

CRUCIBLE CO-OPERATIVE LEARNING TRUST

It is now over 6 months since our partnership with Athelstan and Brunswick was made formal and we thought you would appreciate an update on the difference this is making in our school.



We are currently working together on several projects to improve learning in Early Years, Reading, Nurture and how we support our special needs children with best practice being shared across the trust.

We are also investigating how various things such as purchasing can be maximised so we can invest further in Learning outcomes within the school.

The Headteachers and Chair of Governors from each school meet regularly as a board of trustees. Part of our commitment as a co-operative trust will be to hold stakeholder meetings with parents and carers who will be able to appoint two representatives to the board. We will be in touch next school year with more details on how this will be organised and how you can take part

Together, the three schools are also developing a formal launch event for the trust which we hope will take place during the Autumn term, we will bring you more details about that soon.

SCHOOL DINNERS

We have just received news from the council that the price of School Meals will increase slightly for the next school year.



The price of a school meal will be £2.00 or £10.00 per week for children in Key Stage 2. Foundation Stage and KS1 children will receive their meals free under the government initiative.

However if you know that you are entitled to claim Free Meals due to financial circumstances please STILL complete an application form as the schools annual budget is calculated on the number of pupils eligible for free meals. These matters are dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Could we please remind you that all dinners that have been consumed **MUST** be paid for within the same week. Please remember that we no longer accept cash payments for school dinners and that all payments need to be made via SIMA Agora, accessible via our website.

SUMMER FAYRE

The parents group would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Summer Fayre. PTA raised over £1,200 and everyone had a fantastic time. It was lovely to see the children taking part in so many different activities.



Everyone in school would like to thank the PTA for their hard work and we really appreciate the additional funds that make some of the 'extras' possible.

PTA will be meeting again in September to start planning for Christmas, everyone is welcome!

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

Once again it has been a very productive and enjoyable year and I wish to thank the whole school community for this.

Our SATs results seem to indicate that we are at least in line with national outcomes. If we were using the old assessment tool these results would have been well above!

I would like to pass on how our teachers really appreciate the excellent turn out at the parent evenings and are grateful for your continued support and the useful feedback from the children's reports.

A quick reminder that Monday 18th July is our Sports Day. We listened to feedback and hope that we have struck the right balance between competitiveness and inclusion.

Transition activities have been very successful. The children are well prepared for September. Our best wishes go to all the Y6s as they prepare for the next stage of their education. They have enjoyed a great send off through the leavers' party and performance.

I know you appreciate early notice of key dates for the school year (including the Christmas performances) so please find a list for your calendar on the back of this letter. On behalf of the Ballifield team I hope you all have a lovely summer.

Our best wishes go to Mrs Tame, who leaves to take up a teaching post at St Joseph's and Miss Wagstaff, who has qualified as a teacher and will be taking up a teaching post in Rotherham.

Happy Holidays!

Sheila Haigh

**School finishes for the Summer Break at 3.15pm on Tuesday 19th July.
Children return to school on Monday 5th September.
Breakfast Club starts at 8.00am and classroom doors open at 8.40am for registration.**

P.T.O...

Diary Dates 2016-17

1/9/16 & 2/9/16	Staff Training Days	3/1/17	Children Back at School
5/9/16	Children return to school		
3/10/16 – 8/10/16	Y6 – Condoover Hall	20/2/17 - 24/2/17	Half Term
11/10/16	Early Parents Evening (3.30-6pm)		
12/10/16	Late Parents Evening (5pm – 7pm)	27/2/17	Staff Training Day
24/10/16 – 28/10/16	Half Term	28/2/17	Children Back at School
31/10/16	Staff Training Day	4/4/17	Early Parent's Evening
1/11/16	Children Back at School	5/4/17	Late Parent's Evening
5/12/16	10am - F2P Performance		
6/12/16	2pm – KS1 Grandparents	10/4/17 – 21/4/17	Easter Holiday
7/12/16	10am - KS1 (Y1 Parents)		
8/12/16	2pm - Y3 & 4 Parents Performance		
9/12/16	2pm - KS1 (Y2 Parents)	24/4/17	Children Back at School
13/12/16	7pm - Y3 & 4 Parents Performance	1/5/17	May Day Bank Holiday
14/12/15	2pm - F2G/S Performance	8/5/17 - 12/5/17	SATs Week
15/12/16	7pm – Y5 & 6 Performance	26/5/17	Staff Training Day
19/12/16 - 2/1/17	Christmas Holiday	29/5/17 – 2/6/17	Half Term
		5/6/17	Children Back at School
		28/6/17	Healthy Schools Day
		30/6/17	Annual Reports to Parents
		11/7/17	Early Parent's Evening
		12/7/17	Late Parent's Evening
		13/7/17	Y6 Leavers Performance
		19/7/17	Sports Day
		21/7/17	Children Break up for Summer Break