



Aston Fence J&I School Newsletter March 2024



World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated in style with lots of reading related activities taking place throughout school. It was wonderful to see the children in their outfits and sleepwear - thank you for helping them look so fantastic. The most popular activity of the day was completing entries for Jude's Book Factory Competition which is being run by Lucy and Arron (Jude's parents). We have pre-warned them that there are a lot of amazing designs heading their way!

Red Nose Day



As you may be aware, this year's Comic Relief Red Nose Day is Friday 15th March. The national theme for the event is supporting those in need during the current living crisis, focussing on issues like lack of food and homelessness.

To do our bit and raise money for this worthwhile cause, we are asking children to wear something red next Friday (instead of their uniform) for a 50p donation.

We will also be using Red Nose Day as a learning opportunity to help our pupils explore the issues facing young children across the world and how the money we raise can help.

We really appreciate your support with this event and will let you know how much we raise as soon as possible.

Staffing Update

Mrs Robinson will be leaving us shortly after Easter to begin her maternity leave. Her baby is due in May and we can't wait to meet her new arrival.

Easter Disco

We are holding an Easter disco on Wednesday 27th March from 5-6.30pm. All classes are invited to attend. Tickets cost £2 (payable on the door) which includes a drink and a packet of crisps.



Easter Raffle Reminder



Easter Raffle – Thank you to everyone who has supported our endeavours to raise funds to organise for a theatre company to visit school in order to further enhance our curriculum. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 28th March. Tickets are still available at £1 a strip. If you would like to purchase some, please send the money into the school office in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on.



New Dinner Menu

A new dinner menu will be served after the Easter holidays, commencing with week 1 on the 17th April 2023. We will be offering children a new 3 choice menu and the options available will be meat, vegetarian or jacket potato with filling. Children will be given a paper copy to take home and the new menu will also be available on our website.

Free School Meals - Reminder

You can claim free school meals for a child who lives with you and who you are responsible for. Your claim will be automatically processed if you receive Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction and get any of the qualifying benefits.

Eligibility

Your child is eligible for Free School Meals if you get one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit. Provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 (as of 2014 financial year) as assessed by His Majesty's Revenue and Customs
- Working Tax Credit run-on. Paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Apply Online

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Rotherham Schools at www.rotherham.gov.uk



Dates for Your Diary

MARCH

Fri 15 Red Nose Day
Wed 20 Y2 Family Learning
Wed 27 Easter Disco – 5.00-6.30pm
Thu 28 **Last day of term – school closes for Easter**

APRIL

Mon 15 School open
Thu 18–Thu 11 July Y4 Swimming – 1.15pm

MAY

Mon 6 School closed - May Day
Mon 13–Fri 17 Y6 SATs week (and possibly the week after)
Tue 21 Class Photographs
Thu 23 Y5 Family Learning (details to follow)
Fri 24 Last day of half term

JUNE

Mon 3 Inset Day
Tue 4 School open
Tue 4–Fri 14 Y4 Multiplication Check
Fri 7 Y4 Family Learning (details to follow)
Mon 10–Fri 14 Y1 Phonics Screening
Fri 28 Inset Day

JULY

Thu 11 Y6 Family Learning (details to follow)
Mon 15–Fri 19 Y5 Bikeability (details to follow)
Mon 22 Y6 Leavers' Assembly (details to follow)
Mon 22 End of Year Disco – all pupils invited
Tue 23 Last day of term