



Newsletter March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers



Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be held at St Philip's and St James' Church and will commence at 2.45 pm on **Friday 18 March**. Parent volunteers will be needed to walk to church with the children. If you can help, please see your child's teacher.

Children will be dismissed from the church.

Celebrations Assembly

We will be holding our end of term Celebrations Assembly on **Monday 21 March** at 2pm where we will have an Easter raffle draw. Please find attached two strips of raffle tickets at 50p per strip. If you wish to purchase them, please return them to school with your name on the back of each ticket with the money.



Easter Egg/Toy/Cake Donations



We are looking for donations of Easter Eggs and toys for our Easter raffle. If you have any of these, please bring them into school before Friday 18 March. We would also love any cakes/buns for our cake stall. Please bring these in on the morning of Monday 21 March. *Any donations would be greatly appreciated.*

Egg Decorating

We will be decorating Easter eggs in school on Monday 21 March. Could each child bring with them two hard boiled eggs and any materials you might find to decorate them on Monday morning.



SATs 2016



KS2 SATs week this year will commence on Monday 9 May and will continue for the majority of the week. KS1 SATs will take place the following week, commencing Monday 16 May. During these two weeks can you please ensure your child arrives in school **on time** as late arrivals would be especially disruptive when some children are taking tests. For those children taking the KS2 SATs (**Y6 children**), there will be a Breakfast Club provided free of charge beginning at 8.30am, from the Monday to Thursday of that week.

Clubs

After-school clubs will not be on for the last week and a new list for the summer term will be distributed when we return. *Please note most clubs have a compulsory cost of 50p per session.*

School Uniforms

For the summer term, boys may wear dark, flat sandals and appropriate grey shorts. Girls may wear a blue checked dress, black/white sandals (flat) with white socks. No boots will be allowed in the summer term. Any child not wearing the correct school uniform will receive a letter home.



Dinner Money

Can those parents whose child/ren receive a paid school meal please ensure that they pay fully on Monday, as all dinner money must be ready for collection on Tuesday next week.

50's Club

Anyone who is a member of our 50's Club, can you please pay your subs to Mrs Lisa Croft before Monday's Celebrations Assembly, when it will be drawn. Thank you.

Contact Details

Please, as ever, keep us up to date with any changes in your personal information, especially mobile numbers. That way, we can be assured of keeping you up to date with the latest information.



The following esafety information comes from the LA:



There have been some issues reported by youngsters using the ooVoo app, who have received offensive and sexually explicit contacts from strangers. Children and parents should be advised that the app is not suitable for children under the age of 13 and that the default privacy settings (which allow complete strangers to videoconference with the user) can render it quite hazardous even to older children.

ooVoo's terms and conditions limit the use of the app to children over 13. However this does not make its use illegal, just in breach of their agreement with ooVoo. We would like to remind parents to regularly check their children's devices, discuss the use of social media apps with their children and to ensure parental controls are enabled on devices. For older children it would be wise to change the privacy settings so that they set them so no strangers can contact them. In the settings section, go to 'Privacy & Security' and it asks 'When people search ooVoo, who can find me?' They should then either select 'People who know my email address or ooVoo ID' or 'No one'.

If a child reports either receiving or being asked to share sexually explicit images this should be regarded as a safeguarding concern, the device should not be used (to preserve any evidence) and your local police should be informed in the usual way.

Last Day of Term

We break up for the Easter holidays on **Wednesday 23 March**, and parents/carers may collect children from 1.15 pm. KS2 children are still expected to wear their school uniform on the last day and KS1 will be wearing their PE kit as they will be attending the Multi-skills Festival at Wolsingham on the morning (a separate letter will follow).

Summer Term

Please have a wonderful Easter break and I will see you all when school resumes for the Summer Term on **Monday 11 April**.

Mrs L Jackson
Headteacher

