

Going Swimmingly : Congratulations to McKenzie Hargreaves in Class 1 who has just got her 50M swimming badge! A great achievement for someone so young ~ well done!

Mega Maths : Bronze Challenge will be on Thursday 12th March. Children will be tested in each class as below:

Year 1	Count in 2's eg 0 , 2 , 4 up to 30
Year 2	X 2 X10
Year 3	X 2 X10 X5
Year 4	X 2 X 4 X 10 X 5 (includes 0 eg 0 X 10 =)
Year 5	All Multiplication tables up to 10 X 10
Year 6	All Multiplication tables up to 12 X 12

When learning tables please learn in the above order:

Example - It is easy to learn X 4 once a child has learned X 2.

The child will be completing closed box style questions.

Eg $2 \times \square = 10$ or $\square \times 5 = 25$ or $10 \times 5 = \square$

Each child will gain a certificate and we will value all successes. Multiplication facts are at the heart of most mathematics and they are skills for life.

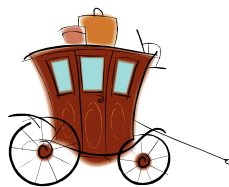
(Many thanks, Mrs Exley, Maths Co-ordinator)

The Silver Challenge will be on Thursday 2nd April with details of that nearer the time.

Mother's Day Practice ~ After school practice this Thursday 5th March with Helen Walker for those involved in the music / singing for the Mother's Day Mass.

New things in school : We have had new lighting installed in the ICT Room as well as a new door over half term. Last week the new KILN arrived in the Art and Science room and also the BRICK SLIPS from those who donated to the 'Pave the Way' Campaign. These will be put up shortly in the new entrance area.

Beaumanor Hall : We wish class six all the best at Beaumanor Hall this week ~ safe journey, good weather, great experiences and happy memories.



Friends News

Pancake Races ~ These races were really enjoyed by the children and raised £79.16. Thank you for everyone who took part and to those who helped on the day.



Kid's Disco! ~ MARCH 14th at HOLY ROOD CHURCH HALL ~ 3.30 until 5.30 p.m.

£2.00 per child to include refreshments - all welcome and bring a friend!

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE : Prizes are as follows:

1st prize : Family Photo Portrait worth £50

2nd prize: Silver bracelet donated by Richard Share

3rd prize : £15 gift voucher for flowers donated by Gail Lawrence

4th prize : Free Pamper session at the next Friends Pamper Night

5th prize : Nice Bottle of Wine

6th Prize : Box of chocolates and DVD

7th prize : Selection of Art materials for those budding painters!

To be drawn after the Y3 & 4 Easter performance in the morning 26th March.

Tickets with this newsletter but also to be sold on the playground. Watch out for the Ladies with Mothers' Day style Collection boxes. Tickets can also be sold outside of Holy Rood Church so if anyone can take some to places of work, toddler groups, etc, please see a member of the friends who will be more than happy to give you some extra tickets.

School Meals : There will be an increase in the cost of school meals from 20th April to:

£1.70 per day or £8.50 per week.

Football Match : We played a home game against Silkstone Common school last Thursday after school. We played a mixed girl's and boy's team and drew 2 - 2 in an excellent game of football played in very good spirit. Well done to the children and a big thank you to Mr Hickey for organising this match and to Robert for coming to help. Playing for the school team is such a morale booster for children and makes them feel important and valued ~ which of course they are!

World Book Day : We will be celebrating this on Tuesday March 17th and we would like all children to come dressed as a character from one of their favourite books!

Should be a great day.

Thank you for reading this newsletter,

John Gregson

