



Newsletter



Message from the Head of School

What busy week it has been! Thank you all for your flexibility and understanding yesterday, when I took the difficult decision to close school. We were delighted that the children were able to play in the snow and make snowmen and snow angels on our snowy field – please look on Page 6 for some photographs taken on the day – and that they all went home safely.

Next week, in advance of our Parents evening, I am offering parents the opportunity to come into school to see the children's books (**BOOK LOOK EVENING**).

Teacher's will leave site at 3:20pm. Parents will then be able to come into school, with your child/children if you wish, **at any point between 3:20pm and 6:30pm on Tuesday 14th March** – hopefully giving all parents time to come into school.

You will be able to visit your child's classroom to look at all the wonderful work your child has been doing this year so far. Parents will be able to write a comment about the work you have seen, which we will then stick into the children's books as a record of their achievements.

I have added this date to the diary as I wanted to make sure that every family has the chance to look at their children's work, before speaking to their child's teacher on Parent's Evening. If this is a popular addition to our calendar, I will ensure that this opportunity continues to be made available before Parents Evening at Scotch Orchard in the future.

As always, I am available by email (rwarrack@scotchorchard.staffs.sch.uk), in person on the school gate or by telephone – via the office (01543 227400) for anyone who wishes to speak with me. Have a great weekend! **Dr Warrack**

Next Week:

Monday 13th March –

Year 5 Space Centre Visit

Tuesday 14th March

Year 1 Botanical Gardens visit

Book Look Evening: School will be open to all parents to look at children's books between **3:20pm to 6:30pm**

Wednesday 15th March

Year 3 Egyptian Visitor in school

Friday 17th March

Mother's Day class assembly – Year 3

"Red to Toe" Dressing Up (Wear something red to school in aid of Comic Relief – voluntary £1 donation can made on MCAS) – All years

Accessing Lichfield Foodbank

Everyone who comes to the foodbank for emergency food needs to have a valid foodbank voucher. For more information please contact us on 07833 844873 or on clientvoucher@lichfield.foodbank.org.uk.

Life Church, Netherstowe - 01543 254596

Wade Street Church - 01543 253003
Curborough Community Centre - 01543 417149





This Weeks Attendance

Reception	91.59
Year 1	88.46
Year 2	94.67
Year 3	91.81
Year 4	90.46
Year 5	92.13
Year 6	93.40

This Weeks
attendance
superstars are:

Year 2

Attendance Update

Regular, punctual attendance at school is important for your child.

Children should arrive at school in time for a 9:00am start.

Going to school regularly is important for your child's future. Parents are responsible for making sure their children receive full-time education and are legally responsible for making sure that children go to school. If your child doesn't go to school, you could get fined or prosecuted.

Please inform the school office by 9:30am if your child is absent by voicemail: on **01543 227 400** and **press option 1** to leave a message or email us at: office@scotchorchard.staffs.sch.uk.

If we do not receive notification of your child's absence, office staff will contact you to ascertain the reason for your child's absence. The office staff will persist until they have spoken to someone to confirm the reason for a child's absence.



FACT: The more time your child spends in school, the better your child's attainment.



