

**Our stars for last week...**

Bright Sparks	<b>Whole class</b> for having self-belief and settling in well.
Year 1	<b>Isabelle</b> for showing confidence and self-belief in her handwriting. Miss Callen is proud of you.
Year 2	<b>Ruby</b> for persevering with her handwriting.
Year 3	<b>Rhys</b> for showing perseverance in all of his work, following instructions and taking pride in all he does.
Year 4	<b>Brooklyn</b> for showing respect at all times and showing pride in his work. A great start.
Year 5	<b>Jakub</b> for having a super first week at Doxey and settling in well. Well done!
Year 6	<b>Rebecca</b> for her perseverance in maths whilst problem solving and not giving up. Well done!

**YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 Parent Workshop  
Wednesday 14th September 8.45am**

Parents of children in Year 1 and 2 are invited to a phonics workshop on Wednesday. Miss Callen and Mrs Branson will start by showing a slide show of recent class activities and follow with a workshop on phonics in KS1. We look forward to seeing you!

**“A Day in the Life” Entry Point**

Year 1 and 2 IPC Topic

Year 1 and 2 wasted no time in starting their new IPC topic. On Tuesday afternoon the children all dressed up and acted out different jobs people do to help us, including: builders, vets, doctors, opticians, chefs and shop keepers. They were all very enthusiastic and are looking forward to learning more over the next few weeks.

*If you work in a service occupation and would be willing to talk to the children about what you do, please contact the school office on Tel: 01785 356100.*

Lots of photographs were taken and will be shown to parents at the Year 1 and Year 2 parent workshop on Wednesday 14th September at 8.45 – 9am.

**## WARNING ##**

Due to health and safety, when arriving in a morning could parents please ask their children to refrain from climbing and jumping off the white wall next the Nursery and Reception classrooms. Thank you for your continuing support.

**Y5/6 IPC Entry point**

On Thursday Y5/6 started their topic "Time Tunnels" by researching an event in history and presenting it as a framed document. The finished pieces were put along the corridor time-line. They were all enthusiastic about their new studies.

**HARVEST AT THE CHURCH**

**Friday 7th October 2pm**

The children will be walking to church to celebrate Harvest Festival. Parents are welcome to attend the service at 2pm or accompany the children walking to church departing from school at 1.45pm. It would be lovely if each child could bring a donation of food to the service. All donations will be sent to House of Bread. The charity House of Bread provides a home cooked meal twice a week, fresh clothing, food bags and toiletries to anyone in need in Stafford. They have requested that donations are non-perishable foods, eg. Tinned meats, soup, vegetables, cereals and toiletries including, shower gels, body sprays and soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes. Refreshments will be served after the service.

**YOUNG VOICES Y5 and Y6**

Friday 27th January 2017

Once again Doxey School will be performing in the fabulous Young Voices Concert at the Genting Arena, Birmingham in January 2017. Preparation for the concert does involve in-school and out-of-school rehearsals. Letters will be distributed to all Year 5 and Year 6 children today.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER**

Tuesday 20th September

The photographer will be in school on the above day for individual portraits. We are arranging a family portrait evening before Christmas to give families the option to have a whole family picture taken. We will inform you of the date as soon as we have it confirmed.

**NURSERY CHILDREN – IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**CAN WE PLEASE ASK ALL PARENTS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE DROPPED OFF AT THE NURSERY CLASSROOM VIA THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL EVERY MORNING AND NOT THE REAR GATES IN MARSLAND ROAD. OLDER SIBLINGS WHO MAY BE WITH YOU CAN ENTER THE SCHOOL VIA THE PLAYGROUND GATE NEXT TO THE NURSERY CLASSROOM. PLEASE REMEMBER NURSERY CHILDREN SHOULD ARRIVE AT SCHOOL IN GOOD TIME FOR A 8.45am START AND SHOULD BE COLLECTED AT 11.45am PROMPT.**

**SWIMMING YEAR 4 ONLY**  
**EVERY WEDNESDAY – STARTING 21st SEPTEMBER**

From Wednesday 23rd September children from Yr4 will be attending swimming lessons at the local leisure centre. The aim of the sessions is water safety. Please ensure all swimming kits are in school. Girls will be required to wear swimming hats, these can be purchased from the school office for £1.00. Due to safety reasons **goggles are NOT PERMITTED**, however we are aware there are special circumstances for some children. Please speak to the class teacher if you have any queries

**MORNING PLAYGROUND**

Due to safety reason we have changed our morning procedures in line with other local primary schools.

The school gates will be opened by duty staff at approximately 8.45am.

**Messages can be passed to the class teacher via duty staff at the school gate.**

**Once the gates are opened, children only will be able to come onto the playground.**

Afternoon collection will stay the same, giving the opportunity for staff and parents to communicate about their children.

**SPARKLES PRE-SCHOOL &  
EXTENDED SCHOOL CARE**

Sparkles extended school care opens 5 days a week starting with a Breakfast Club from 7.45am and closes with an afterschool club until 5.45pm. There are a range of sessions at varying prices.

***For more information, please contact the school office - Tel 01785 895664***

**Sparkles Pre-School now has places available for two and three year olds. You may be eligible for up to 15 hours FREE childcare as part of Early Years funded places offered via Staffordshire County Council**

***For more information, please contact Mrs Knott - Tel 01785 356104***

**CONTACT DETAILS**

It is always important that the school hold the most up to date contact details. Please ensure you have notified the school office of any changes of address and/or telephone numbers.

**The School Office**

We would like to welcome Miss Cochrane to the school office. Mrs Smith is now the office manager and Miss Allen is the school administrator. We are all here to help and answer any questions parents may have.

Amongst other duties, Miss Cochrane will be responsible for all the administration of Sparkles afterschool clubs, if you would like to book afterschool clubs or have queries on billing, please call her on 01785 895664.

The school office is open from 8.30am – 4.30pm and there is always an answer phone facility to leave messages.

**Dates for your Diary...**

Wed 14.09.16	Year 1 and 2 Parent Workshop 8.45am
Fri 16.09.16	Messy Church 3.15pm
Tues 20.09.16	School Photographer – Individual Portrait
Wed 21.09.16	Year 3 & 4 Parent Workshop
Mon 26.09.16	School closed – Staff Training Day
Wed 28.09.16	Year 5 & 6 Parent Workshop
Wed 05.10.16	Nur & Rec Parent Workshop
Fri 07.10.16	Harvest at the Church

**NURSERY WOULD LIKE ANY GOOD QUALITY WICKER BASKETS, PICNIC BASKETS OR BOXES WHICH YOU MAY HAVE SPARE AT HOME.**

**MESSY CHURCH**

NEXT SESSIONS FRIDAY 16th September, Friday 14th October and Friday 11th November. Messy Church runs once a month in the school hall. If your child enjoys, craft activities, stories, fun and food, then 'Messy Church' is for you and all your family. The sessions are free of charge from 3.15pm – 4.30pm.

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

Mr Blackham, our sports coach, has just achieved a qualification: "Teaching Intermediate Primary Gymnastics" offered by the British Gymnastics Association. This will enhance the provision of gymnastics at Doxey.