

Staff changes

It is with great sadness New Invention Infant School will be waving goodbye to our dear friend, colleague and exemplary headteacher...Mrs Travis at the end of this term! She has been a steadfast and inspirational teacher and leader in our school for almost thirty years including three 'Outstanding' Ofsted inspections, which shows her commitment to her work and the children and families within our community. Mrs Travis has always demonstrated the highest standards and expectations for all the staff she has worked with and for the children she has taught – indeed many of our parents were in her class at some point over the last thirty years! She is a person of integrity and is highly respected by all who know the real Kate; a person who stands up for the rights of others and has unceasingly challenged and championed inclusion and the best life chances for every single child who has been part of our school and borough. Whilst we will all be very emotional as we end a hugely successful era of the New Invention Infant School we will wish Mrs Travis a long, happy, healthy and adventurous retirement with her husband, children and grandchildren and sincerely hope that she enjoys every moment of her well-deserved break from the busy world of education into a more relaxing world of long walks, reading and extended holidays.

Attendance

The table below celebrates the attendance of the best class each week. The overall winner for November/December is Monkey class, who will be awarded a Golden Time session of their choice.

Week beginning 2 nd January	Bumblebee AM, Grasshopper AM and Seahorse Class	100%
Week beginning 9 th January	Bumblebee AM and Seahorse Class	100% 98.5%
Week beginning 16 th January	Bumblebee AM, Grasshopper AM and Caterpillar AM Lion Class	98.5% 98.3%
Week beginning 23 rd January	Grasshopper AM and Bear Class	100% 99%
Week beginning 30 th January	Bumblebee AM and Seahorse Class	100% 98%
Week beginning 6 th February	Tiger and Dolphin class	99.3%
Week beginning 13 th February	Caterpillar AM and Panther Class	100%

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who came to support us on our Family Music Charity Quiz night before half term. We raised more than £400 for Cancer Research!!! It was a wonderful to see so many children and their families enjoying themselves! Look out for the next event later this term.

Our next PTA Puzzle Partners meeting will be Tuesday 7th March 4.00-5.00. Anyone requiring childcare will be catered for in our After School Club.



Baby News

Mrs Brown gave birth to baby Oliver Brown on 31st January and both are doing really well!

New Diary Dates

RECEPTION	Wednesday 1 st March	Please join Reception classes for their walk to the Post Office for the start of their new topic all about 'The Jolly Postman'.
YEAR 2	Wednesday 1 st March	A special visit from Blackbeard today to talk to the children all about his Pirate voyages and adventures!



WHOLE SCHOOL	Friday 3 rd March	As part of our World Book Day celebrations we are having a 'Bedtime stories' day at school. Children are welcome to wear pyjamas or bedtime clothing as we will be having stories, with a hot chocolate and marshmallows snack.
CHOIR	Monday 6 th March	Mrs Hughes will be accompanying the choir to Forest Arts Centre to take part in the Walsall Music Festival.
NURSERY & RECEPTION PARENTS	Monday 6 th March	Mrs Naffati will be talking to all the children in Early Years about the NSPCC 'Pants Campaign'; a fun assembly with a safety message.
	Tuesday 7 th March	Please join Puzzle Partners 4.00-5.00 pm to plan fun ideas and activities for Easter! Anyone needing childcare will be catered for in our After School Club.



YEAR 1	Wednesday 8 th March	As part of their topic on 'Growth' Year 1 will be visited by a puppeteer. The puppet show tells the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.
WHOLE SCHOOL	from Monday 20 th March	The Book Fair will be available to visit at the following times this week:- Monday: 3.30 p.m. – 4.00 pm in the dining room for all pupils Tuesday: 3.30 p.m. – 4.00 pm in the dining room for all pupils Wednesday: 11.15 p.m. – 11.45 pm in the nursery for AM nursery pupils 3.15 p.m. – 3.45 pm in the nursery for nursery PM pupils Thursday: 3.30 p.m. - 4.00 pm in the dining room for all pupils
RECEPTION	Thursday 23 rd March	Reception children invite their Mum to a 'Mad Mommy Hatter's Tea Party' to celebrate Mother's Day! Each child will pamper their Mum with home-made lemonade and cakes. Please sign up nearer the time outside your child's class. Lion Class – 9.15-10.15 Tiger Class – 10.30-11.30 Panther Class – 1.30-2.30
YEAR 2	Friday 24 th March	Would you like to brush up your grammar? Let your child show you all they have learnt about words, sentences and how they can be put together in different ways! Join your son or daughter and Mrs Westbury to explore grammar in a fun way and find out what they need to know for their end of year tests. Any family members are welcome to come along and join in!
RECEPTION	Wednesday 29 th March	Weather permitting Reception classes will be walking to the local park to look for signs of Spring. All classes will be walking together leaving school at approximately 9.15am, if you or a family member are available and would like to accompany your child and their class please tell the Class teacher – the more the merrier! All children need to wear weather-appropriate clothing and footwear.



Save the date

Reception trip to Wonderland at Telford Park Wednesday 5th April – more information to follow

End of Spring Term Friday 7th April – Non uniform day

Summer term begins – Monday 24th April

Thank you for reading this newsletter!