



The Weekly Hill

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Headteacher's Column

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for the Summer term. It has been a fantastic start to the term and we have even enjoyed some sunshine.

Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Stafford Castle and Year 4 enjoyed a visit from Kev Sutherland who ran a comic art masterclass. It has also been wonderful to welcome families in for class assemblies and at our Church Prayer mornings.

There are some new dates to take note of, including Sports Day so please see below for those.

We are looking forward to what we know will be another exciting half term of making memories at Etching Hill!

Mrs M Smith & Mrs A Morganti
Headteacher & Head of School

PTFA MEETING

Wednesday 1st May

6.30pm

All welcome to come along .



REMINDER: WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

There are several children who attend our school who have a serious allergy to NUTS. Can we please remind families that NO products that actually contain NUTS can come into school.

Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.

Equipment

To support with the ever challenging restrictions of our school budget, it would be very helpful if children could come to school with the correct equipment. Children are encouraged to bring **one** pencil case to school. Please see below for what the children will need.

Key stage one:

- ♦ Pencil
- ♦ Sharpener
- ♦ Rubber
- ♦ Glue stick
- ♦ Ruler
- ♦ Coloured crayons

Please make sure your child's pencil case is named and that equipment is labelled.

Key stage two:

As above as well as:

- ♦ Purple biro
- ♦ Black biro



Please make sure children bring a (named) water bottle to school. However, please avoid sending the oversized bottles/Stanley cups as we do not have space to accommodate these.

Polite reminder

Before and after school club **MUST** be booked in advance. Registers close at midday on a **Thursday** for the following week.

WE ARE NO LONGER TAKING LATE BOOKING REQUESTS AS WE JUST CANNOT ACCOMMODATE THEM.

We are finding it increasingly challenging to accommodate people at short notice due to spaces so please book your child's place.

Booking is open for a half term in advance so multiple weeks can be booked at once.

We thank you for your support with this.



HERE EVERYDAY READY ON TIME



What is the Little Heroes campaign?

We are excited to be taking part in the Little Heroes campaign, aimed at supporting and encouraging regular, improved school attendance. The 'HERO' theme encourages the message:

Here

Everyday

Ready

On time

This initiative focuses on removing any barriers to attending school that may be present, and also looks to support the emotional wellbeing of children so that they feel happier in coming in to school. You may hear your children talking about this when they come home—so we wanted you to be aware.

Thank you.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 6th May	May Day- School closed
Wednesday 8th May Church of the Holy Spirit	9.15am: Y5 Prayer morning 10am: Y6 Prayer morning
Thursday 9th May	5 Brazil Assembly
W.B. 13th May	Y6 SATs week
Wednesday 22nd May	Maths Fair– parents welcome after school.
27th May - 31st May	Half term
Monday 3rd June	INSET day- School closed to children
W.B. 3rd June (Tue-Thurs)	Family lunches (information to follow)
W.B. 3rd June (Tue-Thurs)	Careers week– events in school.
W.B. 10th June	Phonics screening check for year 1 pupils.
Wednesday 12th June	5pm-6pm Nursery welcome evening 6pm-7pm Reception welcome evening
Wednesday 26th June	Y5 trip to Birches Valley
Thursday 27th June	9.15am - 10am Nursery Sports Day 10am– Reception Sports Day
Friday 28th June	9.15am : Years 1-3 Sports Day 1.15pm: Years 4-6 Sports Day
Friday 28th June 5pm-7pm	*DATE CHANGED* We have had to move the Summer fete to 5th July (see below)
3rd July	Y4 trip to Birches Valley
Friday 5th July	Transition Day
Friday 5th July 5pm-7pm	*DATE CHANGED* Summer fete
Monday 22nd July	Last day of term for children: 2pm finish



THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

STOPPING HERE PUTS CHILDREN IN DANGER.

A growing number of parents are parking on the yellow zig zags at the front of the school, and even in the driveway to the entrance of our school.

THIS IS PUTTING CHILDREN AND SCHOOL VEHICLES AT RISK!

We absolutely recognise that there is very limited parking near the school, but it is not acceptable or safe to park in this way even if you are just dropping off or collecting.

This is extremely important—there have been several near-misses with cars who can't see around poorly, unsafely parked cars.

Thank you for your support.

Please follow the parking rules, particularly at the front of the school.

The pick up and set down area shouldn't be used as a parking space; do a lap and we'll be waiting soon.

SCHOOL SAFE

