



# Abbey Road News

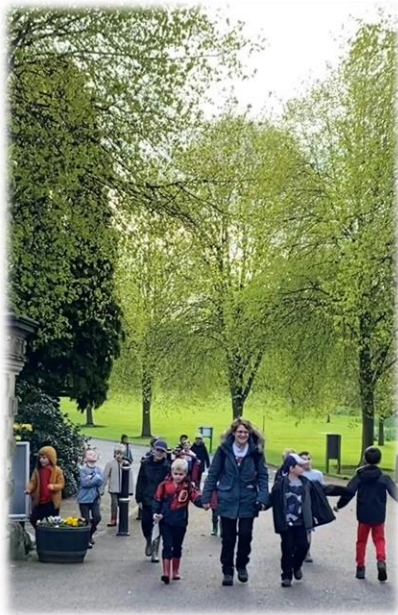
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Dear Parents/Carers

## Beaumanor Hall – Year 2

Our Year 2 children had the most amazing overnight visit to Beaumanor Hall. They enjoyed lots of time outdoors - exploring habitats, creating art and practising being members of Robin Hood's band of merry men! They demonstrated all of our 'take care' values in abundance and we were so proud of each and every one. Smiles and laughter were also a-plenty, which made for a very happy few days. Here are a few pictures of our adventures – you can find more on our twitter (X) feed and website.



Massive thanks to the staff team involved in organising the trip and accompanying the children. Residential visits involve a lot of work, but the experience is so rewarding and it is such a pleasure to watch the children develop independence, grow in confidence and enjoy time with their classmates in a different environment.

## Arriving at School on Time

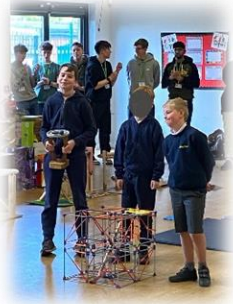
We have noticed an increasing number of children arriving at school late at the moment. Our lessons begin at 8.50am and all children should be in school by this time. Arriving on time is important for a number of reasons:

- Children who are regularly late miss so much learning over time and this has a significant impact on their academic progress.
- It can be very unsettling for a child to enter their class once the day has started.
- Late arrival is disruptive for others – staff and children.
- Arriving on time helps children to develop good habits for when they are older and more independent.
- It is the legal responsibility of parent/carers to ensure that children attend school on time each day.

If there is a particular reason why you are finding it difficult to arrive at school on time, please discuss this with your child's class teacher, with me or Mrs Lovett - our Family Link Worker. We would be happy to suggest some practical strategies to help.

## SciTech Final

The Equals Trust Grand Final of the marble roller coaster challenge took place just before the Easter holidays and our Abbey Road winners excelled themselves in the competition.



Our Key Stage 1 finalist finished in second place for

distance travelled and won the ingenious design medal; our lower key stage 2 team also finished in second place for distance and our upper key stage 2 group won the overall distance prize, with a marble that travelled off the end of the course! It was a super afternoon, and we were very proud of our young engineers!



## Slapped Cheek Syndrome

During the last few weeks, we have received reports of a few confirmed cases of slapped cheek syndrome. If you are not aware of the illness, it is very common in children and can cause the following symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A runny nose and sore throat
- A headache

These symptoms are then followed by a red rash on one or both cheeks. It's hard to avoid spreading slapped cheek syndrome because most people do not know they have it until they get the rash, and it can only be spread to other people before the rash appears.

For most people, slapped cheek syndrome gets better on its own and there is no requirement to stay off school after the rash appears.

However, for some people (eg: those with certain blood disorders and/or weakened immune systems), the illness can cause serious complications and so it is very important that you let us know if slapped cheek has been diagnosed – or if you strongly suspect your child has the illness. Many thanks.

Further information can be found on the NHS website: [Slapped cheek syndrome - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



## Equals Trust – Let's Sing!

At the end of March, Year 6 Glee Club members joined choirs from other Equals Trust schools to take part in this year's 'Let's Sing' event at Nottingham's Albert Hall. The children sang a number of songs altogether, raising the roof with their impressive sound!

Our children also performed Carly Simon's 'Let the River Run' – the soundtrack from the 1980's film Working Girl, which is a favourite of mine!

## NSPCC – Listen Up, Speak Up

The NSPCC have produced a new, ten-minute information video designed to support people in knowing what to do if they suspect a child is at risk of abuse. Listen up, Speak up will show you:

- some signs a child might be at risk, and steps you can take to help
- how to approach difficult conversations to help keep children safe
- who you can contact if you're ever concerned about a child or their family.

Follow this link to access the training: [Listen up, Speak up | NSPCC](#)

In Nottinghamshire, safeguarding concerns can be reported to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub. Contact details for the MASH team can be found on the Nottinghamshire County Council website: [Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub \(MASH\) | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

## Dates for the Term Ahead (more will be added during the weeks ahead)

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Recorder recital – 9am</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Digital Leaders meeting (Y6 reps)</b>
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>HSA Safari Sale</b>
w/b Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Year 6 assessment week (SATs)</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Year 6 Mayan Day</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>HSA cake sale</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Year 4 visit to River Trent/Gunthorpe</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Year 6 residential visit</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>INSET day</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>HSA meeting – 8pm at the Willow Tree</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Equals Trust frisbee tournament – Y6 team</b>
w/b 10 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Phonics screening – year 1</b> (Children carry out this short assessment of their phonics knowledge with their class teacher on a 1:1 basis.)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Disco – 6.15-7.15 – Reception &amp; Key Stage 1</b> 7.30-8.30 – Key Stage 2
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Music Concert – 6.15pm</b> (Glee Club, orchestra & Y5/6 instrumentalists - more details to follow)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Bike Club visit to Hicks Lodge</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>HSA Summer Fair – 3.30-5.30pm</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Y6 production at Rushcliffe Spencer Academy</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Y6 production at Rushcliffe Spencer Academy</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>INSET day</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>E-safety information evening for Key Stage 2 parents &amp; carers – 6pm</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 6 transition visit to Rushcliffe Spencer Academy</b> <b>Reception – Year 5 - 'Move up morning'</b> <b>New Reception children visiting school</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>am – Key Stage 2 'Potted Sports'</b> <b>pm – Key Stage 2 Sports Day</b>

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July – Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 6 Bike Club cycling residential</b>
w/b Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Sports/Health Week</b> <i>There will be a range of activities linked to physical activity, health and wellbeing taking place during the week. Some are listed below.</i>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Scooter workshops</b>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>pm – Reception/Key Stage 1 Sports Day</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>BMX workshops</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 6 &amp; families leavers' disco</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Y5 STEM day at Rushcliffe Spencer Academy</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>pm- Equals Trust combined orchestra performance</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Last day of term</b>

Best wishes,

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