



# Newsletter

Issue 11 – Friday 22nd March 2024

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## Dates for your Diary

Infants Easter Disco	Monday 25th March 4 - 5.30pm
Junior Easter Disco	Monday 25th March 6 - 7.30pm
Y4 Tale of Three Trees Performance	Tuesday 26th March Doors open at 2.15pm
Infants Easter Concert (formally Mothers day concert)	Thursday 28th March 4.30 - 5pm
Y4 Camping	Thursday 9th - Friday 10th May
KS2 SAT's	Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May
Class Photos	Tuesday 21st May
Infants Sports Day	Wednesday 22nd May
Juniors Sports Day	Thursday 23rd May
Pupil Charter Sports Event	Friday 7th June
Transition Day	Tuesday 2nd July

## Dates to expect the Newsletter

27th April

10th May

24th May

## School Start/Finish Times

Infant School - 8:45am - 3:15pm

Juniors - 8:50am - 3:20pm

## Term Dates

Bank Holiday	-	Friday 29th March
Easter Break	-	Monday 1st April - Friday 12th April
Back to School	-	Monday 15th April
Bank Holiday	-	Monday 6th May
Half Term	-	Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May
Back to School	-	Monday 3rd June
Inset days	-	Monday 22nd July & Tuesday 23rd July
Summer Holidays-		Wednesday 24th July - Tuesday 3rd September
Back to School	-	Wednesday 4th September 2024

## Religious festivals calendar - a quick insight

### Passover (Pesach)

**WHO?** Jews

**WHEN?** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

It is a **Spring** festival that begins on the 15th day of Nisan, the first month of the Jewish calendar. The celebrations last for seven or eight days, depending on where you live. In 2024 Passover begins on the evening of **Monday 22 April**.

**WHAT?** This celebration is a major holiday commemorating the Hebrews' liberation from slavery in Egypt and the "passing over" of the forces of destruction, or the sparing of the firstborn of the Israelites, when the Lord 'smote the land of Egypt' on the eve of the Exodus. On these seven (or eight) days, all leaven, whether in bread or other mixture, is prohibited, and only unleavened bread, called matzo, may be eaten.

**CUSTOMS & PRACTICES?** On the evening before Passover starts, Jews have a special service called a Seder (order). This takes place over a meal with family and friends at home. During the meal, the story of Exodus is told from a book called the Haggadah (narration). Everyone takes part in the reading of the Haggadah. Some parts are read in Hebrew and some parts are read in English. Everyone at the Seder has a cushion to lean on. This reminds them that they are now free people and no longer enslaved. They also sing lots of songs. The Seder Plate: this is a special plate that contains symbolic foods that are eaten or displayed at the Passover Seder. Every piece of food on the plate has its own symbolic meaning.

- A roasted egg- a sign of new life
- Bitter herbs to remind Jews of the hard life their ancestors had
- A roasted meat bone to symbolise the offerings that were made in the Holy Temple
- A mixture of ground apples, nuts, ginger, cinnamon and wine to symbolise the mortar that the enslaved Jews were forced to use
- Salt water to symbolise the sweat and tears that the slaves shed in Egypt
- Vegetables (or other food) to dip into the salt water



# Let's Go DISCO

## Easter Disco

Come and join us for our Easter Disco on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** in the Junior hall.

Tickets will be sent through to class on the day of the disco.

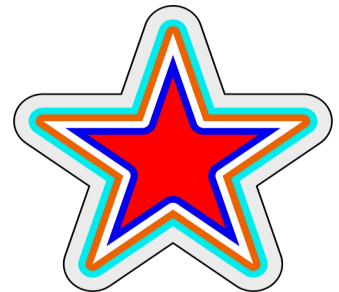
**FS/Y1/Y2 - 4pm - 5:30pm**

**Infants** £1 of the ticket price is for a snack and drink.

**Y3/ Y4/Y5 - 6pm - 7:30pm**

**Juniors** will have a tuck shop filled with goodies to choose from, so don't forget your spends!!

**Year 6** - You will get your chance to boogie at the Leavers prom later in the year!



## RISE Pupil Charter

Year 1 have recently planted potatoes. This is part of our RISE Year 1 Pupil Charter. Watch this space for updates on our potato progress!



