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Dear Parents,

Over the last few weeks, the children have enjoyed to taking part in a very exciting arts and cultural project with the other MAT schools. The school has been alive with dance, singing, and art and craft activities celebrating the diversity of cultures represented in Burton and within our school. This concluded with superb displays and performances at the Town hall last Thursday. You can see photographs of this further on in the newsletter. Thank you to the parents who came in to school to work with the children during this project.

In addition, there have been many other exciting learning opportunities, trips, visits, music performances and sporting events for the children to take part in. We are very proud of the wide range of activities that are on offer for the children at our school and we believe that these help them to develop into successful and well-rounded individuals.

Please find the dates for next term attached to this newsletter. Please keep it safe as it has the dates of many things you may be interested in, such as Sports Days, Open Afternoon and the Year 5/6 Summer Production 'See you at the Bijou', written by Mrs Godfrey with songs by Mrs Hawthorn.

I hope that you have a very happy and relaxing Easter break.

School re-opens on Monday 29th April.

Elaine Curtis
Headteacher



THANK YOU

Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who gives their time to support to the school. As well as the hardworking AFWS team mentioned in my last newsletter, we also have people who collectively give 61 hours per week supporting children's learning during the school day. If you prefer the outdoors in the summer months, we are also looking for volunteers who might like to be involved in gardening and outdoor painting activities to help to keep our grounds looking tidy. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Assessment Weeks

The children will be taking part in annual assessments after Easter so please make sure they attend regularly and punctually. Also please make sure they get plenty of rest, early nights and TLC!

Year 6 Assessment Week is 13th - 17th May

AFWS Summer Gala - The Greatest Show

An important date for your diary next term

Saturday 22nd June at 11.00 - 1.30pm (Please note earlier start time)

Come along for a family fun filled circus themed event - bouncy castle and slide, BBQ, ice cream, refreshments, tombola's and games galore. Many amazing prizes to be won in our raffle with 1st prize of £200 cash. Tickets due out shortly. Lots of free family days out vouchers sourced as other prizes too! One not to be missed!

Any budding helpers please contact Jane on 07850544224 or Simon on 07788672565. We need helpers all day on the Friday and Saturday, so any amount of time you can spare we would be very grateful. We need help wrapping prizes, folding raffle tickets, setting up gazebos, sorting tombola's and games, running stalls, tidying up and much more.

Your PTA needs you!

Sports Headlines

...William Shrewsbury Teams Triumph...Medal haul in wonderful few weeks leaves school staff very proud!

Quarter finalists for the Y5/6 hockey team

Semi finalists for the Y3/4 hockey team

Bronze for the Y3/4 gymnastics team

Gold for the Y5/6 gymnastics team



League runners up for the Y5/6 football team

Double gold for the Y5/6 rugby teams in both the East Staffs and Dove Valley events.

Children from the age of 5 all the way up to the age of 11 represented the school across four different sports in the space of seven days. This is a great reward for the children's efforts in recent weeks. As well as our successful winning teams, the school always gives other children a chance to represent William Shrewsbury. At every event possible, we enter a team for the future or a team of enthusiastic beginners to give them a taste of the excitement of competition. These children always do the school and themselves proud. They sometimes surprise themselves by qualifying for knockout stages or even winning medals for themselves. Either way, we are very proud of our young people. For more information about how to get your child involved in an after school club, please contact the school office - our summer sports club programme begins after Easter. **Please check the timetable on our website for new clubs and some changes of times and days to some of our regular clubs.**

TEACHING

YOUR FUTURE | THEIR FUTURE

Train to Teach with William Shrewsbury and the John Taylor SCITT

Are you considering getting into teaching? If so, please be aware that William Shrewsbury is a Lead School and an alliance partner of the National Forest Teaching School, who we work with to recruit trainee teachers to train locally through accreditation by The John Taylor SCITT.

The programme offered is planned collaboratively with other local primary schools to give you the most up to date training offered by current practitioners, in order to attain QTS (Qualified Teacher Status). The John Taylor SCITT offer both a primary and secondary route into teaching, and can offer advice and potentially school experience for those who are interested in applying to begin training in September 2019.

John Taylor High School will be holding a series of open events throughout the year, please register your attendance at www.jths.eventbrite.co.uk or alternatively, please contact Leah Axten via email at laxten@jths.co.uk to find out more.

MAT CULTURAL DIVERSITY PROJECT

William Shrewsbury children have recently joined other schools in the area over the last few weeks to take part in a cultural diversity project organised by the Central Co-operative Learning Trust. This culminated in some amazing displays and performances at the Town Hall on Thursday last week.

John of Rolleston, Outwoods, Grange Infants, Richard Wakefield and Kingfisher Academy also took part and it was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate all the different and diverse cultures that we find throughout our schools and communities. Here are some photographs of displays and activities from the Town Hall.



An example from Year 4 of the type of work we have taken part in...

In Year 4 we have created many different forms of art work to celebrate different cultures within our school. We have produced work as part of the MAT cultural project that was displayed at Burton Town Hall last week. As a year group we have explored British, Japanese and Indian culture. As part of the Japanese activities Mrs Ward helped the children to create origami birds, wrote their name in calligraphy and had great fun in a chopstick relay! Aisha, from 4B, produced and presented a fabulous presentation about Henna and we were able to see a Henna pattern being designed first hand! And finally, for British culture we dried out tea bags, de-leaved them and drew famous landmarks that celebrate our country. This will go on display soon at school! Thank you to our volunteers; we really appreciate it!