

SUMMER TERM 1



Dear Five Spires Families

Welcome back to everyone after the Easter Holidays, I hope you have all had a restful break and enjoyed some quality time together.

It was wonderful to see so many of you during our last week of term, supporting the PTFA cake sale. The Easter Bonnet and Egg designs were fantastic and congratulations to those who won a prize.

As you are aware, Miss Bye will be leaving us at the end of the summer term to take up her full time position of Headteacher at Scientia Academy. We will all be extremely sad to see her go but I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Bye the very best as she embarks on this exciting opportunity in her career. I have enjoyed working with Miss Bye, since we first opened Five Spires, in 2015, and would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all of the hard work and commitment that she has given to the school, the staff and most importantly, our children and families.

I am delighted to be taking on the role of Interim Headteacher, until the end of the summer term and I look forward to working with all of our families as we continue to take the school forward on its journey to outstanding. I share Miss Bye's inclusive, nurturing vision for the school and have expectations for high standards in all that we do. As a result, you will see very little change in the day to day running of the school but should you ever have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

The summer term is always so busy, we have class trips planned, sports days, transition events, class assemblies and Inspire Days. We all look forward to seeing you at as many of these events as possible. Look out for information and reminders through the school App and via text messages.

Sharon Motorny

Interim Headteacher



Some of our Easter bonnet entries.

School Uniform

Thank you to all of our parents who returned the consultation forms regarding the proposed changes to the school uniform.

We value the opinion of all of our parents and, following the consultation, the large majority of you said that you would not welcome a change to the uniform at this point in time. Therefore, changes will not be made and the school uniform will remain as it is for September 2019.

Please consult the school website should you need clarification as to what the correct uniform should be and remember that all items of clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Dates for Your Diary:

Monday 29th April—All pupils to return to school

Tuesday 30th April—Year 3 Trip to Hams Hall

Wednesday 1st May—YEAR 2 SATS PERIOD BEGINS

Thursday 2nd May—Year 1 Trip to Twycross Zoo

Monday 6th May—BANK HOLIDAY (School closed)

Friday 10th May—Sponsored Skip for British Heart Foundation—Parents welcome at 2.45pm

Tuesday 14th May—New Reception Parents' (Sept. 2019) Meeting—2pm

Wednesday 15th May—New Nursery Parents' (Sept. 2019) Meeting—2.15pm

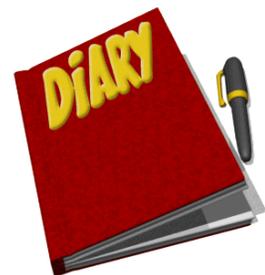
Friday 17th May—PTFA Quiz Night

Monday 20th May to Friday 24th May —Book Fair

Wednesday 22nd May—Year 1 Class Assembly for parents— 2.15pm

Friday 24th May— BREAK UP

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May— HALF TERM



Dates for Your Diary:

Monday 3rd June—All pupils to return, History themed week to begin

Tuesday 4th June—Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3—Trip to Black Country Museum

Friday 7th June—History Inspire Day—parents welcome from 2.00pm

Monday 10th June—Year 1 Phonics Screening Test begins

June —Nursery Trip to Wonderland (Exact date to be confirmed)

Friday 14th June and Saturday 15th June—Year 2 Residential to Beaudesert

Thursday 27th June— Transition Day

Wednesday 3rd July—Year 2 Class Assembly for parents—2.15pm

Saturday 6th July—Summer Fayre—11.30am— 1.30pm

Tuesday 9th July— Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Sports Afternoon

Wednesday 10th July—Year 2 and Year 3 Sports Afternoon

Friday 12th July—End of Year Reports

Tuesday 16th July—Nursery Graduation for parents 2.15pm

Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th July—Parents Open evening

Monday 22nd July—INSET DAY

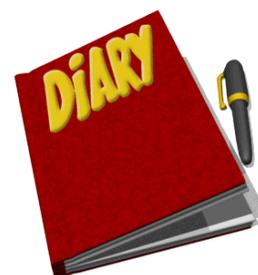
Monday 22nd July—BREAK UP

Tuesday 22nd July—Friday 30th August—SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Monday 2nd September—Autumn Term begins - INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd September—INSET DAY

We will always try to give as much advanced warning as possible of any changes to our school events.



Fundraising Events

We always appreciate the support that you give us in our fundraising events. It is a vital part of the children's education as they learn about the world and their place in it.

We recently sent home sponsor forms for our Sponsored Skip for the British Heart Foundation . On Friday 10th May, all children will be involved in the event and all contributions great or small are welcome. We would love for as many parents as possible to join us, on the school playground at 2.45pm to support the children with their skip.

Remember, you can donate as much or as little as you would like, it is the collective contribution that matters and we always appreciate what our families do to support us.

Book Fair

We are delighted by how many of our children show a love of reading and are pleased to inform you that there will be a Book Fair held in school between 20th and 24th May. All proceeds will go back in to school.

The Book Fair will be set up in the school hall and purchases can be made both before and after school.

