscuit!

Earring Safety

Can we remind all parents that children who wear earrings should only come to school in very plain stud type jewellery that do not 'dangle.' Children must also be able to remove their earrings themselves for activities such as PE or swimming.

Thank you.



Longton Fire Station

We are delighted that Nursery will be welcoming our friends from Longton Fire Station back into school on Tuesday 2nd May. The Fire Officers will be revealing the winner of the 'Name the Fire Engine' competition and we will let you know the name of the new engine next week!

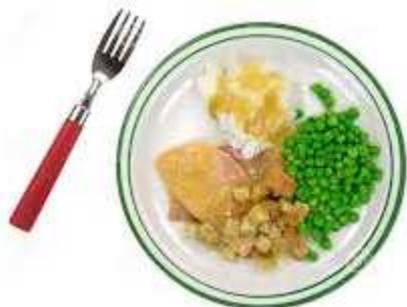
Parliamentary Elections

As you are aware from information that you have received this week, Stoke on Trent City Council have instructed the school that they will be using our premises as a Polling Station on Thursday 8th June, following the Prime Minister's decision to hold a General Election for the Country. Unfortunately, this has coincided with a staff Training day that we had already notified you of last September which is being held on Monday 5th June. Although we have tried to change the date of our statutory staff training, we have been unable to do so and therefore the school will be closed to pupils on Monday 5th and Thursday 8th June 2017. We are grateful, however, that we do not have local elections in our Borough on 4th May, so school is open on that day.

Triathlon



Thank you to the parents who sponsored our great friend Ryan Proctor who undertook a Triathlon to raise money for Dougie Mac in honour of his mum, Brenda on Sunday 9th April. You will be please to know that Ryan survived and had, so far raised £2,300 for this very worthy cause.



Your CHOICE

The Learning Council will be surveying the children in school for their menu choices for the Autumn Term so that the children can be served theory favourite dishes within the remit of a healthy choice menu. We look forward to seeing their choices!



Special Spring Menu

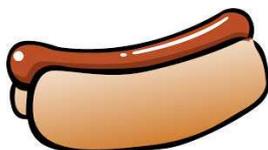
On 18th May, the ladies in the kitchen will be cooking up a special menu choice as follows:

Fish & Chips *or* Hot Dog served on a tray with a choice of

Peas, Beans or Mushy Peas

Followed by

Ring Doughnut or Fresh Fruit and a choice of drink.



Year 6 are holding a 'Sleepover' in school on Friday 19h May with some willing members of staff to raise money for a new library for school. This initiative has been 'dreamt up' by the children and thank you to Year 6 parents for being so supportive of the idea!

