

# STARS

## March Newsletter

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Here is the latest newsletter from Lakeside at the start of a short half term. Many apologies for the closure at the start of the week- this was unavoidable as the lack of adequate heating made conditions very difficult. The decision to close Thursday and Friday due to excessive snow was not taken lightly and like many Derby City schools we aim to be open when possible but the safety of all pupils and staff is our priority. World Book Day will now be on this Thursday (8th) so please dress as your favourite character as we will be learning about different authors.

As always staffing changes are afoot once again. At the end of term Mrs McMahon starts her Maternity Leave and Mrs Atkin leaves Lakeside after 4 years for a career change. This means that we welcome two new teachers to the team-Miss Morley (2C) and Mr Powell (5A).

We have noticed that there are still a few P/Cs who have not signed up to Dojo. It is really easy to do and is important to access as we communicate regularly through this. Please ask if you need help with this.

Mrs Baker-Heath

### Attendance

Currently the school attendance is 94%. This is clearly a focus as we need to improve this to at least 96%. We understand that children do have periods when they are unwell, however, there are too many odd days of schooling lost by many of our pupils across the school year and these will be followed up by our attendance team in school. Please remember that, in accordance with DCC policy, we are unable to authorise holidays taken in term time and fine will be issued. At the end of the school year anyone with an attendance level of 96% or above will be entered into a prize draw for an exciting prize (to be confirmed) and 100% attenders will enter the draw for a tablet. We are also discussing with school council next week other rewards for best class attendance each week.

Mrs Baker-Heath

### Reminders about site

The car park area gets very busy, particularly early in the morning. Only staff vehicles are permitted here and any pedestrians should use the side 'Main' gate and not walk through the car park as vehicles are manoeuvring. We would also ask learners to remember that scooters and cycles need to be walked through the playground and not ridden. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Mrs Baker-Heath

### Ofsted Inspection

Thank you to all P/Cs who took time to give their views on 'Parent view' about school. We are currently awaiting the final report which will be with us in a few weeks.

## Sport Relief

Tuesday 20th March

We would like to, once again to raise money for this charity and know that the children really enjoy joining in with these fund raising days. Learners are encouraged to dress in sportswear for the day for a 50p donation. We will be sending out some physical challenges for children to complete- please encourage them to try these over the next few weeks and into the Easter holiday by sponsoring them. We will also try some during PE sessions. We will also have some Sport relief accessories that you can buy with proceeds going to the charity. Let's have some fun and get fitter!

## Hearing readers

We are looking to increase the numbers of volunteers who may be available to help us listen to readers in school. If you think that you could spare a couple of hours each week to aid us in school please speak to Mrs Knibbs or ask in the school office. You will be asked to complete a DBS for safeguarding purposes and this will take a few weeks to process.

Mrs Knibbs

## Recycling

As a school we try to be active in being environmentally friendly. We are also looking at ways to decrease our use of plastics and school council will be discussing this at their next meeting. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. Don't forget that we recycle pens, paper, card, plastics, biscuit wrappers etc.

## PE Kit

There are still children who come to school without their PE kit. Kit should be in school at the start of the half term and left in school. Kit is then sent home to be washed at the end of the half term. If Kit is not already in school, please make sure it is sent in. The majority of the lessons for the rest of the academic year will be outside, weather permitting, so please also have a track suit and appropriate footwear in school as well. If you do want to take home more regularly to wash then please ensure it comes straight back in., including the appropriate footwear (pumps inside and trainers for outdoors). Reminders will be sent via Dojo if this does not happen. Mrs Baker-Heath

## Chair@lakeside

Don't forget that our next Parent Forum is to take place on Monday 5th March at 5pm in Southgate Hall and is a great opportunity to offer your opinions and suggestions to help us move the school forwards.

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## Easter Celebrations/Competitions



During the last week of this half term the Year 3s will be leading our Easter celebration in the Wilmorton hall on Thursday 22nd March- two performances 9.15 and 10.15am. You are welcome to join us for one of them.

For Foundation & KS1 (Nursery, Yr1 & 2) it is time to get creative with designing and making your Easter bonnet as the 2018 parade will be at 9 am on the top playground on Wednesday 21st March. You are welcome to come and watch this. For afternoon Nursery there will be a parade at 12.30pm in the FS play area.

KS2 learners (Yr3, 4, 5 and 6) will have a separate competition on the same day and are invited to enter a decorated egg to be judged. This could be a patterned one or a character- let's see how inventive you can be. Please bring your egg to the table in the entrance area (near the office) at 8.45am.



## World Book Day Star Reading



Following World Book Day this year there is a theme 'Share a Story' to promote reading and sharing books. We have set the 'World Book Day Sharing Stories Reading' challenge to all of our learners. (attached to Stars). There are 20 challenges to complete and the reward for this will be a bonus 10 reading Dojos. When your child has completed all the reading tasks please tick each one, sign and date and it can then be handed to the class teacher to get the Dojo rewards. Remember if you also record each reading session in your child's reading record they will also get a normal reading Dojo for reading three times in a week.

There is lots of useful information on the World Book Day website and a great video 'Sharing Stories with your Kids- Top Ten Tips' listing the benefits of sharing books with your children - whatever age they are. <http://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/share-a-story/>

You can also find the 'Story Time Online' section with books being read out for your children to watch. I have shared some of these with children in assembly this week. <http://www.worldbookday.com/story-time-online/>

Enjoy having fun reading, sharing stories and getting lost in new worlds, characters and adventures, along the way.

Mrs Baker-Heath



## Family Learning



We have managed to set up two family learning opportunities starting after Easter that we think will really help some of our families. 'Story Sacks' will run at the Children's centre and will be a good opportunity for P/Cs of our youngest children (FS1 & 2) to make resources which will develop the love of reading with children.

'Keeping up with the children' is a supportive chance to meet a Family learning tutor who will aid P/Cs understanding of their child's homework and the child can join the meeting at 3.30 to complete their work. A win-win situation for all and this will take place in school.

Story Sacks

Keeping up with the Children

We hope that you will sign up for one of these opportunities- please ask at the office as there are limited places available.

Mrs Knibbs

Story Sacks	Tue	09.30-11.00	6 wks	10/04/18	15/05/18
Keeping up with the Children	Mon	2.45-4.15	13 wks	09/04/18	16/07/18