



# Newsletter

The White Hills Park Federation Trust

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## Buildings Project Update And Consultation

As you will know from recent Newsletters, our buildings project is progressing rapidly at the moment, and we are now entering the detailed school design stage. Although recent progress has been extremely encouraging, there is a lot to do in a relatively short space of time to meet our target of being in the new buildings by September 2019, including obtaining the necessary agreements, marketing and selling land, completing the design of the school, vacating The Bramcote School, carrying out public consultations, engaging a contractor, carrying out surveys and so on. Many of these things are happening simultaneously, and indeed many have already begun.

Over the next six weeks, we will be having the first of the formal legal consultations that will form part of the process. We are asking for your views on two aspects of our plans, both of which are essential to delivering the overall project. Firstly, the proposal to sell the former playing fields on Coventry Lane. This is the land that will be sold to finance the development of our new schools. Although it is in the ownership of the Federation Trust, it has not been used as a school playing field for many years, and has been identified by Broxtowe Council as a suitable site for housing.

Secondly, we are also seeking views on the proposed move from the Bramcote School site, which would mean returning the lease of the site of the existing school buildings to the Local Authority. It would not affect the ownership or use of the running track and playing fields on Moor Lane adjacent to Bramcote Hills Primary School. These will remain available for the use of our students, and the students of Bramcote Hills Primary and Foxwood Schools.

The formal consultation letter will be published on our websites from Monday and we would be very grateful to any parents or friends who take the trouble to respond. Obviously, we hope that the response is positive, which would certainly reflect the discussions I have been having with parents and members of the local community. We will also be asking parents to give their views at any school events that are held during the consultation period.

We are planning to hold a consultation event for members of the school community to see the detail of the school plans and to give your comments and suggestions on the evening of Wednesday, March 29th. This will be an opportunity to see the whole project coming to life, and to understand how the new schools will look and operate. I will give precise details of timings and arrangements in the next few weeks. We are also putting plans into place for the move from The Bramcote School at the end of next term. I will be talking to parents about these at the Bramcote School Parents' Forum next Thursday.

*Paul Heery*

Executive Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

February	FED	AWS	TBS	BC
24th	Raise The Roof Charity Concert 19:00 - 22:00 Alderman White School			
28th	Year 8 Reports Issued			
<b>March</b>				
1st	Parents' Forum 18:30 - 20:00			
2nd	Parents' Forum 19:00 - 20:30			
2nd	Hagg Farm Information Evening 18:00 - 18:30 Alderman White School Hall			
2nd	Paris & Disneyland Information Evening 19:00 - 20:30 Alderman White School			
4th - 7th	Psychology Live Conference Disneyland Paris			
7th	Year 10 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 18:30 Bramcote College			
7th	PTA Meeting 18:30 - 19:30 School Meeting Room			
8th	NHS Careers Event 09:30 - 13:30 Leicester Racecourse			
8th	Maths Feast Event 11:30 - 16:30 University Of Nottingham			
13th	Eco Schools Recycling Centre Visit 08:30 - 13:00 Mansfield			

Please see our websites or login to our free app to view a full calendar of events and important dates.

## Parents' Forums

Please note the dates and times of our upcoming Parents' Forums:

Alderman White School Wednesday 1st March 6:30 - 8:00 pm

The Bramcote School Thursday 2nd March 7:00 - 8:30 pm

All parents are welcome to attend, we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

## Course For Parents - Building Resilience And Self Esteem

Following on from the success of our course earlier in the year about dealing with anxiety as a parent, and following requests from parents in our community, our next course: 'Building Resilience and Self Esteem' will run after Easter.

The course is available to parents of all students within the Federation, from Alderman White School, The Bramcote School, or Bramcote College.

# Building Resilience and Self Esteem Parent Course

Alderman White School, Chilwell Lane, Bramcote, NG9 3DU

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
17:30 – 19:30 for 6 weeks

We are not born with resilience but we can learn to develop the necessary strengths to protect ourselves through challenging times.

Join us to discover how you can manage the ups and downs of everyday life without feeling overwhelmed.

This course is funded for parents who have a child in receipt of free school meals or free if you are in receipt of a means tested benefit. Otherwise the cost is £35, to be paid on enrolment.

This course aims to teach the knowledge and skills we need to build our self esteem and resilience. Parents will learn about developing a strong sense of self to be able to:

- ◇ Improve relationships
- ◇ Develop positive coping strategies
- ◇ Discover ways to manage difficulty emotions

If you would like a place on this course or are a parent of a child eligible for free funding please contact Julie Francis via email: [Julie.Francis@whpfederation.org](mailto:Julie.Francis@whpfederation.org)



Miss J Francis

## Sports News

### Netball

The outstanding Year 10 Netball team from The Bramcote School were in action again this week in the finals week of the Nottinghamshire Central Venue League. The team were in their normal confident mood as they haven't been beaten in this competition in their own age group for 2 years! The first match put them against another strong Netballing school, West Bridgford, but they were no match for the Bramcote girls who easily won 8-0. They then played George Spencer, Emmanuel school and Bluecoat school who were all defeated in quick fashion. The teams achievements in this competition have been outstanding this year, played 11, scored 131 and conceded 10! They now go to the Year 10 Nottinghamshire County tournament next week in good form ready to defend their county trophy.

