

## A Few Words from Mr Hancox

Welcome to the SPRING edition of our newsletter, we have had another busy two weeks! We want to celebrate one of our Year 5 children – Tori, who has represented Anker Moor at the Trust council. At the first meeting they collaborated on a group name; discussed a campaign across the Trust; shared ideas for Trust competitions and came up with ideas for children from different schools to work together. She spoke clearly and confidently represented the school.

**PARENTAL CONCERNS** We do our very best at Anker Moor to support all children and parents with any issues that may arise. As you can appreciate, incidents / fall outs or friend issues can occur daily. Please ensure you contact us with any worries or concerns and we will sort these out as quickly as possible.

**Thank you to all of the parents who took part in the 'Parent Survey' over the last few weeks. We greatly appreciate the time and effort you spent on making the school the best learning environment for your children.**

Dear Parents and Carers, We are looking for a dedicated and enthusiastic parent to join our Governing Body as a Parent Governor. This is a fantastic opportunity to play an active role in shaping the future of our school and making a real difference in the education of our children. As a Parent Governor, you will: -Contribute to key strategic decisions about the school's direction and policies -Support and challenge school leadership to ensure the best outcomes for pupils -Represent the views of parents and the wider school community -Gain valuable skills and experience in leadership and governance. No prior experience is necessary just a commitment to the role and a passion for improving education. Full training and support will be provided. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact the school office.

**SAFETY NOTICE – Unless you have been given explicit permission from the school, please do not drive onto the school carpark to pick up or drop off children. We must put the safety of our children at the forefront of all of our decisions.**

**21<sup>st</sup> March is National day of Forests, at Anker Moor we love our Forest School area. "In a Forest of a hundred thousand tree's, no two leaves are alike" Reception, Year 1 and 2 have had a fantastic time learning outdoors!**



**Forests, crucial ecosystems for food security**  
Forests, pillars of global food security and nutrition, are the livelihoods of millions of families. They provide essential foods such as fruits, seeds, roots and wild meat, fundamental resources for indigenous and rural communities. But its function goes far beyond. Forests are a vital source of energy, providing wood for cooking, playing a key role in agriculture by hosting pollinators and acting in soil enrichment, climate regulation and biodiversity conservation. In addition, forested watersheds supply freshwater to more than 85% of the world's major cities. In crisis situations, forests become an economic and food lifeline, providing up to 20% of family income in rural areas, guaranteeing healthy diets. But these ecosystems are in danger. We lose 10 million hectares annually due to deforestation and approximately 70 million hectares affected by fires. Protecting and restoring our forests is urgent and necessary: the well-being of the planet and future generations depends on them

### Did you know?

- More than five billion people around the world use forest and non-timber forest products for food, medicine and livelihoods.
- Over 2 billion people rely on wood and other traditional fuels for cooking
- Wild meat is an important protein source for Indigenous Peoples and rural communities particularly in tropical regions. Over 3,200 species of wild animals are used as food.
- In some countries and regions, forests and trees provide around 20% of the income for rural households.

## What is happening in the next two weeks?

- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
Basketball Club/Well-being club– 3.20pm – 4.20pm
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
KS1/KS2 Sports Club – Multi skills 3.20pm – 4.20pm  
Progressive Sports / Rock Steady music
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
Gymnastics/Dance Club (KS1/2) – 3.20pm – 4.20pm  
SATs Club – 3.20pm – 4.20pm  
Rockit Music/ Woodwind tuition
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
Year 3/4 Forest Friday      Year 1/2 Parent Lunch
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
Basketball Club/Well-being Club - 3.20pm – 4.20pm  
Woodwind performance – 10.30am 11am  
Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea and cake and crafts  
Non-Uniform Day – Please bring in alcohol and chocolate for the Easter Bingo.
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
KS1/KS2 Sports Club – Multi skills 3.20pm – 4.20pm  
Progressive Sports / Rock Steady music
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
Gymnastics/Dance Club (KS1/2) – 3.20pm – 4.20pm  
SATs Club – 3.20pm – 4.20pm  
Rockit Music/ Woodwind tuition
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
Year 5/6 Forest Friday      Reception Parent Lunch

