

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2024



News From The Office...

Dear Parents/Carers

I can hardly believe it is the beginning of the month! There have been some many activities last term and so many this term too. There are many activities and trips planned this term which link to the children's topics and I know Mrs Lamb, in the paragraph below, has spoken about the activities that are happening this month. It was lovely to see you all at parents evening last week and the Mother's Day event which took place last week for Y5 and Y6. I look forward to seeing the rest of the school this week.

As always do not hesitate to contact your class teacher in the first instance if you have any queries or questions at all.

I look forward to working in partnership with you

Yours sincerely

Natasha Kelly

Parental Events...

Mrs Lamb writes...

Wow it is March already and we have lots of exciting things happening! Our Mother's Day events have started with Year 5 and 6. Other year groups will be taking place this week.

We have our Easter Craft sessions on Monday 11th and 18th March. Spaces are limited so please book if you are interested in attending. Please e-mail admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk.

Our monthly coffee morning was very well attended this month and we were joined by Jane who is a social prescriber and can offer support in lots of different areas. We hold our coffee mornings on the last Thursday of the month! Our next coffee morning will be held on Thursday 28th March. Join us for a free hot and cold breakfast. Bacon cobs will be on the menu this month!

We will be holding our Easter Extravaganza again this year! Please see overleaf about more information.

After half term, I am going to organise some baby exercise sessions. You will be able to come with your baby / toddler and join in with some fun exercises that will be delivered by a qualified instructor. More information will follow but please e-mail admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk if you are interested.

Family cooking after school club will start again after half term so, please look out for the poster and book your place. There are limited spaces and they go very quickly.

If you need any help or support please come in for a coffee and a chat.

Special points of

Interest:

- **News from the Office**
- **Parental Events inc Easter competition**
- **World Book Day**
- **Safeguarding**
- **Nursery Meal Price Increase**
- **Dates for your Diary**



World Book Day...

World Book Day takes place this year on Thursday 7th March. We are thrilled to announce that we would love all of our children to dress up. Our hope is that this will allow our pupils to share their favourite characters and stories with their friends, creating a wonderful buzz about reading for pleasure across our whole school. As always, there is no expectation for any family to have to go out and buy a costume - low cost ideas can be found on the information sent out already. We are also **not** asking for donations this year. Thank you for support in advance; we cannot wait to see all of your amazing characters.

Easter Competition...

Mrs Mee writes...

This year's annual Easter competition will take place on Thursday 28th March. You should have already received a letter explaining the competition for your child's year group. Nursery children have been asked to decorate a hard boiled egg, Reception children have been asked to create an Easter Bonnet, KS1 (years 1 and 2) have been asked to create an Easter garden and KS2 (years 3, 4, 5 and 6) have been set the challenge of creating an Easter extravaganza! If you need any ideas, please speak to the staff in your child's year group or have a look at the photos of previous entries on the letter.

Due to the brilliant fundraising success we had last year, we will also be holding an Easter Egg raffle.

Raffle tickets are £1.00 per strip and all money raised will go back into the school to buy lovely things for our children. If you are able to donate an Easter Egg for the raffle (any size) it would be hugely appreciated. Last year we had over 50 eggs! If you would like any additional tickers, please see the school office. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Safeguarding

We aim that there exists a vigilant culture amongst our staff team in terms of safeguarding pupils and every staff member has responsibility for Safeguarding. The below staff are DSL's. That means they are Designated Safeguarding Leads and are available to talk to any pupil, staff member or parent in response to any Safeguarding concerns. We want all pupils at Rise Park Primary and Nursery School to feel safe, happy and

comfortable. We will continue to talk to children about how they stay safe and who they can talk to if they ever feel unsafe. If you have any concerns about a child outside of school - you can contact Children and Families Direct on: 01 15 876 4800.

Mrs Kelly



Mrs Griffiths



Mrs Morledge



Mrs Lamb



Miss Lockwood



Nursery Meals Price Increase

Nottingham City Catering are increasing the cost of a Nursery to £2.25 per meal. This increase will take effect from 1st April 2024.



Dates For Your Diary....

5th March - Reception Mother's Day Event 8.15 - 8.45am

5th March - Year 3 and 4 Mother's Day Event 3.15 - 4.00pm

6th March - Year 1 Trip to Wollaton Hall

7th March - World Book Day

18th March - Year 2 and 4 Curriculum Showcase 3.15 - 4.00pm

19th March - Year 1 and 6 Curriculum Showcase 3.15 - 4.00pm

20th March - Class photograph's

21st March - Reception Trip to Tiny Town

21st March - Year 3 and 5 Curriculum Showcase 3.15 - 4.00pm

22nd March - Year 2 Trip to Arnold Fire Station

25th March - Year 6 Trip to Eyam

28th March - Easter Egg Competition

29th March - School closed for Easter Holidays

15th April - School Re-opens

Online Safety...

Mr Shadbolt writes...

Keeping children safe online remains an important focus for us here at Rise Park Primary and Nursery School. In February, the children enjoyed a wonderful Safer Internet Day 2024, and took part in lots of activities linked to the theme of 'Inspiring Change', thinking about ways in which the technology that we use day-to-day has an impact on our lives.

With this in mind, we thought it would be a good opportunity to remind you of some websites and online resources that you could use at home to help keep your children safe online, and to keep yourselves up to date with any new online trends or issues you should be aware of:

- NSPCC – Keeping Children Safe Online: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- Thinkuknow – Resources for parents and carers to help teach children about online safety: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- Childnet – Help with starting a conversation with your child about online safety: <https://www.childnet.com/>
- Parentzone – Support and guidance for parents and carers linked to the digital world: <https://parentzone.org.uk/>
- UK Safer Internet Centre – Tips and advice; harmful content found online can also be reported through this website: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice->

[centre/parents-and-carers](#)

- The BBC has a **website and app** called [Own It](#). The website helps children navigate their online lives, and the free smartphone app comes with a special keyboard which can intervene with help and support in the moments that children need it the most. It can be downloaded for free in the Google Play Store and Apple App Store.
- [SafeToNet](#) is an **app for parents** to help them protect their children from online risks like cyberbullying and sexting, while respecting their child's rights to privacy.

Remember to check, review and adjust privacy and safety settings on your children's devices when they – or you – are signing them up to a new app, website or online service.

Also, a reminder that the **minimum age** for all social networking sites and apps in the U.K. is 13 years old, and that children at Rise Park do not meet the minimum age restriction for using these.