



## Newsletter

March 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe it is nearly Easter! As I write this our 'Living Eggs' chicks have hatched and are causing lots of excitement. Our Post 16 pupils who went on a residential to Cheshire have just returned after a most enjoyable stay at the Wingate Centre.

Our after-school drama club has been very popular this term and they are working very hard on their performance of 'Romeo and Juliet' for the summer term.

We have recently had visits from teachers from outstanding schools across the country and headteachers from China. They have all been impressed by what they have seen and how hard the pupils try to do their best.

I hope you all have a happy Easter.

Lynn Slinger

P.E.

We are very proud that Forest Way sports teams have qualified to represent North West Leicestershire at the Spring Games in Boccia, Kurling and Basketball. Two pupils Freddie Bradley and Bradley Smith have been selected for Leicestershire Diamond Athletics Team and competed in a competition at Market Harborough. Well done to them all!

### Parents/Carers' meetings

The next meeting will be held at Forest Way on Tuesday 5 May. It is hoped that our school nurse Zena will be able to attend.

All parents/carers are welcome to attend to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.

### Helen Johnston's Retirement

If your son or daughter went to Menphys Nursery at Wigston or Burbage, you will remember Helen who has done a fantastic job leading both nurseries for many years. An invitation has been extended to you to attend a celebration to say a fond farewell to Helen. This event will take place at Sketchley Hill Menphys Nursery on Wednesday 17 June 2015 between 2.00 and 7.00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to go please reply to the following e-mail address:

**[hdaffern@sketchleyhill.leics.sch.uk](mailto:hdaffern@sketchleyhill.leics.sch.uk) or telephone  
01455 890684 by 17 May 2015**



## Fledglings

Fledglings is a charity which provides practical help to families of children with additional needs. They produce a newsletter which has links to many other companies and groups providing helpful information and advice. To access the Fledglings page please use this address:

[www.fledglings.org.uk](http://www.fledglings.org.uk)

From the home page you can navigate to many other areas including clothing, swimwear etc.



### Leicestershire Police

Please see the attached flyer issued by the Leicestershire Police in which they would like to make you aware of a video chat and messaging app that is currently being used by many young people. Please read the document and to ensure your son/daughter is not using this app to ensure their safety on the internet etc.

## School Food—New Menu

Attached is a new school lunch menu which will start on 27 April 2015. The menu is accredited with the Silver Catering Mark from Food for Life and meets the government's Food Based Standards.

If you think your son/daughter could be eligible for free school meals please telephone 0116 305 7093. A member of the School Food Support Team will be able to tell you immediately if your son/daughter is eligible to receive free school meals.

For every pupil eligible for free meals the school receives Pupil Premium funding from the government to provide additional support for your child.



## Parent Participation News

I have attached the Spring 2015 Issue of Parent Participation News—a publication supporting parents and carers with children and young adults with any additional needs or disability. I hope you find it useful and enjoy reading it.

# Diary Dates

Friday 27 March	School closes for Easter holiday
Monday 13 April	Summer term starts
Thursday and Friday 16—17 April	Some pupils on residential
Wednesday 22 April	Sound Tracks Workshop for some pupils
Monday 27 April	Some pupils to Table Cricket Event
Thursday 23 April	Some pupils to Spring Games at Loughborough University
Thursday 30 April	Some pupils to County/Regional Athletics
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 May	1.30 p.m. Parent/Carers' meeting
Wednesday 6 May	Some pupils taking part in a Festival of Sport
Thursday 7 May	Election Day! (School will be open as usual).
Thursday 7 May	5.30—7.00 p.m. Parent/Carers' Evening
Tuesday 12 May	Class group photos Year 8 girls HPV immunisations.
Wednesday 13 May	E-Safety afternoon
Friday 15 May	Some pupils to Boccia and Kurling
Tuesday 19 May	Some pupils to Outdoor Cricket
Friday 22 May	Lunchtime Street Party for all the school
Monday 25—Friday 29 May	Half term holiday
Wednesday 10 June	Kids Out to Drayton Manor Park and Interplay Theatre Company in School
Friday 19 June	Round the World Day Workshops—all help welcome
Monday 22 to Thursday 25 June	Oily Cart Theatre in school
Thursday 2 July	Some pupils to Primary Athletics
Thursday 2 July	6.30—8.30 p.m. Leavers' Celebration and Disco
Monday 6 to Friday 10 July	Activities Week <b>Monday 6</b> —Post 16 Prom <b>Wednesday 8</b> —1.45 p.m. Sports Day - this will not be rearranged if the weather is wet <b>Thursday 9</b> —Sports Awards Assembly
Friday 10 July	School closes for Summer holiday
Tuesday 1 September	Autumn Term starts