**Biggin C of E Primary School’s**

Newsletter 5 for Spring Term Two: 19th February – 23rd March 2018

***Congratulations!***

**to Ms Wotton as Bonus Ball number 39 was drawn on Saturday 17th March**.

Numbers 9, 19, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57 and 59 are free if anyone would like to join in at just £1.00 per week. Winnings are 50% of each week’s takings with double payouts at Christmas and Easter.

**Inclement weather** - if you think school may be closed, it is your responsibility to telephone 01298 84279 or 84642 and find out. As soon as the decision to close school has been made, we will send you a text message – if your details are not up to date, you obviously won’t get the message and please remember: –

1. *‘if in doubt, don’t set out’*
2. *do not leave a child at school unless a member of teaching staff has arrived and they are staying!*
3. *wellies, hats, gloves and scarves are needed in school at all times*

**Clerk to the Governors of Biggin Primary post** has not been filled, if anyone is interested, please contact school.

**Spring Term Two 2018**

Tuesday dance afternoon for all in the village hall (years 4, 5 & 6 dance with Jose), Y3 yoga at school

Wednesday after-school Music club for those in years 4, 5 & 6

Thursday afternoons: - Violin lessons for those in year 3

* Derby County sport coaching for all
* Discovery Club for group two

**March**

Thursday 22nd ‘Show & Tell’ for Alex (Yr6) and Caelan

Friday 23rd i) Last day of term

ii) 09:00 short service in church, please join us if you can

iii) Ms Swinbank’s last day with years 5 & 6!

Please join us in school around ***2.45pm for a farewell cuppa*** (hopefully we will still see her occasionally when she comes in on supply).

 iv) HYPAC Disco Party! Hartington Village Hall 7pm – 11pm, tickets available from

Biggin School £5 – adults, £3 – children (under 5’s free), contact Beth on 078528 16034 for more information.

**EASTER -** 1st April 11.15 am Easter Sunday Church Service - Holy Communion followed by Easter egg hunt at St Thomas’ Church, Biggin.

**Summer term 2018** will begin on Monday 9th April.

Community notices

**HYPAC**

We have been asked to remind you about your Parents’ evening on Monday 19th March 5.30pm – 7.00pm. Would you please bring along some bars / boxes of chocolates for the Chocolate Tombola that will be run at the Fundraising Disco on Friday 23rd March. Don’t forget to buy your tickets and sell all your raffle tickets beforehand, the sooner the better!

**AIR AMBULANCE stamp collection**

The UK’s Air Ambulance Services are charities which receive no government funding and rely entirely on charitable donations to continue flying and responding to life threatening medical emergencies.  We are now volunteering our time to help raise funds through the recycling of postage stamps. All funds raised will be donated to the Association of Air Ambulances to be distributed equally to all UK Air Ambulance Services. Whether your stamps are British or overseas, new or used, send them to us and we'll turn them into funds to keep the UK Air Ambulance Services responding to life threatening medical emergencies.  All you need to do is cut or carefully tear the stamped corner from any envelope or packet that you receive in the post and send them into Biggin Primary for collection. Thank you x

**FIBROMYALGIA bottle top collection**

Sandra has managed to source the Fibromyalgia charity that collects your plastic bottle tops. If you would like to once again send them into us, we can pass them on. Thank you x

# Sign up for new summer term of adult education courses

Residents are being invited to sign up to learn something new this summer with our Adult Community Education Service. Bookings can be made from Monday 19th March 2018 for hundreds of daytime and evening courses and activities on offer this year providing opportunities for people to study for new qualifications or explore new hobbies and interests.

The summer term starts on Monday 9th April 2018 and residents can [view the course listings and sign up online](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/adult_education/find_course/default.asp). Our Cabinet Member for Young People Councillor Alex Dale said: "We have a fantastic range of courses on offer this summer for residents looking for a career change, discover a new hobby or develop their personal skills. We have free courses including CV writing, interview skills, English and maths and paid-for courses in subjects ranging from construction and IT to arts and crafts. Our full course list is available on our website or residents can pick up one of our 'What's on' leaflets from their nearest library or adult community education centre."

Students can gain professional qualifications in practical skills such as plastering, bricklaying and plumbing at our Training and Skills for Construction Centre in Holmewood, near Clay Cross and the Toolbox Centre in Gamesley, near Glossop, which residents can sign up to at any time throughout the year. There are also free courses to help people get back into work such as English and maths, CV writing, job applications and interview skills, advice on starting your own business and a range of traineeships and apprenticeships to help get young people on a career path. Other subjects include arts and crafts, cookery, upholstery, computing, health and wellbeing, languages, interior design, first aid, fitness, IT, childcare, personal development and opportunities for families to learn together.

Gift vouchers are available in denominations of £5, £10, £20 and £50 which can be put towards the cost of courses. We have more information about [Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service (opens in a new window)](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/adult_education/default.asp) or residents can Call Derbyshire tel: 01629 533190.

To contact school and/or reply to messages: - send a note via pupil-post (or leave it in the letter-box), email info@biggin.derbyshire.sch.uk, pop into the office, or leave a ‘phone message on 01298 84279

Please see the school’s website on [www.biggin.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.biggin.derbyshire.sch.uk) for the weekly newsletter, calendar and lots of information. Is there anything in particular that you would like to access on here?