



Maney Hill Newsletter

10th March 2017

Dates for your diary

updates in red

March

21st – Reception Mother's Day

April

7th – last day of term

May

w/b 2nd – Parents' Evening (drop-in)

3rd – Y3 Parents' Workshop

16th – 1J Class Assembly

23rd – 1B Class Assembly

26th – Staff Training Day

w/b 29th – half term week

June

8th – Y4 Parents' Workshop

12th – Bikeability

13th – Y2 Class Assembly

27th – RF Class Assembly

28th & 29th – Buddies Assemblies

July

11th – RM Class Assembly

w/b 17th – Open Afternoon & Parents' Evening (drop-in)

19th – Y6 Leavers' Production

21st – last day of term for children

24th & 25th – Staff Training Days

September

4th – Staff Training Day

5th – Autumn Term starts

October

23rd – 27th – half term week

November

December

21st – last day of term

22nd – Staff Training Day

January

8th – Spring Term starts

February

19th – 23rd – half term week

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Dear Parents and Carers

It feels like Spring has sprung this week. At lunchtime, the children were able to get the chinks out and draw some wonderful pictures and patterns on the front playground. At Bluebirds after school the children were out in the playground playing a variety of games and enjoying the much better weather. It also feels like a week for history - the Year 3 class had a great trip to Tamworth Castle and the Year 4 class taught us many interesting facts about The Ancient Greeks.

Mrs Whitehead

Year 3 to Tamworth Castle



On Tuesday 7th March, Year 3 went to visit Tamworth Castle to enrich our English work on castles. We had a guided tour of both the inside and outside of the castle, including the dungeon, Great Hall, bedrooms and tower. Children were a credit to the school and behaved excellently throughout until they decided to finish the day by throwing Mr McNicholas into the castle jail!

Year 4 Class Assembly The Ancient Greeks!



School Expansion Update

The school expansion has been ticking along this week.

The electrician was in school, met with Mrs Bearley.....and looked at all things electrical!

Mike (our IT technician) and Mrs Mills have been in contact with the LA and Link2ICT to ensure that we have sufficient internet.

Mrs Mills has been liaising with Balfour Beatty to enable the PTA to have a new storage area as their current garages are going to be removed.

The PTA (including Mrs Smith and Miss Cipko) met this week. We are delighted that the PTA are still planning lots of events for families. The availability of playground space throughout the building work may be challenging but our fantastic PTA plan to work around it!

Please remember that the school doors open in the morning at 8.45am. Before that time the playground is unsupervised and children should not be in school without a parent or other adult.

School Funding

Many of you may be aware of the very challenging situation that schools are facing with funding.

The Headteacher together with the School Business Manager and Governing Body Finance Committee manage the budget. Together we manage it very carefully with the focus always on providing the best possible school for all the children. We are proud to have never been in a deficit budget and to have been able to continually improve the school.

However, school budgets are being squeezed. We are aware of the challenge and looking into ways of increasing our income, such as through grants, and we continue to be very careful about what we do spend money on.

You can find more information on a parent-led campaign:

www.fairfundingforallschools.org

www.schoolcuts.org.uk/



**Congratulations to
Class 1B and Year 3
Lunchtime Classes of the Week**



RM Dylan Jarrett & Faith McCallion

RF Lulu Michael & Jude Gibbons

**1B Harry Cooper &
Jasmine Mendez-Brown**

1J Isabella Drew & Sarem Rizwan

Year 2 Karandeep Kaur & Rebecca Bye

Year 3 Whole Class

Year 4 Whole Class

Year 5 Maddie Tross & Leo Phelps

Year 6 Oscar Ware & Finn Thornley