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13/03/23	National Space Centre school trip	Year 5
14/03/23	Botanical Gardens school trip	Year 1
14/03/23	Book Look Evening – all parents between 3:20pm and 6:30pm	All years
15/03/23	Egyptian visitor into school	Year 3
17/03/23	Mother's Day class assembly - Y3 Parents invited – 09:00	Year 3
17/03/23	'Red to Toe' Dressing up day – in aid of Comic Relief (wear something red to school) A voluntary £1 donation can be made via MCAS	All years
20/03/23- 24/03/23	France Residential	Year 6
20/03/23	Non-uniform Day – chocolate donations for PTA Chocolate Bingo	All years
21/03/23	Parents Evening - In Person - 15:30 – 18:30	All years except Year 6
21/03/23	Mosque Visit	Year 2
27/03/23	Rev. Abbie visiting children for Easter Assembly	
27/03/23	PTA chocolate bingo in the school hall -15:30 to 17:30	All years
27/03/23	Parents Evening Virtual - 16:30 -19:00	Year 6 only
28/03/23	Parents Evening Virtual - 16:30 -19:00	All Years
30/03/23	Easter Bonnet Parade – Parents invited – 09:00	EYFS and KS1
30/03/23	Easter Egg Fun and Scavenger Hunt	KS2
31/03/23	Training day – School closed	
03/04/23 – 14/04/23	EASTER HOLIDAY	
21/04/23	St George's Day picnic	
24/04/23	SATS breakfast with parents	Year 6
27/04/23	Lichfield Walk	Year 2
28/04/23	Breakfast with parents and Greek Topic Class Assembly – 9am	Year 3
01/05/23	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed	
26/05/23	Whole School Summer Musical Concert 14:00 – 15:15	
29/05/23	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed	
30/05/23 – 02/06/23	SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
16/06/23	Father's Day Class Assembly – Parents Invited - 09:00	
22/06/23	Breakfast with parents and Topic Class Assembly – 9am	Year 5
23/06/23	Weston School trip	Year 1
30/06/23	Tamworth Castle School trip	Year 4
03/07/23	Sports Day 9:15 – 11:30	EYFS
06/07/23	Music Service Concert 14:30	Year 3 and Year 5
12/07/23	Sports Day 9:00 – 12:00	KS1 and KS2
13/07/23	Big Sleepover	Year 3
17/07/23	Leavers Performance 18:00	Year 6
18/07/23	Leavers Party - venue TBC 18:00	Year 6
21/07/23	Year 6 Graduation – 09:00	Year 6
24/07/23	Training day – school closed	
25/07/23	SUMMER HOLIDAY	



Dates for your diary: Spring and Summer 2023



ACTION FOR CHILDREN STAFFORDSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING SERVICE



Action for children's Staffordshire emotional health and wellbeing service is currently planning their next wellbeing activity day on **Wednesday 12th April, 10am-3pm** at **Chasewater Innovation Centre, Pool Road, Burntwood, WS87NL**

WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE



Upcoming workshops they are providing include:

- managing emotions - for young people ages 7-11 & 12-18
- Communicating with my child
- communication with my teenager
- anxiety, autism & neurodiversity

You can find full details of workshops available each month on their website

<https://www.staffordshire-ewb.actionforchildren.org.uk/workshops>

SILVER CLOUD

Silver cloud is an online support programme available for parents and carers, with topics including supporting your anxious child or teenager.

There are also student programmes for body image, resilience, anxiety, low mood, depression and stress available for young people aged 15+

Self-sign up here:

<https://actionforchildren.silvercloudhealth.com/signup/>

WEBSITE

In addition to the wealth of information you can find on Staffordshire emotional health and wellbeing website, you can visit action for children's Build Sound Minds website. This has advice and activities to support children and their parents with their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

If you require any further information or would like to discuss a referral with the **Staffordshire emotional health and wellbeing service**, please do not hesitate to contact them:

01782977877



The above information was taken from action for children Staffordshire emotional health and wellbeing newsletter

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/mental-health-wellbeing/>

<https://www.staffordshire-ewb.actionforchildren.org.uk/>



We are delighted to share the Praise Postcards from our Celebration Assembly this morning.

It was lovely to see Year 5 win a class postcard and eight other children from across the school gain recognition for their hard work and attitude to learning this week.

Well done Scotch Orchard!





Snow Fun





Dear Parent/Guardian,

To promote reading for pleasure and to encourage our pupils to read more broadly, we are having a school book fair on Thursday 30th March 2023. Children will be able to bring a pillow, teddy bear and their favourite book to school on this day and parents/carers will be invited into school at 2.45pm to share a love of reading. More information regarding the organisation of this event will follow.

All pupils will have the opportunity to visit the book fair in their classes, where they will create a wish list of books they have seen and liked. Families will then have the opportunity to see these books straight after school.

The book fair is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Partner, Sarah Singleton from **Brilliant Books for Children** and every book purchased will go towards brand new **FREE** books for our school.

Usborne will donate up to **60%** of the total book fair sales value raised in **FREE BOOKS** to the school. So, for every **£10** of books purchased, we will get **£6** in FREE Usborne books for our school! Books can be purchased on the day of the book fair and paid for by cash or card.

We look forward to having lots more books for your child to read, share and enjoy.

For more information and for tailored book recommendations for your child, please contact: **Sarah Singleton, Brilliant Books for Children at sarah@brilliantbooksforchildren.co.uk**