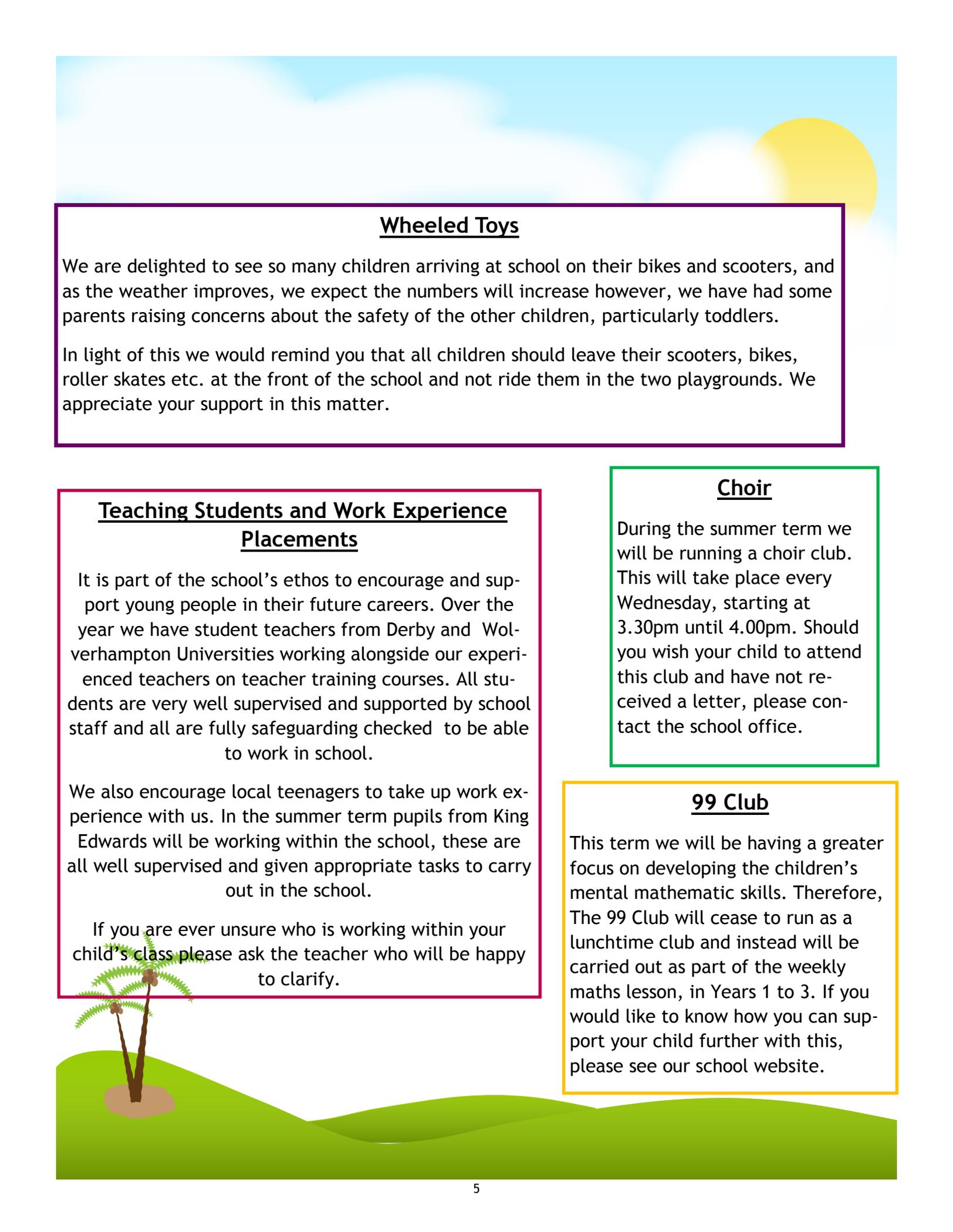
Key Stage One SATs

The Year Two SATS period begins on Wednesday 1st May. We would like to remind parents that all children should be in school throughout the month of May to ensure that any disruption to the tests is kept to a minimum.

Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Le Page, who got engaged over the Easter holidays. We look forward to hearing your wedding plans and wish you and Tom a very happy future together.





Wheeled Toys

We are delighted to see so many children arriving at school on their bikes and scooters, and as the weather improves, we expect the numbers will increase however, we have had some parents raising concerns about the safety of the other children, particularly toddlers.

In light of this we would remind you that all children should leave their scooters, bikes, roller skates etc. at the front of the school and not ride them in the two playgrounds. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Teaching Students and Work Experience Placements

It is part of the school's ethos to encourage and support young people in their future careers. Over the year we have student teachers from Derby and Wolverhampton Universities working alongside our experienced teachers on teacher training courses. All students are very well supervised and supported by school staff and all are fully safeguarding checked to be able to work in school.

We also encourage local teenagers to take up work experience with us. In the summer term pupils from King Edwards will be working within the school, these are all well supervised and given appropriate tasks to carry out in the school.

If you are ever unsure who is working within your child's class please ask the teacher who will be happy to clarify.

Choir

During the summer term we will be running a choir club. This will take place every Wednesday, starting at 3.30pm until 4.00pm. Should you wish your child to attend this club and have not received a letter, please contact the school office.

