

Spring Term News and Events



Children's Sights Set on the Stars!

Our children have enjoyed some great activities this term as part of their Space topic. At the start of January they experienced the night sky inside when a mobile planetarium came to school. They loved crawling into it through a tunnel and spotting constellations in the 'sky'. In the last week of January/first week of February, all the children at Eyam School had the opportunity for an evening visit the Chesterfield Barnett Observatory. The Owls saw the Orion Nebula, Squirrels enjoyed the Super Moon through the telescope and Hedgehogs, who weren't so lucky with the weather, were able to see local sights including the chip shop! All enjoyed an interesting talk from volunteers from the Chesterfield Astronomical Society, who fed back that the visits were a rewarding experience for them and they hope we have one or two budding astrophysicists or astronauts of the future!

Thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped to organise these events and for all your support and fundraising efforts, which made the observatory trip and the planetarium in school possible.

Christmas Fair Update

Thanks to everyone who helped and supported the Christmas fair on Friday 8th December. We made a total of £438 for the PTFA and the children raised a further £90 on their games stalls!

Curry for Kids

A huge thank you to Curry Cottage at Lover's Leap in Stoney Middleton, who held a fundraising evening for us on 1st February, donating a percentage of profits to the PTFA. Their generosity and your support raised £130 for the PTFA!

Eco Kids

Thank you to everyone for your recent donations to the Eco Kids collection, which raised £60.

Jam Tan Primary School

Following their recent communication with our link school, Jam Tan Primary School in Burkina Faso, the children at Eyam school decided that they would like to ask Father Christmas to send their friends at Jam Tan School something extra instead of bringing a gift to them at school. He did just that and here is the response we received from Burkina Faso:

'Please thank the children very much for their gift. It is really such a blessing to see how they are thinking of others and showing Christian concern by foregoing their own presents in order to bless others'.

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PTFA Meeting

Many thanks to all those who attended the PTFA meeting on Thursday 8th February or put forward your suggestions. We have some great fundraising ideas for 2018 and some valuable feedback and ideas for how the money is spent—look out for the meeting minutes with the next school newsletter.

Summer Term Race Extravaganza

In April/May we will be holding a race night with food and fun for all - watch this space for more details! If you are able to help with the event or a specific aspect such as the raffle, please let your class representative know!

Film Club

The next film club will take place on Friday, 16th March. See the film club poster for more details! Volunteers are always welcome—please speak to Eleanor Ross if you are able to help with this event.

Dementia Friendly Eyam

One of our parents, Claire Walsh, provided children and staff at Eyam School with fantastic training on how to be a dementia friend. 68 children and teachers took part in leading our community in becoming a dementia friendly village. If you are interested in learning more, there will be a further training session which you can take part in on Friday, 27th February in the church centre.

Extension to School

The school is planning an extension in the form of an additional room for one-to-one meetings, music lessons and as a meetings, music lessons and more. The PTFA hopes to help in raising funds for this extension but we would like your input. Should we have a dedicated extension fundraising committee? Do you have ideas about how we should run this fund? If you would like to comment or share your ideas, please send comments to Jayne Pritzlaff or your class representative or come along to our next meeting on Thursday, 15th March.

Whole School Bike Ride

We are hoping to run a whole school bike ride during the Summer term but need your support. Please contact your class representative or the school office if you are interested in organising this event or are able to help.

Shoemakers' March

On Saturday, 14th April, we will be taking part in the Shoemakers' March to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Shoemakers' strike. The PTFA will be supporting the event along with Stoney Middleton School PTFA by providing refreshments for the end of the march. If you are able to provide cakes/buns for our stall or help on the day, please contact Caroline O'Connell.

Nearly New Uniform Sale

We will be holding a nearly new uniform sale in the school playground after school on Friday, 2nd March