

Our News

Successful Lottery Grant bid : a massive thank you to Bria who heard a few days ago that the bid for lottery funding has been accepted. Dame Catherine's should now be getting some new outdoor play equipment for the garden with the £9,960 – hopefully just before the half term holiday.

Spread the word : this time to help raise money for markings on the front playground Bria approached Tesco's in Ashby to take part in their token scheme. We are one of 3 charities, running until the end of October, so please encourage people to shop there and support us by putting their tokens in our slot. We should be guaranteed at least £1,000 but it could be as much as £5,000 if we get the most token.

What's been happening in school?

Our learning : we will aim to get at least 2 newsletters out each half term, and will try to include some information about our exciting learning for you to read.

We have begun the year exploring and investigating, and as usual working together. Nursery and class 1 have been joining together for their science afternoons on Wednesdays and will be making the most of the garden together over the coming weeks. Now that the back door from the nursery into the garden has been opened up, there is no stopping them.

Nursery and class 1 are now starting to learn sign language.

Coming soon : watch out for some recycled paper which nursery will be making.



Class 2 have been investigating how they might clean water, should they ever be stranded on an island and need to survive.

With their amazingly successful oil lamp creations in addition to this, they really are building up quite a few practical survival skills.



Reminders

Our school day : we are still offering breakfast and after school provision, but are currently only running sessions required, so please remember to book in officially if you need either of these. School starts at 9am but we will be opening doors 15 minutes before then to allow some flexibility. We understand that there are times when children might be late, but it would be helpful to try and ensure that they arrive by 9am wherever possible. Should your child need to arrive before 8.45am, please do use breakfast club facility. This costs £6 (and £7.50 if ad hoc.) The back entrance could well be locked before 8.45am due to staff meetings being held before school, so could breakfast club children (and anyone arriving after 9.05pm) please ring the front doorbell. Thank you.

Helping out : thank you to all parents who have offered to volunteer at the school. Let us know if you can offer anything. We are always looking out for support with the swimming session, which is now the second half of the morning on Friday.

Class 2 curriculum responses : we have had a really positive response from children and parents who have shared their ideas about our curriculum theme this half term in class 2. If children haven't managed to bring the sheet back yet, it would be helpful for them to do this by next Monday. Thank you.

Sickness : if your child suffers from sickness or diahorrea, our policy states that they should be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode.

Outside shoes and coats : the children love to play in the garden. Please remember to provide them with outdoor shoes and a coat. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

School calendar : we will be getting a calendar for the year out shortly. Dates are being finalised for main events for the whole year, but for now, below are a few dates for the near future.

- Saturday 6th October – our Autumn Open morning and Stay and Play 10am onwards. Please encourage anyone you know to come along.