

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who could join us at our annual Harvest Festival and for your kind donations to the Swadlincote Food Bank. As our final song perfectly summed up, when someone needs help, we can do something about it, and we feel empowered - we are proud to make a difference...



We firmly believe that trying new things and developing new skills is a vital part of life and hugely beneficial in children's social development. It can help children grow in confidence, expand their understanding of the world around them, or introduce a hobby or passion that could last for years to come!

Enrichment opportunities are deliberately and carefully planned to benefit pupils mentally, socially and physically. They make our school a place where there is room for work and for play and most importantly, they help us to develop the whole child.

This term, the whole school participated in Musical Theatre workshops thanks to your contributions to the clothing recycling bank behind the Village Hall.

Everyone had a fantastic time and it was wonderful to see the energy, confidence, creativity, team work and sheer joy when the children were performing. Thank you to Miss Halsey for organising.



Key Stage 2 pupils visited the Rolls Royce Science Festival at Rosliston Forestry Centre. The children got a huge amount out of the day, developing collaborative working, communication and problem solving -I think we have some future engineers! Thank you to Mrs Davies for organising.



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Year 2 had their own Science Day with Mrs Hughes... They learnt about the various branches of science and famous scientists and conducted some exciting experiments: chromatography; rainbow colour mixing; making cornflour slime (a non-Newtonian liquid which gets thicker when it's pushed or pressed). I think we also have some budding scientists!



Years 5 and 6 recently went on their residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes, experiencing three days of climbing, canoeing, camp fires, zip wires and much more...

These activities foster personal development, build social skills, and provide new learning experiences outside the classroom. They boost confidence, encourage independence, and resilience by exposing children to new environments and challenging them with activities that require teamwork and problem-solving. Thank you to the staff, who leave their own family and do not get paid overtime or gets days off in lieu, for providing our pupils with a fabulous and unique opportunity - everyone had a wonderful time and the children's behaviour was

outstanding.

We have also promoted openness about mental wellbeing and the importance of mental health through our Hello Yellow Day. We had a great time 'forest bathing' at our Forest School site, scavenging, building bug hotels, drawing or just chilling with our friends. We discussed how children can look after their own mental health and that of others and watched a film about building our dreams. Thanks again to Mrs Davies, our Mental Health Champion.



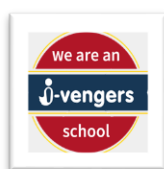
On Mon 10th November, we have the Konflux Theatre coming into Class 1 to enrich their learning about Crime and Punishment throughout history. After a fun day of learning, Parents of Class 1 children are invited into school @ 3pm to see our 'Play in a Day: Not Guilty Your Honour!'

And...on Thursday 27th November, Rolls Royce will be delivering a workshop on fingerprints.

All of these activities enrich our children's learning and ignite curiosity.



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We will be holding our Remembrance Service on Tuesday 11th November at 11:00 at the memorial, everyone is welcome to join us and children can wear their Brownie, Cubs, Beavers etc. uniforms. We will be selling merchandise to support the Royal British Legion after half term - details to follow.



Background Information

Headlouse infection is not primarily a problem of schools but one of the wider community. Headlice are transmitted by direct, still, prolonged head-to-head contact. Transmission of lice within a classroom is relatively rare. When it does occur, it is usually from a 'best friend'. At any one time, most schools will have a few children who have active infection with headlice.

This is often between 0% and 5%, rarely more. The perception by parents/carers can be that there is a serious 'outbreak' with many children infected - this is hardly ever the case.

Head lice are a normal part of childhood - so please don't be embarrassed! We can fight the spread of head lice if parents/carers check the whole family's hair for lice regularly and we would encourage weekly inspection of hair for early identification of infestation. If live headlice are found, prompt treatment should be given. Parents should return their child to school immediately after treatment - there is no need to keep a child off school for the day. If school notices headlice, we will inform parents/carers directly.

The school cannot

- ❖ Carry out physical checks on pupils for head lice
- ❖ Tell parents to keep children away from school because of head lice.
- ❖ Exclude a child from school because of head lice.

Please see the NHS websites below for further information

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits>

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits/>

Please also see the letter sent out on 21st October on the School Jotter App.



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PLEASE NOTE OUR INSET DAYS FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

Fri 24th Oct: End of Term

Mon 3rd Nov: Back to School
Parent Consultation Week

Mon 10th Nov: 'Play in a Day: Not Guilty Your Honour' Class 1

Tues 11th Nov: Remembrance Service

Fri 15th Nov: Children in Need (Challenge Yourself) Details to follow

Thurs 27th Nov: Fingerprint Workshop Class 1

Fri 19th Dec: Last Day of Term 2 - break up for Christmas

Mon 5th Jan: Back to school

Thurs 15th Jan: Young Voices (Years 3-6)

Mon 23rd Feb: INSET DAY **School Closed**

Fri 22nd May: INSET DAY **School Closed**

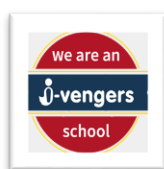
Fri 26th June: INSET DAY **School Closed**

Mon 29th June: INSET DAY **School Closed**

(Further events to be confirmed)



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