99 Club

This term we will be having a greater focus on developing the children's mental mathematic skills. Therefore, The 99 Club will cease to run as a lunchtime club and instead will be carried out as part of the weekly maths lesson, in Years 1 to 3. If you would like to know how you can support your child further with this, please see our school website.

Summer Term Trips

We are looking forward to our planned school trips over the summer term.

We will always inform you through letters and text messages the arrangements for each trip.

School uniform or at least school jumpers/cardigans are usually required unless more suitable clothing is needed, e.g. muddy conditions, being outside all day or being involved in very physical activities.

Packed lunches are always provided by the school for pupils in Years Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Thank you to everyone who has completed the consent forms and paid for trips promptly.

Any pupil who does not have parental consent for a school trip must still attend school on that day, any absences, except for illness will not be authorised.

Attendance

Our overall attendance figures for the school are at just above our target at 96.9%

Reception Class: 97.0%

Year 1: 97.0%

Year 2: 96.6%

Year 3: 97.0%

Well done to everyone for your continued efforts!

Social Media

Please remember that social media should not be used to sort out any problems or incidents that happen in school. We have an open door policy for you to discuss events with the class teacher. If you need to talk to me an appointment can be made through the school office, I will always try to see any parent as soon as I am available.



INSPIRE DAY

Our next Inspire Day is on Friday 7th June.

We will be holding an History Week across the school and we would like to invite everyone to come and join their children with their learning at 2.00pm



Vacancies at Five Spires

As we continue to grow we currently have a few vacancies available within the school for September 2019.

We are looking for a Wrap Around Care Manager, a part time Teaching Assistant, a Learning Mentor and a Mid-Day Supervisor. If you are aware of anybody who may be interested in any of these positions please ask them to contact us for further information and application forms. They are also advertised on the Reach2 website, so all information can be found there too.

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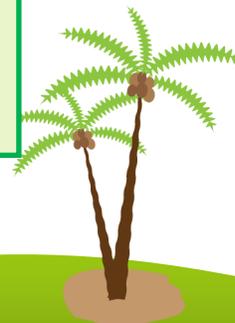
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Word from the Chair

As I start my third year as Chair of the PTFA of this fantastic school, it is really important to me to ensure we have a close collaboration with the teachers, Mrs Motorny as well as you the parents and friends of the school. The rest of the committee and I are really friendly and approachable so please do let us know if you have any ideas for events, ways to raise money or hidden talents that we can utilise. Also, any ideas on what we can spend the money on for the school.

We have various events planned this term, so please put these dates in your diary and let us know if you can help support us.

Quiz Night - Friday 17 May - Bar opens at 7 pm, Quiz starts at 7.30 pm - Get your teams of 4 ready!

Summer Fayre - Saturday 6 July - 11.30 am - 1.30 pm.

Our recent AGM Newsletter went out on the PTFA section on the Five Spires App, but if you would like a copy please email fivespirespta@gmail.co.uk and we will forward across a copy (trying to avoid paper copies if possible). It covers information about the new committee members, how much we have raised, what we have spent it on for your children and ways you can get involved.

Latest donations

The latest donations we have made to the school include RE and History artefacts and also three outdoor benches for the children.



The Easter cake sale and raffle raised an amazing £268.70. Thank you to everyone who made/ brought in cakes to be sold, people who bought some cakes and those who took part in the Easter Raffle. Ticket No. 201 (S Murray) won the fantastic cake made and donated by Helen from Sugar Surgeons.

Here's to a great term supporting our school!

Thank you.
Amanda



Thank You

We would like to say a very big thank you to four boys from Year 2 Archie, Harley, Luke and Sam B who kindly donated the sum of £118 to the PTFA following their joint birthday party. Instead of birthday presents at their party, they asked for donations for both their football club and the PTFA. This was a lovely gesture for the boys to do and we are incredibly grateful to them.

Gardening project

The PTFA has been asked by Miss Le Page if we can help support the next year 2 project which is The Outdoors. On top of the general curriculum, Miss Le Page would like to get the children involved in gardening and planting up some containers for the front of the school. They have the containers but need the rest of the materials and equipment. It can then be reused again and again. This is something the PTFA is very happy to support Miss Le Page and the school with. We have kindly been donated 15 kneeling pads from Tesco and a £25 voucher from Wilkos towards the project.

Some easy ways to help support fundraising

Easyfundraising (www.easyfundraising.org.uk). With over 3000 retailers on board, every time you shop online you could be donating to the PTFA via Easyfundraising. It is free and simple to use, go online to Easyfundraising, find our school account and we can get a % of what you spend free.

Give as you Live (www.giveasyoulive.com/signup/choose-charity)

Micro scooters - (www.micro-scooter.co.uk enter 141203 at the checkout to get a whopping 10% cashback for us.)

100 Club - If you haven't joined our PTFA 100 Club Lottery you can collect a form at the school office or contact a member of the PTFA. The cost of a number is £2 per month (£24 per year) and you are free to have more than one number. Two numbers are picked by the school each month. It's a great way to support the PTFA and you could also be in with the chance of winning some money every month. Don't delay - join today!