

NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2026



News From The Office...

Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy month we have had! It is lovely to see the nights becoming a little lighter and the mornings becoming brighter too. I wanted to update you on the way in which we are letting you know what the children are doing each week in the classroom and beyond. We currently use X but we are changing to Arbor which we feel would be an easier and better form of communication to ensure you can see what activities your children are undertaking in the classroom. This will be shared each Friday and you will receive an

Arbor message with a link to this information.

I have attached the upcoming dates for the diary at the bottom of the newsletter.

As Always please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any queries at all.

Yours sincerely

Natasha Kelly



Special points of interest:

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- **World Book Day**
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World Book Day...

Mr Husband writes...

World Book Day takes place this year on Thursday 5th March.

To celebrate the theme of 'Reading for Pleasure', we are thrilled to announce that we will be holding a Book Swap Shop! On World Book Day, children are encouraged to bring in a pre-loved book that they are happy to permanently give away. Staff will support children to leave a post-it note inside their donated book, explaining why somebody else - a new owner - will love reading it. Those that have brought a book in will then be able to swap their book for

somebody else's. Our hope is that this gives our children an opportunity to share and recommend a story, and take home a new book to love too.



As usual, we would also love all of our children to dress up as their favourite characters or authors, creating a wonderful buzz about reading for pleasure across our whole school. 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 via the office. Thank you for your support in advance; we cannot wait to see all of your amazing characters!

Parental Events...

Messages from Mrs Lamb, our family support worker.

MHST coffee morning

We started holding coffee mornings on the first Thursday of the month for parents to come along for an informal chat with our MHST practitioner Lisa Shipman. Lisa can help and advise on topics such as anxiety, low mood, challenging behaviour etc. The next coffee morning will be on Thursday 5th February at 8:30-9:30am. You can come along before school starts with your child for a cuppa and light refreshments or you can come after you have dropped them at school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Boxercise sessions

We still have two more sessions of free boxercise sessions. The sessions are delivered by a qualified instructor and are completely free. They are held on Thursdays 2-3pm. You are more than welcome to attend with your toddler/baby and enjoy the sessions together.

Early years course

Our Early Years Course continues to be very popular. The sessions are for children under 5 and are held free of charge on Friday mornings 9-11am. We have 2 more sessions left and you are more than welcome to join.

Half termly coffee morning

Our half termly coffee returns with a new day! We will be holding this on Wednesday 11th February at 9:00am. There will be a free hot and cold breakfast available. This is a great opportunity to talk to other parents or just come in for a hot drink and breakfast!

Family cooking after school sessions

We will be starting our family cooking after school club on Tuesday 24th February 3:30-4:30pm. Each week, we make a delicious dish for you to take home and enjoy with your family. There is a donation of £2 each week to help with the cost of ingredients. If you would like to express your interest for these sessions, please email admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk. There are very limited spaces and the sessions are usually very popular so be quick.

Upcoming events

Our next stay and play toddler and baby session will be held on 2nd March at 9-10:30am.

Mother's Day Events will be held the week beginning 9th March-further information and booking system to follow.

Parent and child Spring craft sessions-17th March and 24th March. Only one of these sessions can be attended. Please look out for further information and how to book on.

Reading at home photos

A message from Mrs Hudson.

For our Reading Cave display, please could you bring in a photo to Mrs Hudson in Year 3 or email to admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk of your child enjoying a book, this can be a bedtime story an adult is reading to them or in an unusual place. Thank you.



School Council...

There have been 2 main events that the School Council have been busy planning this term. Firstly, we planned, organised and delivered an Italian themed lunch. The children across both Key Stage One and Key Stage Two thoroughly enjoyed participating in the games that we carefully designed. These included pin the hat on the chef, rebuilding the Tower of Pisa under 2 minutes, pizza relaying racing and a tricky pizza topping memory game were to name only a few. We also hope that the lucky winners enjoyed their ice cream Sundaes as an extra tasty dessert when they joined us on our special table in the dinner hall.



Through pupil voice, many pupils at Rise Park stated that they would like playtimes and lunchtimes to be improved with more things for them to do. Last term lots of new equipment was purchased in response to this and this term lots of the children have really enjoyed accessing skipping ropes and balls etc. In our latest meeting, we were discussing different designs for added enjoyment on the KS2 playground. We researched potential playground games that could be marked onto the floor that all children would like to play. We really loved the idea of a mindfulness hop scotch, an obstacle course and a long jump target area. We then met with the company to find out how much the drawings will cost. Keep an eye out for the new KS2 playground.

Dates For Your Diary....

- 9th February Year 2 Parents in for reading at home. 15.30pm-16.00pm
- 10th February – Foundation and Year 1 parents in for reading at home, 15.30pm-16.00pm
- 24th February - Book Fair
- 24th February - Year 4 Parents Residential Meeting 3.30pm-4.00pm
- 25th February – Parents Evening
- 26th February – Parents Evening
- 5th March – Year 1 Wollaton Hall Trip
- 9th March - Year 1&2 Mothers Day Event - 3.30pm-4.00pm
- 10th March - Nursery Mothers Day Breakfast - 8.15am-8.45am
- 10th March - Year 3&4 Mothers Day Event - 3.30pm-4.00pm
- 11th March - Reception Mothers Day Breakfast - 8.15am-8.45am
- 12th March - Year 5&6 Mothers Day Event - 3.30pm-4.00pm
- 17th March - Reception Writing Parent Workshop 15.15pm-16.00pm
- 20th March - Comic Relief
- 23rd March - Year 6 Eyam Trip
- 24th March - Year 4 Great Orchestra Experience (more details to follow)
- 26th March - Coffee Morning

