

## Summer Fair

Thank you to all that attended the school fair, unfortunately we didn't have the really sunny weather to set up the stalls outside but it did mean the dogs were able to run the cart rides on the playground. We raised £790.40 - thank you so much.

We would like to say thank you to Mr Craig and his Newfoundlands, Dexter's mum and dad for the face painting, Gracie-Mae's grandparent and great grandparent for the cakes, sweets and the craft raffle prize, Tesco for the barbecue raffle prize, Morrisons for the wine, Mrs Blackwood, one of our governors for making lots of items for the tombola and donating jewellery and Harry's dad, also one of our Governors, for helping with the dogs.

## Office staff changes

After being an invaluable member of the school staff team for over 20 years Mrs Waldron in the school office will be retiring at the end of the summer term. We will all miss her very much, and wish her every happiness in her retirement. We can't imagine Speedwell without Mrs Waldron in the office at the moment, so this will be a big change for everyone.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Lowe to the school office team in September, alongside Miss Longstaffe. Mrs Lowe is looking forward to joining the team and becoming part of the Speedwell school community.

# Speedwell Infant School

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## Artsmark Special Newsletter

We are currently working towards achieving the Artsmark Award. This is an award from the Arts Council England for schools who value and nurture learning and experiences linked to the arts – this could be any creative activity such as singing, dancing, painting, drawing, sculpting, performing, and much more.

These are some of the things we have been doing this year:

- Scottish country dancing for all children
- Year 2 children participating in the Dance Festival at the Winding Wheel in Chesterfield
- After school dance club
- Entering the Staveley Town Council painting competition
- Entering the Chesterfield in Bloom painting competition
- Some Year 2 children accessing Mini Bands sessions
- Accessing online arts events
- Performances throughout the year, including our Christmas concerts and our Easter bonnet parade with songs from all classes
- Participating in the creating of poppy flowers for the Staveley Hall poppy display
- Family craft mornings
- Using drama and story to support teaching and learning across school
- Developing the use of transient art areas in classrooms

## **Arts Festival**

We usually hold an Art Week at the end of the summer term. This year we are holding an Arts Festival, which we are really excited about. We hope you will be able to join us to celebrate our Arts Festival, and we have a timetable of events below:

Week of 6th July

Lots of in school activities for the children, creating artwork and learning a performance, plus there will be a surprise 'Masked Singer' event happening throughout this week for the children.

Tuesday 14th July

Our Arts Festival opens to parents and carers – please see the table opposite for dates and times for your child's class events and whole school events

## **Sports day**

At 9.00am on Tuesday 21st July children in Nursery 2 (the children that start in Reception in September) and children in Giraffes will take part in sports day on the school field. The children in nursery 1 will stay in nursery with staff.

At 2.00pm on the same day children in Elephants and Lions will take part in sports day on the school field.

Parents / carers of children are welcome to come along and cheer the children on in the morning and the afternoon.

## **Year 2 Leavers assembly**

On Wednesday 22nd July at 2.00pm Year 2 leavers assembly will take place. Parents and carers of year 2 children in Elephants and Lions are invited to the special leavers assembly to celebrate their achievements during their time at Speedwell.

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July Pandas Class	9.00am	Morning nursery children in Pandas Class will perform in the school hall for Pandas Class parents and carers, plus these parents and carers can visit the art exhibition with their children after the performance
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July Giraffes Class	2.30pm	Giraffes Class will perform in the school hall for Giraffes Class parents and carers, plus these parents and carers can visit the art exhibition with their children after the performance
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July Elephants Class	2.30pm	Elephants Class will perform in the school hall for Elephants Class parents and carers, plus these parents and carers can visit the art exhibition with their children after the performance
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July Lions Class	2.30pm	Lions Class will perform in the school hall for Lions Class parents and carers, plus these parents and carers can visit the art exhibition with their children after the performance
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July Whole school	3.00pm each day	All parents and carers can visit the art exhibition - parents and carers may collect their children from their class doors from 2.55pm and come to the main entrance to look at the exhibition with their children
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July Whole school	2.15pm	A special whole school celebration of our journey towards the Artsmark Award on the school field – All parents and carers are welcome to join us for a cake and a drink, and to hear the children sing.