### Lunchtime at The Three Trees

Infants have been doing some lovely colouring at lunchtimes



All children born between January 1<sup>st</sup> -March 31<sup>st</sup>  
2019

Will become compulsory school age on April 1<sup>st</sup>  
2024

Attendance will be carefully monitored.

## Easter Competition!

This year our Pupil Parliament are running their very own Easter competition. If your child would like to participate then all they have to do is...

**Infants-** Decorate their own Easter Bonnet at home and bring it into school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March for a parade.

**Juniors-** Decorate their own Easter scene on a paper plate and bring it into school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March to be entered into a competition.

A winner from each class will be picked and an overall winner for each key stage- all of the winners will receive prizes! We will be asking for a small donation of £1 per bonnet that is put into the parade and £1 per plate that is entered into the competition- the money raised will be added to our fundraising pot which will be spent on making improvements to our playground. We would like to thank all of our families for their continued support and are looking forward to seeing the Easter Bonnets and plates!



## PTA

The PTA have elected their members and now have a Chair, Vice chair, Secretary and Treasurer in place. We are planning our first family event: Chocolate Bingo. More details to follow...

Claire Rowlands (Chair)

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March Year 2 made and baked bread rolls. They followed instructions, just as the baker Thomas Farriner did in 1666. This is linked to their English and History learning.





## INFANT CHOIR PERFORMANCE

As Mother's Day is quite early this year, the infant choir will be performing an **EASTER CONCERT** instead of a Mother's Day Concert.

This will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm - 5pm.

## **COLLECTIVE YOUTH WELLBEING PROGRAMME**

**Have a Positive Attitude**  
**Respect Yourself and others**  
**Learn from mistakes**  
**Seek & implement feedback**  
**Embrace challenges**  
**Become more Self-aware/Confident**  
**Embrace change**

We are proud to introduce our Fortnightly wellbeing programme for young people aged between 12-16, through games, activities and conversation with young people to learn skills and techniques to value themselves and others around them, and to understand/positively express feelings. This programme is 12 sessions (fortnightly) as well as the sessions at the hub the programme includes a collective wellbeing workbook to follow, monitored peer support as well as wellbeing tasks to do at home. The sessions are programme is bespoke to be tailored to young people's needs. If a young person misses a session they can catch up through peer support group or through their work book. These sessions are FREE thanks to National Lottery Million Hours Funding. These sessions are prebook only and only limited spaces are available. To book on please email [swadecrderbyshire.co.uk](mailto:swadecrderbyshire.co.uk) or come to the Collective Hub, for consent forms.

**SUNDAYS 4-5PM (FORTNIGHTLY)  
STARTS SUNDAY 10TH MARCH**

Collective Hub  
21 West Street,  
Swadlincote,  
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At Three Trees, our staff work incredibly hard for the children in our care and it is a privilege to work alongside parents and carers for the benefit of our pupils. Positive interactions between all members of our school community are of the utmost importance to ensure that our children can flourish and succeed. Please remember that we are here should you have any questions or queries related to your child's education and teachers are on hand at the end of each day should you wish to have a quick word. Alternatively, where a longer discussion is necessary, please contact the school office who will be happy to make an appointment for you. If you hear about something that worries or concerns you, please don't worry or keep things to yourself, please just come and talk to us. We will ALWAYS put the children's best interests first, and that their wellbeing is ALWAYS at the centre of our decision making. Please treat all of our staff with respect, using appropriate language and behaviour at all times so that we can maintain positive relationships for the benefit of our children.

## The Tale of the Three Trees

Year 4 children are performing The Tale of the Three Trees on Tuesday 26th March at 2.30pm.

Doors open at 2.15pm

### A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



**Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.**

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



**It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.**



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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