



Tollerton Primary School

Newsletter



May 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy half term everyone! Can you believe we are soon to be on the home straight to the end of the school year.

Here is a round up of these past few weeks in and out of school.

Rock Star Day

We started our summer term in style with a visit from Rock Kidz. The hall was transformed into a venue for our very own rock concert. The message of the day was YASBA – You Are Awesome So Be Awesome, a lesson in celebrating all of our unique skills and qualities. The day was so much fun. Incredibly loud but a really good opportunity to enjoy ourselves as key stages and as a whole school. The staff participation really was something to behold!



Out and about

This term we have had groups of children going out of school almost every week. Some year 5 children took part in a maths challenge morning at the Nottingham Highschool. We competed against a number of other schools and our maths superstars came out on top. I am ashamed to say that they solved some of the questions quicker than I did!!

Trips to Stonehurst Farm, Southwell Minster and Twycross Zoo have really inspired the children in their topic learning. Taking children from our school out into the community is always such a pleasure, their behaviour is impeccable and they are always so polite and engaged with what they are learning.

Our Year 3 children have taken part in a Toplinks sports festival at Southwolds Academy. A huge thanks to the team there for such a brilliant morning. The children had the opportunity to try a range of different activities and also to work alongside lots of children from other local primary schools.



Sporting endeavours

Our boys football team made us very proud a few weeks back with their performance in the final of the Rushcliffe Small Schools Cup. They played excellent football culminating in a 4-0 win, we are so proud of their success and sportsmanship.



It's not just our boys who've been in a footy frenzy. Our girls team went to East Leake this week to take part in a football session. Mr Isted was so proud of the effort the girls put in, and there were lots of smiles when I chatted to them the following day. These girls can!!!



Our Year 6 class were lucky enough to be invited to the National Ice Centre to watch the Team GB Ice Hockey team in training. They were then given the opportunity to get onto the ice alongside the team. It was a great morning with a few bumps and bruises, but a fantastic opportunity to watch these athletes at work!



Walk to School Week

As you know, our Walking Bus initiative began in April. Mrs Read, along with Mrs Parsons and staff and parent volunteers have really committed to making this a success. We have had increasing numbers over the term. This week is National Walk to School week; we ran our Walking Bus daily and numbers reached 29. We rolled out a walking to school initiative for all children, and when adding up the bus numbers, those who walked from home and the children at breakfast club who did a lap of the field as their walk to school we had on average 80% of our children on foot. The Living Streets initiative that we have signed up to provides badges created from recycled plastic for children who are walking, and these will be given out after half term.



What's coming up?

Summer 2 promises to be a very busy last term, the dates are at the bottom of the newsletter but here are a few to note for the first week back.

Return to school: Tuesday 4th June.

Staff bake off: This will take place on the Thursday after half term (6th June), we will set up the stall outside in order for members of the local community to come and buy from us too.

Village Fayre: This will be on Saturday 8th June and we will have a bottle stall there. Donations of bottles into school that week would be much appreciated. This doesn't have to be alcohol, it can be a bottle of ketchup, a bottle of water, a bottle of pop etc.

New Parents' Meeting: This will take place on Thursday 6th June at 5pm.

New reception visit: This will take place on Friday 7th June.

Looking ahead – Dates for the diary

Date	Event	Details
27-31 May	Half Term	
Monday 3 rd June	INSET Day – School closed to pupils	
4-7 th June	Environmental Arts week	
4 th -6 th June	Dave Draws in school	
5-7 th June	Year 6 residential	

6 th June	New Parents Meeting 5pm	
7 th June	New reception children visit	
7 th June	Year 5 Ultimate Frisbee	
8 th June	Tollerton Show	Bottle donations much appreciated
10 th June	Book Fair in school	
	Year 4 Multiplication check	
13 th June	Class 2 assembly 2.30	
26-28 th June	Class 4 residential	
4 th -5 th July	Southwolds Transition days	
	School transition afternoon	
8 th July	Sports Week	
10 th July	Sports day (am)	
11 th July	Class Assembly 2.30	
12 th July	FoTS Summer BBQ 5pm	
18 th July	Class 4 Assembly 2.30	
22 nd July	Year 6 Production 2pm	
23 rd July	Year 6 Production 5.30pm	
26 th July	Class 6 Leavers Assembly 10am	
	LAST DAY OF TERM	

Parents Sports Committee

As I am sure you know it is a tough time for all schools in terms of budget setting. In small schools in particular it can be difficult to staff extra-curricular events and activities, although compared to other schools locally our after school club offering is good and has a great deal of variety. We would often benefit from having supportive adults to come with us to inter-school competitions or festivals and just don't always have the resources in school to provide it. After being approached by one such supportive parent, we are wondering if there are any parents who may have some flexibility in their day/after school schedule and an interest (not necessarily skill) in anything sporty who might like to form a Parent Sport Committee to work alongside school staff to ensure that some of these events can go ahead. It wouldn't be a weekly commitment, it would be sporadic and at parents' convenience but it would be wonderful to build a team of willing volunteers. If you are interested in joining us, please drop me a dojo message or email into the office and we can meet as a group to chat through how to move forward.

From rock stars, to SATs test takers, to bus walkers, the children have had a fantastic half term and I really hope that all of you have a much deserved rest this week!

See you on 4th June!

Mrs Smith