



# Newsletter

February 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

These newsletters are a key way to ensure information is passed on to you. Please can you ensure that you take the time to read them as text messages may not always be sent out to remind you of things happening in school. Please take a note of the diary dates opposite as we have some lovely things planned for the children in the coming months.

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs Zoe Anderson  
**Head Teacher**

## Valentine's Disco

The PTA will be holding a Valentine's Disco on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February for F2** and **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February for KS1**. Tickets will be on sale from Monday morning at 8.30am outside school by the PTA. The cost will be £2 and the children will receive a drink, snack and Valentine's "tattoo".



## Parents Morning

We would like to invite you all to our Parents Morning on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**. The focus for this term will be Maths and we hope to share with you ideas and strategies for supporting your child at home as well as give you an idea of what we do in school. We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it as we have always had positive feedback from parents in the past.

## Website

This is a reminder that our school website is [www.johntrice.notts.sch.uk](http://www.johntrice.notts.sch.uk). There are always copies of the newsletters on there as well as other information and important dates. Each class also has their own page on the website where you can see what has been going on in school.

## Diary Dates

13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents Maths Morning
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	F2 Valentine's Disco
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	KS1 Valentine's Disco
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break up for half term
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET Day
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Back to school
1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	World Book Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Blue Class to visit Allotment
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Red Class to visit Allotment
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Green Class to visit Allotment
20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent/Teacher Interviews
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Parent/Teacher Interviews
23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Pink Class to visit Allotment
23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Sports Relief
27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Easter Fundraiser
29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Break up for Easter
16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Children back to school
20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Purple Class to visit Allotment
27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Blue Class to visit Allotment
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Red Class to visit Allotment
4 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Picnic
7 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day – No School
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photographs
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Green Class to visit Allotment
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Pink Class to visit Allotment
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Parent Morning
25 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET Day



### Breakfast & After School Club

Our Clubs are very popular and we do have waiting lists for some days. Please ensure that you have booked in at the school office at least the day before and that if you have booked a place but no longer require it you let us know asap so that we can offer it to someone else. Can we also ask that clubs are paid for on the day that they are taken or beforehand to save staff the time in chasing up arrears.

### PE Kits

Could we please remind you that for PE your child needs a named bag containing a **white /emerald green round necked T-shirt, navy/black shorts and plimsolls/trainers**. A set of PE Kit in a bag can be bought online from School Trends.

On days when your child takes part in PE, could we please ask that all jewellery is removed and hair is tied back. If earrings are new and cannot be removed then please provide plasters/tape to cover them.

### Uniform

Please can we ask that all uniform is named, including hats, gloves and scarves. We are having a large number of items left at school, particularly when the children are changing for PE, which we cannot trace. We understand how expensive uniform can be so would like to ensure it gets returned to the right owner.

### Water Bottles

We recognise the importance of keeping hydrated during the day and the impact on learning so please can you ensure your child has their water bottle in school on a Monday morning. Each child is given a water bottle when they start at the school but if you wish to replace this you can do from the school office for £2.00. Water bottles are emptied daily and the lids sterilised at school but we then send them home on a Friday to be cleaned thoroughly.

### Attendance / Punctuality

Although our attendance target for this year is to get over 96%, the Supreme Court have ruled that good attendance is every day that the school is open. For January we reached **95.8%** which is below what is expected.

#### Class Attendance for January

<b>Purple Class</b>	<b>92.4%</b>
<b>Blue Class</b>	<b>95.4%</b>
<b>Pink Class</b>	<b>95.9%</b>
<b>Green Class</b>	<b>96.0%</b>
<b>Red Class</b>	<b>97.5%</b>

Well done to **Red Class** for having the best attendance last month! Let's try and get all our classes over 96% next month.

Some of you will have already received letters if we are concerned about your child's attendance or punctuality and we will continue to monitor this closely. Obviously we understand that your child is unable to come to school if they are ill, however if their attendance is below 90% they are a cause for concern for us.

Please make sure you phone the school before 9.00am on the first day of your child's absence. If you do not phone or give us a reason for the absence, it will be marked down as unauthorised.

Punctuality continues to be an issue, with over 13 hours of learning time being lost in January alone. Please can we also remind you that our doors open at **8.40am** to give the children time to put their coats and bags away before they start at **8.45am**. The children have important 'morning jobs' that they do at this time to consolidate and improve their learning.

We also finish the school day at **3.15pm** and staff often have meetings after school so we would appreciate your promptness in collection.



### Equipment/Bikes/Scooters

Please can we remind you that children are not permitted to play with playground equipment before or after school (this includes the playhouse and climbing frames). We have also noticed a number of children playing on the field when it is muddy, bringing mud onto the carpets which is then not pleasant to sit on. We ask that you keep your child with you at these times.

We encourage children to come to school on bikes and scooters, however we do ask that **all** bikes/scooters (including adults and older siblings) be pushed rather than ridden whilst on school grounds to prevent accidents.

### Allotment Visits

After half term, we will be trying to get each class down to the Clipstone Community Allotment again. Please make a note of which day your child's class is going and ensure they are wearing appropriate clothing/footwear on that day. Obviously if the weather is bad then we will endeavour to rearrange for another time.



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### Reading Books

The majority of children are now reading regularly at home and completing their reading diaries. We are seeing the impact of this support in school when the children receive their weekly guided reading sessions. However there are still some children who are not reading at home and although we try to put extra provision in school for them, it is not always possible. Please can you ensure your child reads little and often and brings their book/diary into school

### Head Lice

We have noticed a few cases of head lice in the school. We ask that all parents check their child/children's hair as soon as possible and treat if needed. The only way we can eradicate them is if everyone is vigilant and deals with them together. To prevent future outbreaks, we would encourage parents to check on a weekly basis with a nit comb.



### World Book Day

World Book day is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. The School Council have asked if the children can dress up as a character from a book. It would also be lovely if they could bring in the book that their character comes from.

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### Sports Relief

Red Nose Day is on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The School Council have asked if the children can dress up in **sports kit** for a minimum donation of £1. We will also have a box of wrist bands for sale from the school office closer to the time.

