

At 3.15pm

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At 3.15pm,
Every light turns off,
A soundless class room yawns,
With empty plastic chairs,
And tweating birds.

At 3.15pm,
Car engines rage like an angry lion,
Desks slide out of their original place,
Trains chuckle alongside the tracks,
And pens disappear.

At 3.15pm,
The class calms down,
Abandoned books lay still,
Unmarked books finally get marked,
And the classroom deeply falls asleep at 3.15pm.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Thursday 26th May

A guide dog called 'Elmo' and his owner Alison will be visiting the school next week. Elmo will visit each class and Alison will talk about, some of his amazing skills, how he was trained, the costs involved and how Guide Dogs help their blind owners lead an independent life.

SAFER SCHOOLS

PCSO Jenny Ludlow-Smith will be in school, Tuesday 24th May to talk to Y5 and Y6 about how to safe around dogs.

TALK HOMEWORK – NURSERY CLASS

This week we will be talking about our feelings. We will be thinking about what makes us happy and sad and what we can do to make others happy. You can help your child by talking to them about their feelings when they are happy or sad at home.

This week's nursery rhyme is "If you're Happy and you know it...", we look forward to seeing you all at 11.40am on Friday for our nursery rhyme performance.

Thank You
Miss Callen (Class Teacher)

TALK HOMEWORK – RECEPTION CLASS

Last week we discussed the value of books and reading daily. I have promised to read to the children as a whole class twice daily plus listening to children read individually throughout the week. The children have also promised to read a book from our book corner everyday by themselves or with a friend.

I would like to invite parents to come in after school every afternoon, with their child, to choose a 'Night time book' from our book corner. Please enjoy the story together at home and return/swap the book the following afternoon after school.

DOXEY REPORTERS

Nya, Aaron and Finley visited year 6 this week and wrote the following short report:

We asked Abbie in Year 6 what they are learning about. Abbie told us their IPC theme is 'Go with the Flow' it's all about rivers and boats. "We used recycling to make rafts" explained Abbie.

What was exciting to hear was that Year 5 and Year 6 will be going to the town park to see if their rafts float.

A Taste of Italy Themed Lunch Day

Thursday 19th May

Main meals

Cheese & Tomato Margherita Pizza

Or

Traditional Italian Macaroni Cheese

On the side

Baked Potato Wedges

Mama's Roasted Vegetable Medley

Mediterranean Mixed Salad

For dessert

Italian Marble Cake with Mixed Berries & Custard

Cooks Homemade Traybake

Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

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There is no need to pre-order and the cost of a lunch is £2.15. All lunches must be paid in advance, using the secure online payment system "Parent Pay" or at any store that has a Pay Point facility.

YEAR 1 PARENT PHONICS WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 19th MAY at 8.45am

On Thursday Mrs Branson will be running a phonics workshop for parents with children in Year1. This workshop will help you support your child in preparing for their phonics screening test.

YEAR 5 and 6 IPC Theme

"Go With the Flow"

Weather permitting on Tuesday 24th May in the afternoon, the children will be taking the boats they made using recycling to "Victoria Park" in Stafford to see if they float. All children need to wear school uniform and will be accompanied by the appropriate adult ratio. Should the weather be unsuitable (too wet) they will go on the next fine weather afternoon.

NEW BABY CLINIC/HEALTH VISITOR SESSIONS

ALTERNATIVE FRIDAYS

NEXT SESSION Friday 20th May

10am until 11.30am at the Doxey Hub.

For further Information call: 01785 254647



Now that the weather is hopefully getting warmer ALL children must have suncream applied before coming into Sparkles. Also it would be ideal to keep a sun hat in their school bag for outdoor play.

We are also encouraging the children to be independent, please support us with this and encourage independence at home e.g. getting dressed, putting shoes on etc.

PLEASE LABEL ALL CHILDREN'S BELONGINGS

Sparkles Pre School currently have spaces available, sessions run Monday to Friday from 8.45am – 3.15pm, and are competitively priced at £14 per morning or afternoon session and £2 for a lunchtime session. There are also **FREE PLACES** available for 2 year olds (subject to meeting a set criteria) and 3 year olds.

SPARE CLOTHES

There are times when the children require spare clothing to change into. If you have any spare trousers, skirts, underwear, socks or tights that you no longer need at home please send any unwanted items to Sparkles for our spares box.

Dates

Thurs	19.05.16	Yr1 Parent Phonics Workshop Themed Lunch – Taste of Italy
Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – School Closed – Half Term		
Mon	06.06.16	School re-opens
Wed	08.06.16	Tempest Team Photos Y6 Road Safety talk – Getting to High School
Wed	22.06.16	Y5 St Mary's Church – Open Door
Thurs	07.07.16	Y5/Y6 Bikeability
Fri	08.07.16	Y5/Y6 Bikeability



IN HOT & SUNNY WEATHER

As the summer is approaching please ensure children are adequately protected from the sun. High protection sun cream needs to be applied prior to school and caps or hats can be worn when the children are outside.



CLASS WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE

For week ending ...13.05.16

Year 6 – 99.25%

Here's how all the other classes performed...

Rec – 98.8%, Year 1 – 96.1%,

Year 2 – 98.1%, Year 3 – 96.05%, Year 4 – 92.6% and

Y5 – 92.8%.