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Friday 17th March 2023

Our Family Big Lent Walk will be this Saturday 18th March. All are welcome to join us (including well behaved dogs on leads). We will meet at the Manvers Boat House at 11am. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult. All monies raised will go to CAFOD. Families can use the sponsor form brought home or click on the link below to make direct donations to CAFOD.
https://cafod.org.uk/

Year 3 are organising the chocolate raffle this year. Children are invited to come to school dressed in uniform with Easter accessorises in exchange for Easter eggs next Thursday 23rd March. Raffle tickets will be sold from Monday at £1 a strip and the raffle will be drawn in the last week of term.

We will once again be holding our Easter Bonnet competition on Monday 31st March. Children can enter for £1. There will be a Grand Parade on Friday 31st March then the School Council will judge winners in each class. Please note that bonnets should not be brought into school before this date.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 18th March – Big Lent Walk 11am at Manvers Boat House
Monday 20th March – no VEX club until further notice
Monday 20th March – raffle tickets for Easter Egg raffle on sale from today
Monday 20th March – Y5 Gospel Assembly all welcome
Tuesday 21st March – St Pius Movement Evening Y4 dancers to perform
Wednesday 22nd March – Y6 booster class
Thursday 23rd March – Easter Accessories Day in exchange for an Easter egg
Thursday 23rd March – Y4 Outdoor and Indoor Games clubs
Friday 24th March – Y1 Games club
Friday 24th March – Y1/2 Gymnastics club
Friday 24th March – Mac the dog to Y5
Friday 24th March – Y5/6 girls to Football Festival
Monday 27th March – Y6/F2 Gospel Assembly all welcome. Please note this was an error on last week's newsletter. This assembly will be at **10am.**
Friday 31st March – Easter Bonnet Competition and Grand Parade
Friday 31st March – school closes for Easter Holiday
Monday 17th April – School reopens to all pupils

Open Afternoons and Parent/carer meetings

Open afternoons 2-3pm. Parents and carers are very welcome to come into school to share work with children.

Y1 and Y2 - Tuesday 21st March
Y5 and Y6 - Wednesday 22nd March
Y3 and Y4 - Friday 24th March
F1 and F2 - Monday 27th March

Wonderful News!

Huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Shillaw on the birth of their daughter on Wednesday this week! We can't wait to meet her! While Mr Shillaw is on paternity leave up to Easter, Mrs Hutton will be teaching in Y4 with Mrs Hale teaching on Fridays.

100 Years of the Totty Cup

Many of you will know that we take part in the Totty Cup Tournament every year. We have received this invitation to share with parents and carers in this centenary year.

The Totty Cup Centenary Finals afternoon - Thursday 23rd March at Dearne Welfare S63 9EH.
100 years of school football in our area will be celebrated with the Barlow-Salmons final at 2.30pm followed by the Totty Cup at 3.45pm.
All welcome (no dogs though). Free Entry. Hot food, snacks and drinks available. Programmes £2. Centenary pin-badges £3.
More details at the facebook event page: https://fb.me/e/rJWggM7Ha

Montagu Cup Final

For the first time ever, primary school children will be admitted free (with a £3 paying adult) to the Montagu Cup final on Easter Monday, April 10th at 11am at the Fireparts Ground, Hampden Road, Mexborough S64 9JN.
This is the oldest football final still to be played at its original venue. A crowd of 1,000+ is expected to see Mexborough's Dog Daisy United face Dearne & District. More at www.montagucup.com/

The Totty Cup Centenary Book

This will be ready in time for Christmas. Pre-order the book at a reduced price and get your name (or that of a loved one) included.
The book will also cover 50 years of the Barlow-Salmons; the Don & Dearne representative team, plus players from our patch to make it at an elite level of football.

2023 Rotherham Schools 1 Mile Run

Today, Ray Matthews came to assembly to inspire us with his incredible running stories. The 2023 Rotherham Schools 1 Mile Competition is on Sunday 14th May at Clifton Park. The race starts at 12.00. All Rotherham school age children are invited to take part. Please text school if your child would like to take part and we will pay the entry fee. Some of the school staff are running too!

Jess Cup

Congratulations to this week's winner of the Jess Cup, Noah Waller! Well done!

Attendance

Congratulations to F2 who won the Attendance Bear with a very strong 97% this week.

Whole School Attendance 96% Target 96%

Please ensure children arrive punctually at school each day. The gate is open between 8.30 and 8.45am. Late arrival disrupts everyone's learning.

Online Safety

The Rotherham Community Safety Team has received information relating to: Wizz App. The content of Wizz App poses a potential risk to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

We have been asked to share this information with parents and carers and request that parents and carers remain vigilant in monitoring the online activity of their children. An information leaflet has been sent with this newsletter.

Easter Holiday Clubs

With this newsletter you will also receive a leaflet regarding Easter Holiday Clubs available at a variety of venues across Rotherham. Clubs are open to all primary age children and children in receipt of free school meals can access clubs at no cost. Please contact school if you need an access code.