

Love your neighbour as yourself  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

# Measham C of E Newsletter 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Happy New Year! Welcome back to school, I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break and were able to spend some quality time with your families, although it seems a long while ago now! On behalf of all staff, I would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to the children and parents who brought in Christmas cards and gifts at

the end of last term. We all really appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity, especially at such a busy and costly time of year.

This week saw 30 of our mainly Y5 and Y6 children go to Young Voices. They joined together with 6128 children from all around the country and Wales to form the choir to

sing some very popular songs at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham. For me, it's a fantastic opportunity for the children and the memories will last a lifetime! Even the parents got an opportunity to sing and dance too. The children represented the school brilliantly and we are very proud of them all. #youngvoices2024



## Good news...

Just before the Christmas break we received approval from the Department for Education (DfE) for us to join RISE Multi-academy Trust (MAT). There has been some delay due to the number of schools wanting to join MATs and the amount of paperwork for the DfE to work through but we have now got our go-ahead and we'll be converting on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. Should you have any questions regarding the transfer, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We have also been able to benefit from joining some of the RISE 'activities' both from a staff CPD side but also the children have already taken part in joint activities, with many more to follow.

The Santa Fun Run was a whole Trust event with all schools taking part and everyone contributing to the whole school amount of over £8000 being raised for Rainbows!

You may also remember that 'Martha' (the doll) came to our Butterflies class for a week and the children kept a diary and then Archie and Alessia took Martha to Albert Village Primary School.

The next event is all of our Y4 children will take part in RISE Voices. A very exciting singing event, joining together with all of the other Y4 children from all of the RISE schools. The event will take place at Morningside Arena in Leicester. A separate will follow with more information!

There will be something for all year groups throughout the year....watch this space!

## News from the classes...

## Foxes

Year 6 have begun their learning all about Ancient Egypt - they have started the skills needed to sew a bookmark version of a cartouche, they have investigated why the river Nile was so important and how it influenced everyday life and they've even tried writing their names in hieroglyphics. We have also begun reading 'Secrets of a Sun King' and researched the life of Tutankhamun - what a fabulous start to the Spring term!



## Squirrels

Squirrels have hit the ground running in 2024! We have had some amazing, immersive experiences with our new topic all about the Stone Age! From creating our own stone age outfits, exploring the timeline of the period and welcoming a visitor that shared so many incredible facts. We have continued with our Stone Age theme in our English lessons too by using the text 'Stone Age Boy' to analyse and begin to rewrite a story of someone going back in time. Our drumming practises have been sensational too, showcasing to parents was a definite highlight! We have also started to look at our play... with more details to follow in the coming weeks!



## Badgers

The Badgers class has had a fantastic start in 2024, exploring the Great Fire of London and iconic landmarks in geography. The children's enthusiasm for learning is evident, clear in their engaging activities and visible progress. They've begun writing the traditional tale of the Three Little Pigs, setting the stage for their own creative adaptations next week. Well done Badgers!



## Butterflies



EYFS have enjoyed the past two weeks finding out all about superheroes! We welcomed John our local community First Responder in to tell us about his job and also had a Superhero Day! We have loved finding out about vets too in our role play area!



### Coats

If you have any warm winter coats that your child has grown out of, we would encourage you to bring them to school. Every Wednesday morning, we will bring outside into the car park all of the donated coats and if your child needs a new winter coat, feel free to come and have a look for one that your child would like. These will all be free! Any questions, please ask! Thank you!

### PE and Forest School

On PE days we ask that the children come to school in their PE kit. Our school PE kit is black joggers/leggings/shorts with their white PE t-shirt and their school jumper/cardigan/hoodie. Trainers can be worn.

