

#### **Dear Families**,

It has been good to see so many of our parents and carers being able to support our school through the many different events we have had over this very busy half term. Some of you may have enjoyed our Mother's day afternoon tea in Nursery, Parent/child cookery club, Y1 phonics evening and whole school events such as World Book week and the very popular Easter bingo. Thank you to the PTFA for organising the event on Thursday evening. All children left with some chocolate and lots of fun was had by all!

We continue to look forward to a very busy new term in the Summer with SATs and other government assessments taking place as well as the King's coronation, a number of school trips, class assemblies and the Summer Fayre to name but a few!

Finally, We hope you enjoy the Easter break and look forward to everyone returning fit and healthy for the Summer Term on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.** 

#### **Mr Archer**





#### Whitemoor lakes

When we arrived, we first had a tour at Whitemoor Lakes. The Instructors told us about our first activity. We had to walk around the whole lake and answer eighty questions. For example, we had to find three different coloured rocks. Then, we got split in to four different groups and we did our first activity. I think my favourite activity was the zip wire and the disco because with the zip wire, it felt like you were flying and the disco was really fun! The staff at Whitemoor Lakes were very encouraging and the dinner was delicious! My favourite meal was burger and chips for lunch. (Jack - H5)

At Whitemoor Lakes, we had different activities like; zip wire, climbing and fencing. There were also other activities but my favourite activity was fencing because it was like sword fighting with one hand. Some other people at Whitemoor Lakes tried their best to go down the zipline and went as high as they could when they were climbing. The staff at Whitemoor Lakes were very kind because every time I went higher on the wall they would tell me to climb one more step which made me feel proud of myself. (Khadija – H5)















During World Book Week, all classes' learning was based on *Where My Wellies Take Me* by Michael and Clare Morpurgo. We have had a wonderful week reading and learning poems, thinking about our wonderful British countryside and producing some wonderful writing. This included letters about how to look after the countryside, recounts of walks in nature and even some exciting dragon discoveries! On World Book Day, we celebrated together with a *Masked Reader* game and enjoyed seeing some wonderfully thought-out costumes. We finished our week with some lovely, shared activities and it was wonderful to be able to invite families back into school to share our love of reading together. Thank you as always for all your support with reading at home and for joining in the festivities! I look forward to more exciting celebrations during our *Shakespeare Week* in the Summer term. – Miss Hill









#### **School Council Fire Station visit**









On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February, the school council were invited to the Fire Station. When we arrived, there were some people from 'Trent and Dove housing' outside with a van, who were offering a free drink and a place to chat. We all got a free hot chocolate from them and then met the 'Community Fireman'. While we were introducing ourselves, we heard a loud siren as the fire engine exited the station. The Community Fireman, who was listening to his radio, told us that there was a car on fire at Meadowside. After that, we went inside and he showed us some of the old fire helmets from different countries and a very old fire truck in the 'mini museum'. Then he showed us the community Fireman had finished he took us around the rest of the station and we saw all the different rooms, including the gym and the canteen area as well as the fireman's pole. Finally we saw the modern fire engines and the uniforms before it was time to head back to school. –By Sydney H5



#### **School dates**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March- Last day of school Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April- Easter Holidays Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April First day back at school Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – May Bank holiday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Extra Bank holiday for the King's coronation Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May- Last day of school Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May-Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June- Half term holidays Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – First day back at school Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Last day of school for the children. Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July- INSET- school closed for children Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July –INSET –school closed for children