Both the Federation Year 8 Netball teams also travel to the Central Venue League finals this week in good form. Both are ranked in the top 4 and will hopefully be placed in the medals.



### Football

The Year 8 Football team from The Bramcote School were defeated this week..... by Doris! The weather was too much for the team to travel to Hall Park and they will play them this coming week on Tuesday.

Mr R Bateman

## LGBTQ+ History Month

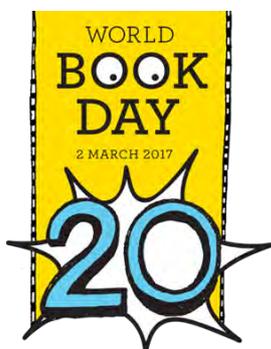
Section 28 was a government legislation dating from 1988 which stated that educational establishments must not "intentionally promote homosexuality or publish material with the intention of promoting homosexuality" or "promote the teaching in any maintained school of the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship [or] lifestyle choice".

Thankfully the legislation was repealed in 2003, but the legacy of Section 28 cannot be underestimated. In 2009, David Cameron issued a heartfelt apology for the hurtful terminology used and the harm it caused. Sadly, it is apparent that the impact of Section 28 is still being felt by thousands of gay young people in Britain's schools. A Cambridge University study found that in 2015-16, 55% of LGBTQI young people experienced homophobic bullying in their school, a quarter said they had attempted suicide, and more than half said they had self-harmed.

We firmly believe that, by celebrating LGBTQ History month in school, we are developing a generation who are both unfettered by diversity phobias and profoundly aware of the difficulties LGBTQI people have faced in the past. The History Month posters found in every classroom highlight high profile individuals who have significantly contributed to society and happen to be LGBTQ or L. To quote Sue Perkins "being a lesbian is only about the 47th most interesting thing about me". Whilst this may be true, one can not underestimate the need for young people to have positive role models.

### Celebrating British Values Working Party

## World Book Day At TBS - Thursday 2nd March



'Do Something Booky' is the tag line for this year's WBD event and here at TBS, that is just what we intend to do.

Look out for competitions, quizzes and lunchtime events to celebrate the 20th anniversary of this international celebration of beautiful books and all things wordy.

Don't forget to collect your £1 off/ free book voucher on the day and visit your local book seller to see what's out there.

Mrs D Crouch and the English Team at TBS

## Maths In The Metropolis



Students at The Bramcote School travel far and wide for their passions and here is Shivanshi Adlankha (8CRO) in London at the recent MathsFest event. She saw Simon Singh (bestselling Maths author) and Matt Parker (stand up Mathematician) as well as other exciting, inspirational speakers. The event is designed to show the fun side of Maths and take Maths out of the classroom. Matt Parker can be seen on YouTube talking about barcodes if you want to see more.

Mrs D Crouch

## Extra-Curricular Activities

The Extra-Curricular Activities timetables have now been updated for this half term. Please see your school website for the timetable of all the fantastic activities on offer during and after the school day.

Mr K Stephan

## Nottinghamshire's Local Offer

Nottinghamshire's Local Offer: Supporting families with children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities aged 0 - 25.

If you've ever struggled to find the right information or service for a child or young person with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), then check out the SEND Local Offer website.

The Local Offer brings together information across education, health, social care and the voluntary and independent sectors and is designed specifically for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities and their families.

Use the Local Offer for ideas for things to do; details of nurseries, schools and colleges; help with getting around; advice and access to health and social care; employment and training; advice on Independent Living, and more.

It's free and impartial and will help you find information about what services are available, or signpost you to somebody who can provide you with the information you need, through one easily searchable web site. Visit [www.nottinghamshire.sendlocaloffer.org.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.sendlocaloffer.org.uk), accessible through a PC, tablet or smartphone.



# Nottinghamshire's Local Offer

Need support for a child or young person with special education needs and/ or disabilities aged 0 - 25?

The Local Offer brings together a wide range of information across education, health and social care all on one website:

### Need to know about?

- Support for special educational needs or EHC plans?
- Transitions to adulthood?
- Health and social care?
- Employment and training?
- Activities and things to do?
- Getting around?



[www.nottinghamshire.sendlocaloffer.org.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.sendlocaloffer.org.uk)

## Chocolate Tombola Donations

On the 22nd March there will be an Easter Egg Chocolate Tombola during the lunch time period within the Bramcote School canteen areas. Any donations of Easter Eggs will be gratefully received, please send any to the reception area of the school marked for the attention of the PTA. Many thanks.

**The Bramcote School PTA**

## Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers



Sainsbury's  
**Active Kids**  
Eat well • Move well • Live well

The Sainsbury's Active Kids scheme is back this year, helping children across the country to eat well, move well, and live well. The vouchers allow us to order sports and cooking equipment and book experiences for students, and the best part is it doesn't cost you any more.

Collect vouchers when you shop at Sainsbury's and drop them off at reception on any site, before the deadline of 30th June to allow us to take full advantage of this scheme and continue to promote healthy eating and exercise across all our schools.

**We are collecting  
Toilet rolls and Easter Eggs  
For The Haven Church Food Bank**

**Please drop off any donations to  
learning support**

**Thank you**

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