**Foxes** will do PE on **Wednesday and Friday**

**Owls** will do PE on **Monday and Wednesday**

**Squirrels** will do PE on **Wednesday and Friday**

**Moles** will do PE on **Thursday and Friday**

**Badgers** will do PE on **Wednesday and Friday**

**Rabbits** will do PE on **Wednesday and Thursday**

**EYFS** will do PE on **Tuesdays**

Dates for Rabbits and Badgers to go to Forest School are listed below, please have a look. You will get a letter from Mrs Hart nearer to the time with more information. EYFS will go in the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the summer term. Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>Badgers</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> February	5 <sup>th</sup> March
12 <sup>th</sup> March	19 <sup>th</sup> March
9 <sup>th</sup> April	16 <sup>th</sup> April
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	30 <sup>th</sup> April
7 <sup>th</sup> May – parent's session	21 <sup>st</sup> May – parent's session

No Forest School on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

### Attendance

Attendance at school is so important and every day matters! Overall our children have good attendance, thank you for supporting us with this. Please make every effort to ensure medical appointment, where possible, are outside school time and holidays too! Thank you so much!

	08/12/23		To date
Badgers	95.9%	same	95.9%
Rabbits	95.5%	same	95.5%
Owls	96.1%	decrease	95.4%
Foxes	94.5%	increase	94.7%
Squirrels	94.9%	decrease	94.1%
Moles	94%	decrease	93.5%
Butterflies	93%	decrease	91.8%

**Well done Badgers!**

**Whole school attendance to date  
– 94.3%**

**Thank you!**

**Target – 96%**

If you do have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



**Well done Foxes for the being  
the only class to improve their  
attendance!**

Hannah Carter  
Acting Headteacher

**Dates for your diary**

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Collective Worship from the Rainbows charity 3.30pm Year 6 SATs meeting in Foxes classroom
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	9am EYFS Early Maths workshop in the Hall
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>Cross Country at Measham – Everyone welcome</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	pm – Police visit to EYFS
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Online Safety Day
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Finish for half term
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	HALF TERM BREAK
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school after half term
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Height and Weight checks Y6 and EYFS – more information to follow Rabbits Forest School
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	No Gymnastics for Y5 and Y6
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	pm – SEN Kurling event at Ibstock Community College
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Tennis for Rabbits and Badgers
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Badgers Forest School
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day 5 – 6pm Bedtime Stories – more information to follow
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Tennis for Rabbits and Badgers
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Rabbits Forest School After school - Y3/4 Hockey event @ Ivanhoe
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Tennis for Rabbits and Badgers
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Orienteering at Donisthorpe Woods Badgers Forest School
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	After school – Y5/6 Hockey event @ Ivanhoe
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	10am Easter Service at church – TBC Easter lunch in school
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Tennis for Rabbits and Badgers Finish for Easter

**Have your say!**

We have been asked to share this information with you...

If we want to improve the health and wellbeing outcomes for young people in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, we need to hear their experiences

With statistics showing that by year 6, 1 in 4 children will be obese and over half of young people will report feelings of stress or anxiety on at least some occasion, we need to understand more about the experiences of young people if we are to improve their health and wellbeing outcomes.

Good health for young people is key to their wellbeing and forms the basis of good health in later life. There are a number of critical reasons for understanding the experiences of young people:

- The first signs of many serious long-term conditions emerge between the ages of 10 and 25, including three quarters of lifetime mental health disorders.
- Adolescence is a time when risk taking behaviours begin and life-long health behaviours are set in place.
- Health inequalities are widespread by the time of transition to adulthood, and some are widening.
- Effects of poor healthcare in adolescence can last a lifetime.

**The local NHS would like to hear the experiences of the [222,000 young people aged 11 -25 years old living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, as it is there chance to shape health care.](#) We also want to hear from:**

**Families of people who are 11 – 25-years old**

- **[NHS and healthcare staff providing services to people who are 11-25 years old](#)**

The insights will be used to improve services and ultimately enhance the health and wellbeing of young people.

You can simply forward this email which contains links to the survey shown above.

We have also put together a toolkit of resources [Young voices on healthcare - LLR ICB](#) including a newsletter article, postcard, poster, social media content and additional information. Just click on the link to the toolkit to access it. We would be grateful if you could use the content to spread the word to as many young people, their families and staff delivering services as possible.

If you need further information or resources to assist you with sharing information about the engagement please contact Jacob Brown on 07917 516 382 and [Jacob.brown8@nhs.net](mailto:Jacob.brown8@nhs.net)