



Dear Parents,

News from Classrooms:

Class 1: This week Class 1 have been learning all about the seaside and discovering what can be found in rock pools. They created a lighthouse and applied for a job to look after the lighthouse.

Class 2: In Class 2 this week the children created a gigantic painting linked to the Creation story. They took off their shoes and socks and made a whole class painting. They also created their own dream poems that are being sent off for a competition. The children have completed some tests this week and Mrs Copeland is very proud of how hard they have all worked.

Class 3: This week Class 3 made periscopes and wrote beach descriptions. They worked hard on creating their dream poetry.

Maths Next Week:

Class 1: Money and measuring

Class 2: Measures

Class 3: Geometry (shapes)

Safe Parking

We have had reports of cars being parked extremely closely to the turn for Post Office Lane at pick up and drop off times and in some instances parking slightly over the turning, which is making it very dangerous for those people crossing the road. Please ensure you park safely and pass the message on to any other people dropping off or collecting your child/ren. Thank you.

**Childcare financial support now available for parents.
(Focus Update Service)**

From 21.04.17, working parents can start applying for two new government childcare schemes launching this year – Tax-Free Childcare which begins immediately and 30 hrs free childcare which starts in September.

This means that working parents of children who will be aged under 4 on 31.08.17, can now apply through the new digital childcare service for Tax-Free Childcare and receive a government top-up of £2 for every £8 that they pay into their Tax-Free Childcare account. All parents of disabled children (under 17 years old) will also be able to apply for Tax-Free Childcare from today. In addition, parents of 2-3 year olds, who will be eligible for a 30 hrs free childcare place in September, can apply through the childcare service and start arranging a place with their childcare provider.

The Childcare Choices website provides information on the government's childcare schemes and explains how parents can pre-register or apply. It also includes a

childcare calculator to show eligible families how much they could receive.

For parents across the UK, Tax-Free Childcare will cut childcare costs by up to £2,000 per year per child under 12 years, or £4,000 per year for disabled children under 17 years. The programme will be rolled out through the year, with all eligible parents able to receive it by the end of 2017. From September, working parents of 3 and 4 year-olds living in England will also be entitled to the new 30 hrs free childcare offer, worth around £5,000 per child. Parents will only need to make a single application for both schemes when their children become eligible.

DIARY DATES

May

25th Y5/6 Kwik Cricket competition at Melton CC

26th May – 5th June Half Term

31st Andy Wing Sports camp 9.30am-12.30pm

June

8th Life Education Centre visits school

14th School photos

EYFS induction visit 1

20th EYFS induction visit 2

21st Vale multi-skills at Belvoir High for Y 1/2

28th Vale Sports Day

29th EYFS induction visit 3/parents meeting

30th Sports Day

July

3rd Y6 leavers' trip

4th Y6 Kings/KGGS induction

5th Whole school trip (tbc)

6/7th Y6 Belvoir High School induction

7th EYFS induction visit 4/lunch

12th Summer Festival 5.00-7.00pm

13th Leavers Assembly 9.15am

14th School closes for summer

Please note that some dates/time may be subject to change if unforeseen circumstances arise, although we will endeavour to avoid this.

Barkestone News

Church Cafe & Plant Sale at St Peter & St Paul, Barkestone on Saturday 20th May, 10am-12.30pm.

All welcome.

Letters going home this week

Y5/6 kwik cricket team competition

Y6 leavers trip

Seesaw learning journey app – class 3

New menu

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. V. Hopkins, Head teacher