

# Newsletter



## Note from the Head teacher

We as a school community are deeply saddened on the sad news about Sebastian.

We are very proud and privileged to have had such a wonderful young boy as part of our school. His smile, humour and positivity will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are very much with Sebastian's parents and family at this very sad and difficult time.

## Strictly for Sebastian Update

To help local children in the county who are receiving cancer treatments, all the proceeds from the Strictly for Sebastian dance event will be used to help a renovation project at Northampton General Hospital.

With Mr and Mrs Nunney's support, training for Strictly for Sebastian continues as the contestants and groups prepare for the event on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Extra Strictly performance for Brambleside families

The event has generated overwhelming support and interest. Due to the very high demand for tickets and the sell out of the evening show, there will be an extra performance.

To help as many people as possible see the dancers on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Wicksteed Park, we're opening the doors to the dress rehearsal at 1pm, which is especially for Brambleside children and their families. This performance will be more child friendly, lasting up to 3 hours (instead of the 5 hour evening performance). The show is shorter because there will not be any official judging – just lots of dance action!

**Tickets for this Brambleside showing of Strictly for Sebastian will go on sale at 8.30am on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February from the school office.** Each ticket for this afternoon show costs £5.00. Tickets are limited to 4 per family and will be issued on a first come first served basis.

## Team Sebastian fundraising events

We have two exciting dates on the calendar to help raise funds for Team Sebastian:

- ELO tribute act at the Midland Band Social Club – tonight – **SOLD OUT.**
- Parents' team quiz night, Sat 17 Feb (Bring your own alcohol). **Deadline to submit entry forms is midday on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February.** If there are not enough teams, unfortunately this event will be cancelled.

## Dates for your Diary 2023/2024

9 February – School disco  
9 February – ELO music night at Midland Band  
17 February – Quiz night (adults only)  
19 February – 23 February – half term  
2 March – Strictly for Sebastian – Wicksteed Park  
15 March – FOBS Easter chocolate raffle mufi  
20 March – Year 5 Space Centre visit  
22 March – Easter bonnets and egg decorating  
17-19 April – Year 4 Residential  
24 / 25 April – Parents evening  
13 – 16 May – Year 6 SATS week  
17 May – School disco  
20 May – Open evening  
24 May – Bake off and last day of term  
3 June – First day back  
4 – 7 June – Year 6 Residential – Cornwall  
10 -14 June – Year 1 phonics screening check  
14 June – Summer fayre donation mufi  
17 June- EYFS sports day (Reception children)  
21 June – KS1 and KS2 sports day  
22 June – Summer fayre  
26 June – Year 1 visit to West Lodge Farm  
3 July – Year 6 production at Masque Theatre  
8 July – Shuffle up day

## **Zumba Fitness**

Thank you to all the children and parents that attended Bowie's Zumba class. What a workout! £281 was raised for Team Sebastian. Funds will be added to the 'Strictly' total.

## **Free school meals**

Your child may also be eligible for free school meals if you receive certain benefits. Please follow this link to find out more or to register for free school meals. Once an application has been approved, your child will then be entitled to receive a lunchtime meal from our meal provider.

## **Pupil Premium**

If your child is eligible for free school meals and you register them for this, we will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium.' Pupil Premium funding is used to help parents with things such as the cost of uniform (up to £100 annually), support towards school trips, including residential trips, music lessons and holiday club provision. If you have any please contact Mrs Eaton Brown by email: [MEaton-Brown@bramblesideacademytrust.co.uk](mailto:MEaton-Brown@bramblesideacademytrust.co.uk)

