



# Smallthorne Primary Academy Monthly Newsletter

## April 2022

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### Message from Mrs Steele:

Another term is over - time seems to be flying. I can't believe we are only 12 school weeks away from the Summer Holidays. Our Newsletter is packed this month with all of the exciting things that have been happening at school. We really appreciate your support both in school and at home. Keep an eye on Seesaw and Parent Pay for future news.

Have a lovely Easter Break.



### Topics for next Half Term

Nursery— **Down on the Farm**—Do cows drink milk?



Reception— **We're all going to the Zoo tomorrow**—Where does your favourite animal live?



Year 1— **Our Wonderful World**—How does your garden grow?



Year 2— **Me and My City**—How has Stoke on Trent changed over time?



Year 3— **Shang Dynasty**—How did the Shang Dynasty compare to modern life?



Year 4— **Great Conquests**—Who Invaded When?



Year 5— **Terrible Tudors**—Who were the Tudors and what impact did they have?



Year 6— **Rights, do we need them?**—Who have been the main influences?



### Are you 'Ready to Learn'?

Children earn a house point if they meet the three areas of Ready to Learn below. They could also be in with a chance to win a family breakfast if their Ready to Learn score is over 96%.

Our Ready to Learn initiative includes:

- Attendance
- Punctuality
- Uniform



*This half term, 16 children were drawn from the prize draw at random and will receive a breakfast with their families after Easter. A huge well done to:*

- Nursery— Bethany and Kajetan
- Reception— Riley and Arlie
- Year 1— Alesia and Amaiya
- Year 2— Nassir and Cory
- Year 3— Carter and Ashvigan
- Year 4— Jenna and Freddie
- Year 5— Chioma and Poppy
- Year 6— Freddie and Ollie

We look forward to celebrating with the next group of Ready to Learn winners!



### Important Dates

**Monday 25th April**

School opens after the Easter holidays

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Last half term behaviour treat

**Tuesday 26th April**

Winning house team treat for Kilimanjaro

**Tuesday 26th April**

Year 2 SATs meeting

**Thursday 28th April**

Reading reward trip to Waterstones and breakfast with Mrs Steele and Miss Holford

**Friday 29th April**

Family breakfast for Ready to Learn winners

**Friday 29th April**

Years Three and Four 7-a-side football competition at Northwood

**Monday 2nd May**

School closed for May Bank Holiday

**Wednesday 4th May**

Year 5/6 Swimming Competition

**Monday 9th May—Thursday 12th May**

Year 6 SATs

**Friday 13th May**

Year 6 reward day

**Tuesday 17th May**

Nursery trip to Park Hill Farm

**Friday 27th May**

Behaviour treat day

**Friday 27th May**

School closes for May half term

**Monday 6th June**

School opens after the half term



### Reading Reward

We awarded another group of children who read regularly at home last half term with a trip to Waterstones and afternoon tea with Mrs Steele and Miss Holford.



The lucky winners were: Samantha (Nursery), Ayla (Reception), Richard (Y1), M'caide (Y2), Ava (Y3), Jenna (Y4), Holly (Y5) and Kacey (Y6).

**Well done to you all! We hope you enjoyed reading your books!**

### Head Start

Head Start Care Club offer an after school club facility, daily from 3:00-5:30pm. The cost is £5 up until 4:00pm and £9 until 5:30pm.



If you would like your child to attend, please contact Head Start directly on 01782 575733.

If you are late picking your child up, they will be taken to club and you will incur a charge.

### Seesaw

We are continuing to use Seesaw as the main platform for sharing messages, key information and a direct contact between you and your child's class teacher.

Please make sure you are checking it daily to ensure you don't miss out on the exciting things happening at Smallthorne!

If you are having any difficulties please contact Miss Fox in the school office.



### WISH

We would just like to remind parents/carers that the legal age for all social media is 13 and if children are accessing these sites then please can we ask that you remind them of the right ways of using social media and monitor their usage closely.



Our aim is to keep all of our children safe and happy both inside and outside of school!

If you have any questions or concerns around this, then please contact the school office.

### Rising 3s



Rising 3 is a program where your child can start at our nursery the term after their third birthday.

For more information, please contact our school office.

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### Recorder Festival

This half term, Year 5 represented Smallthorne in the city-wide recorder festival at the Victoria Hall. They had a great day and showed off their talents on the recorder!



### The Jubilee City Voices Concert

A group of 9 KS2 children represented the school at the Victoria Hall for the above concert. They sang beautifully and it really was a lovely evening!



### PTFA

A huge thank you to you all for your contributions and participation in this year's Red Nose Day. We had lots of sporting fun and it was great to see our community's competitive sides. We raised a fantastic £374.84 towards Comic Relief.



We also ran our annual Mother's Day sale. This was greatly supported by the whole school and as a result helped us to raise a huge £711. This money will go towards continuing to provide your children with exciting opportunities and resources to help us ensure we give them the best education!

### We need your help!

The PTFA is a collective group made up of both staff and parents/carers. We work together to help raise money for the school and our children. If you would be interested in joining and helping our team to plan exciting events in the future, please contact Miss Fox in the school office.



### Easter Parades

We had a fantastic start to the week watching all of our children in the Easter parades. A HUGE thank you to all the children and parents/carers for their amazing efforts in creating bonnets, eggs and scenes. We are definitely a creative community! **Well done to our winners from each class—enjoy your eggs!**



### Sports Competitions

This half term we have been busy entering competitions for both Football and Cross Country.

KS2 entered the Cross Country competition with other schools across the city at Endon.

A huge well done to Taylor from Year 4 who won the Burslem Town Year 3/4 Girls race and Sam from Year 5 who represented Burslem Town in City Cross Country final.



Well done to all the KS2 children who entered the races. We are very proud of you all and you represented Smallthorne Primary Academy perfectly!

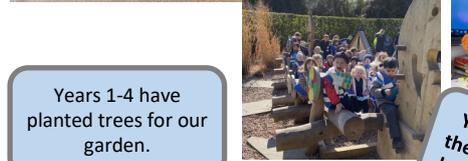
Year 3/4 were also asked to enter a friendly football competition with the Year 3/4 children from Mill Hill Primary. Once again, we were blown away with how impeccable their behaviour was and what excellent sportsmanship they showed. Well done to you all!



### Look at what we've been doing!



Reception visited Warwick Castle.



Years 1-4 have planted trees for our garden.



Year 1 made their very own hand puppets.



Judging by the red faces, Year 6 had a great time at Ninja Warrior!