### What is going on in Spring Term

<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3/4 Forest Friday – Year 1/2 Parent Lunch
<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Mothers' Day – Afternoon Tea, Cake, Sandwich and crafts
<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Bring in chocolates/alcohol (for Easter Bingo/Raffle)
<b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 5/6 Forest Friday - Reception Parent lunch
<b>7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Day Year 3/4 Assembly (Parents)
<b>7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Bingo/Raffle (after school)
<b>8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Rock Steady Concert
<b>8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Interhouse Sports Competition (Parents to come in and watch PE lessons)
<b>10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Disco – (R, Y1, Y2) (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6)
<b>11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Menu Day
<b>11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Break up for the Easter Holiday

## Attendance

Reception – 97.9%

Year 1/2 – 96.8%

Year 3/4 – 96.1%

Year 5/6 – 95.5%



## Value Champions 'Eddie Enjoyment'

14<sup>th</sup> March

Rec – Maisy P

Y1/2 – Rebecca M

Y3/4 – Oscar K

Y5/6 – daisy L

21<sup>st</sup> March

Rec – George B





Y1/2 – Theo B

Y3/4 – Katherine W

Y5/6 – Mia S



## House Points

	House Points this half term!	House Points this year!
 The Lions	490	2762
 The Scorpions	403	2358
 The Sharks	425	2422
 The Crocodiles	373	2262

We are working alongside F. M. & J. Wait Funeral Directors for their Easter Egg Appeal this year; to help donate Easter eggs to the Tamworth Food Bank for local children. If you would like to donate you can either drop off your eggs at the school office or F. M. & J. Wait Funeral Directors, 23 Lower Gungate, B79 7AT - Thank you for your support.

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**Easter Egg Appeal**

We are supporting Tamworth Food Bank by gifting eggs to local children this Easter

If you would like to donate please drop off your eggs here between 9am and 3pm

F. M. & J. WAIT  
23 Lower Gungate, Tamworth B79 7AT  
01827 64820 | dignity.co.uk/local

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## Our Pride Our Joy at Ankermoor



Nursery have been celebrating British Science week, learning about growth, colour and lifecycles. We have been planting our own flowers and starting to grow vegetables. They are looking forward to tasting the Tomatoes, Radishes and Lettuces when they are ready to Harvest. We have been learning about the lifecycle of a Frog, from Frogspawn to Tadpoles, and Froglets to Frogs, and measuring how many Leap Frog jumps we can do. Chromatography and Tie-dye have been explored, creating beautiful rainbows and watching the colours separate and spread.

## Phonics



Over the course of the next few newsletters we are going to share with you tips and advice for parents regarding our phonics scheme, which is Little Wandle.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Above is the link to the parent's section on Little Wandle, the resources on this page will help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos so you can see how they are taught at school and feel confident about supporting their reading at home.

## Easter Bingo

You are all invited (parents and children) to the PTA Easter Bingo on the 7<sup>th</sup> April between 5pm and 6.30pm. Ticket cost £5, which includes tea, coffee, squash, home-made biscuits and five games of BINGO (which should last the evening). If you get a line you will receive a chocolate prize and if you get a full house you will receive an alcohol prize. There will also be a raffle of a school cake and hampers of chocolate and alcohol. Please buy your tickets on Arbor. Tickets will be allocated on a first come basis, as we are limited to amount of people in the hall.

31<sup>st</sup> March – Please bring in chocolate and alcohol for the Easter Bingo - non school uniform day.

7<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Bingo/Raffle



## How can you help?

If you are having a clear out and are able to donate, we are looking for the following items:

- Unwanted dress up outfits - jackets, trousers or skirts with elasticated waists, dresses,- anything that can be worn over the children's school uniform;
- Plastic buckets and spades, bowls and plates etc.
- Items for a mud kitchen i.e., pots, pans, large utensils
- Trowels, racks, buckets – no forks please
- Soft suitcases, handbags, prams and pushchairs
- Small world toys and cars etc.
- Den building - cans, pallets, crates, guttering, plastic sheets, tarpaulin

If you work in a trade, and/or have access to larger items such as tyres, crates, pallets, rubber or plastic pipes, hoses, cable drums etc., then please get in touch with the office, and we will get back to you.

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