

EASTER SCHOOL FAIR

Thursday 6th April 3.15pm—4.30pm

In order to raise funds for the school we are holding an Easter Fair. We will be having several non-uniform days (mufti days) in exchange for donations to stalls.

Friday 24th March (Red Nose Day—Wear Pyjamas/Onsie) — 50p Donation to Comic Relief &

Donation for the chocolate tombola

Friday 31st March— Sweets Donations.

DONATIONS FOR THE CAKE STALL CAN BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL ON THE MORNING OF THURSDAY

6th APRIL (THE DAY OF THE FAIR)

We would also be grateful if anyone has any spare time to volunteer setting up and help running stalls, please contact the office if you are able to help.



Easter Competition

Mrs Nickolls has organized a 'decorate an egg outline' competition. Children can buy a design sheet from their class teacher for 50p and the closing date for all entries is Monday 3rd April. There will be prize for a child in EYFS, KS1 and KS2.

**Easter Service at Doxey Church
Friday 7th April 2pm**

The children will be walking to Doxey church for the Easter service. Parents, Grandparents or carers are able to attend the service, and *it would be lovely if we had some volunteer parents to help escort the children to and from the church. After the service refreshments will be served. If you are able to help and walk with the children, please inform your child's class teacher.*

EASTER LUNCH

Thursday 6th April

Choose a main meal...

**Traditional Roast Turkey with Gravy or
Vegetarian Quorn Roast with Gravy (V)**

On the side...

**Crispy Roast Potatoes and Creamy Mash, Broccoli and
Baton Carrots**

For dessert...

**Hot Chocolate and Orange Fudge Cake with Custard or
Cooks Homemade Crunchy Biscuit**

Meals are £2.15 per child unless your child is in receipt of

Free school meals or is in Reception and KS1 and receives Universal Free School Meals

(Please note there maybe a price increase before this date but we will keep you informed)

No Pre-booking required



KS2 Easter Explorers at the Church

This week the children will be taking part in Easter Workshops at Doxey Church.

The pupils will travel with a Story Guide through the important events of Easter; stopping to examine key places and people, the children will be asked to consider the special "Wonder Question" to help them think about their own response to the story.

The event will also include craft, games and story telling which will help the children develop their understanding of this Christian festival.

Monday 20th March AM session—Y4

PM Session—Y3

Tuesday 21st March AM Session— Y6

PM Session—Y5

Unfortunately we had to cancel our 'Celebration Assembly' on Friday due to an urgent safety assembly . Please see the 'Stay Safe' item below.

STAY SAFE

KEEP OFF RAILWAY LINES AND REMEMBER ROAD SAFETY.



It has been reported to a member of staff that children have been seen playing on or near the railway tracks. As an urgent matter Mrs Layton led an assembly discussing the dangers of railway lines and roads safety. We are also looking to invite someone from the emergency services to give talks to KS2 children. It would be helpful if parents could also speak to their children regarding the dangers of railway tracks and roads.

Thank you for your support

RECEPTION PARENT WORKSHOP

Thursday 23rd March 8.45am

Bright Sparks would like to invite their parents to a workshop where they are keen for you to see a slide show of recent class activities .

Mrs Cliffe would like to show parents how the children start their morning with handwriting.

We look forward to seeing you.



Bright Sparks – Talk Homework

We have enjoyed spring walks around the school grounds , looking for signs of spring.

We have also learnt how to complete addition and subtraction calculations this week. Could you please practice these recall facts for addition. How many recall facts do you know...

0+0= 0+1= 0+2= 0+3= 0+4= 0+5= 0+6= 0+7= 0+8= 0+9 =

Thank you, Mrs Cliffe.



RED NOSE DAY

**FRIDAY 24th MARCH
WEAR PYJAMAS/ONESIE TO
SCHOOL**

For a donation of 50p and a donation of a chocolate for the chocolate tombola, on Friday children can wear pyjamas or onesies to school for the day.

KS2 Hobby Days

The annual 'Hobby Day' dates are:

Year 5 & 6 – Tuesday 28th March

Year 3 & 4 – Tuesday 4th April

We look forward to seeing all the interesting hobbies which children devote their time too. We will send out a reminder sheet today.

KS2 MOTHER'S DAY MEAL

Parents who have booked a place at this weeks Mother's Day lunch are to arrive at the school office at 12.10pm.

We forward to seeing you.

TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE:

Please ensure mobile phones are switched off before entering the school, do not take pictures of the children, we have children in the school who cannot be photographed. Please ensure you leave the school once you have eaten and do not follow your child to the playground or classrooms.

NEW SENCo

Following Mrs Clarke's departure, Mrs Jones is now our SENCo in school

Mrs Jones has a wealth of experience in this role. If you would like to see Mrs Jones please contact the school office.

Attendance Welfare Worker In School

The Education Welfare Worker was in school last week discussing attendance and lateness. Letters will be sent out this week for children that were reviewed.

PRICE INCREASE FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES

We have been informed by Entrust and Chartwells that there will be a price increase for school lunches as of 1st April 2017. We are still awaiting details of the new pricing and we will pass it on to parents as soon as we have it.

YEAR 6 SATs 2017

The dates for the Year 6 SATs have been released. They will take place week commencing Monday 8th May .
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL YEAR 6 CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL THAT WEEK, PLEASE AVOID BOOKING MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

SATs Timetable

Monday	8th May	English Reading
Tuesday	9th May	English grammar, punctuation, and spelling Paper 1: questions English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2 : spelling
Wednesday	10th May	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday	11th May	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

CLASS WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE For week ending ...17th March 2017

Year 6—99.5%

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

Bright Sparks— 94.4%, Year 1— 97.15%, Year 2— 97.4%, Year 3—96.3%, Year 4— 97.75% and Year 5— 94.2%

Accelerated Reading Programme

Word count for week ending Friday 17th March...

Year 2 – 11,963, Year 3 – 51,373, Year 4 – 135,704,
Year 5 – 325,893 and Year 6 - 252,099

Well done to Miss Laing who completed the Stafford Half Marathon yesterday and well done to Mrs Nickolls and Mrs Smith on taking part in the Stafford Fun Run with their children. We are so proud of you!

Dates for your diary...		
Monday	20th March	Y3 & Y4 Easter Explorers at the Church
Tuesday	21st March	Y5 & Y6 Easter Explorers at the Church
Thursday	23rd March	KS2 Mothers Day Lunch—12.15pm
Friday	24th March	RED NOSE DAY Pyjama Day 50p Donation / Chocolate Day
Tuesday	28th March	Year 5 & 6 Hobby Afternoon from 2pm—School Hall
Friday	31st March	MUFTI DAY for donations of sweets
Tuesday	4th April	Year 3 & 4 Hobby Afternoon from 2pm—School Hall
Thursday	6th April	Cake donations for the school fair
Thursday	6th April	Easter Lunch
Thursday	6th April	School Easter Fair 3.15pm—4.30pm
Friday	7th April	Easter Service at the Church 2pm

VACANCY FOR PARENT GOVERNOR

We have a vacancy for a Parent to serve as a Governor of the School. The Governing Body has a significant role in the Strategic Leadership of the School and as such Parent Governors can make an important contribution to the development of policies and priorities and in overseeing the school budget.

Although not essential, the Governing Board would benefit from new members who have knowledge or experience in Primary Education or in Early Years provision; however, the most important requirement is that Governors should have a strong commitment to raising standards and developing the services offered by the school.

Training is offered to all new Governors.

If we receive more than one application, the position will be decided through a full secret ballot which will be open to the parents of all children currently registered at the school - the term of office is 4 years.

If you are interested in applying or would like to find out more about the role, please contact the school office.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS MONDAY 27TH MARCH.



NEW APP CHIDLIN APP...

"For Me"



NSPCC's Childline is today launching an app said to be the first to provide counselling to young people directly through their smartphone.

Invented by four teenagers who wanted to use technology to address the urgent need for confidential support among young people, the 'For Me' app is free to download in the UK and Channel Islands and has been specifically designed for discreet usage.

The app utilises all of Childline's online services - from the 1-2-1 chat function with a counsellor, the 'Ask Sam' problem pages and entrance to a private locker, in which is a daily mood tracker and personal journal.

Childline was created by Dame Esther Rantzen 30 years ago and was reliant upon the use of public telephone boxes across the country to provide a safe way for children to communicate with support services. With technological developments, the methods of communication have widened the availability of support services. Last year, 1.8 million sessions on the [Childline website](#) were conducted via mobile devices.

Funded by Barclays, the free app is now available on the iOS [App Store](#), with a version for Android phones expected "soon."