MICKLEOVER PRIMARY SCHOOL
APRIL 2018
NEWSLETTER

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
16th April	Y1 visit to Sudbury
17th April	pm Rec pupils at Fundamentals Festival
19th April	11.30am Owls' parents invited to lunch
20th April	am KS1 physical activity morning
23rd April	St George's Day themed lunch
24th April	5.30pm PGL information evening for Y4 parents
26th April	11.30am Tigers' parents invited to lunch
27th April	KS1 football tournament
3rd May	11.30am Cats' parents invited to lunch
3rd May	pm Y1/2 gym competition
4th May	Y3 Inspire RE workshops
7th May	**BANK HOLIDAY CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL**
11th May	3.30-4.45pm KS1 disco (more details to follow)
14th May	Y6 SATs week
14th May	Y5 PGL visit
14th May	Y2 SATs week
16th May	pm Y3/4 tennis tournament
22nd May	am Y5/6 cricket tournament
23rd May	Y5 Inspire RE workshops
24th May	6pm Summer Music Concert
25th May	Break up for half term
4th June	Return to school
4th June	Y1, 3, 4, 5 assessment week
5th June	4pm Hockey tournament
11th June	Y1, 3, 4, 5 assessment week (cont)
11th June	Y1 phonics check week
11th June	FS visit to White Post Farm
15th June	**INSET DAY—CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL**
17th June	Rolls Royce Challenge
18th June	**INSET DAY—CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL**
19th June	Theme week - World of work
20th June	pm Y5/6 tennis tournament
21st June	Class photos
21st June	New parents' information evening
28th June	Book Fair
28th June	Y5/6 rounders tournament
29th June	Book fair
3rd July	am Meet new teacher for September
3rd July	Y6 secondary school induction
4th July	Y1 & Y2 visit to Tatenhill Adventure Farm
5th July	KS1 athletics festival
7th July	1-3pm Summer Fair
9th July	2.50pm Transition meeting for Rec Parents
10th July	am Y3/4 sports day **(change of date)**
10th July	pm Y5/6 sports day **(change of date)**
11th July	Infant sports day
11th July	2.50pm Transition meeting for Y2 Parents
13th July	Reports to parents
18th July	7pm Leavers' production
24th July	7pm Leavers' disco
25th July	Break up for summer
6th Sept	**RETURN TO SCHOOL**

Summer Uniform

As the warmer weather approaches (hopefully), if you are buying summer shoes, the 'sandal-shoes' with the covered toes are the best option for girls as their toes are then protected. If you do buy sandals, please buy dark coloured (navy/black) or white. They also need to be flat and sturdy for running about on the playground. Please ensure socks are worn to avoid blisters.

Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child with a clear, named water bottle. Please note that children are only allowed to drink water during the day; juice can be drunk at lunchtime with packed lunches. Also, don't forget sun hats, sun glasses and sun cream—named so they can be returned if left outside. With sun cream, it is much easier if you can use the sun cream that only needs applying once; if this is applied before school, it will then last through lunchtime.

Do you have….?

Do you have any good quality:

- Toy cars or emergency vehicles
- Small world play eg play mobile figures
- Barbie dolls

that your children no longer play with and you would be willing to donate to our Reception children? If so, please give them directly to Mrs Whittingham or via the school office.

Can You Help?

If you can spare an hour or two each week, please come and join our parent workshop (Tuesday afternoons) There are usually jobs such as photocopying, laminating, making booklets etc to help the children with their learning in the classroom. If you are unable to come on a Tuesday afternoon but could come on a different day, please speak to Mrs Jones.

Derby Libraries Code PLUS Course

Derby City's library based Code Clubs aim to give children a basic introduction to coding using Scratch. This new course moves up a level and introduces different devices and an opportunity to learn the basics of writing code using Python.

This is a four week course taking place across consecutive Saturday afternoons at Mickleover Library in May and is suitable for children and young people aged from 8 to 14 years. They don't need to have attended Code Club previously.
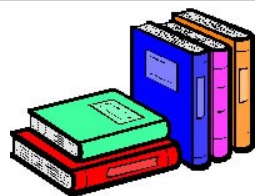
Sessions offer:

- A range of fun STEM activities combining code, design and electronics
- A chance to level up coding skills, progressing from building blocks of pre-existing code with Scratch, to using Python to write code for Minecraft Pi
- Use of devices including Makey-Makey, BBC Microbits and Raspberry Pi
- Opportunities for individual hands-on experiences.

Each session runs from 2.00 to 4.00pm, on the following dates: 5th,12th,19th and 26th May 2018.

The course cost is £35 per child which covers all four sessions. Booking is essential, please see the Eventbrite website for tickets or alternatively any Derby library.

Library Support

Do you have an hour you could spare on a Thursday morning? Our school library is run by parent volunteers, but unfortunately we now have only one volunteer. You don't need to have had any experience; training and support will be given to you by the school. If you are interested, please contact the school office.