

NEWSLETTER

September 2020

Dates for the Year

Usually at the beginning of the school year, I give you all the key dates of events that will be happening during the year. At the moment, I can't do this as we aren't sure when schools will be able to hold events with parents in school again. When the guidance changes, I will send out dates at that point. In the meantime, I do have a couple of dates for your diary:

Thurs 24th Sept	Individual photographs
Tues 6th Oct	Flu vaccinations for all pupils (information has come out this week via email)
Tues 20th Oct	Parents' evening
Thurs 22nd Oct	Parents' evening
Fri 23rd Oct	Break up for half term
Mon 2nd Nov	INSET DAY —children not in school
Tues 3rd Nov	Return to school
Dec	Y2 phonics check that was missed in Year 1
All of May	Y2 SATs
w/c 10th May	Y6 SATs week
w/c 7th June	Y1 phonics check
w/c 7th June	Y4 times table check (3 week window)
7th June	Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 assessment fortnight



Inset Days

The remaining inset days for this year will be on the following days:

Monday 2nd November
Friday 12th March
Monday 21st June
Monday 5th July

Term Dates for 2020-21

Break up for half term Fri 23rd Oct
Return to school Tues 3rd Nov

Break up for Christmas Fri 18th Dec
Return to school Mon 4th Jan

Break up for half term Fri 12th Feb
Return to school Mon 22nd Feb

Break up for Easter **Thurs** 1st April
Return to school Mon 19th April

Break up for half term Fri 28th May
Return to school Mon 7th June

Break up for summer **Thurs** 22nd July

Photographs

We will be having individual photographs taken on Thursday 24th September, however we're not able to have any family groups as we need to keep the children in their 'bubbles' whilst at school.



Parents' Evening

It is unlikely that we will be able to hold 'physical' parents' evenings this year; certainly in the autumn term. We are therefore planning to hold the 10 minute consultations over the phone, so please ensure we have your most up to date contact details.

The booking of appointments will work, as it did last year, by booking the time slot on line. Further information and booking instructions will be sent out nearer the time.



Reading Books

As mentioned in a previous communication, all of our reading scheme books have been audited and transferred onto the national reading bands. In addition to this, £5000 worth of new books have been ordered using the money from the spellathon. Once these books have arrived and have been put onto the shelves, we will be able to start sending reading books home with your child, hopefully within the next couple of weeks.

We will have a quarantine system in school, so that returned books do not go back onto the shelves immediately.



We are a Music Mark School

We have just heard that we have been nominated by Derbyshire Music Hub to become a Music Mark School for the academic year 2020-21. This is because of the value that we place on music within our school.



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We are hopeful that in the next couple of weeks, our Instrumental music lessons will be able to start again for existing pupils in brass, strings, wind and guitar.

Christmas!

Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions around singing and the mixing of bubbles within school, we won't be able to have our usual Christmas performances by the infants, nor go to the church for our end of term Carol Concert.

We are keeping an eye on the ever-changing guidance and should it change with enough notice, we do hope to go ahead.

We will be having Christmas dinner for the children on Thursday 10th December.



Spare Shoes

For children in Year 1 to Year 6, on outdoor PE days, please can you send a spare pair of shoes / trainers in case their PE trainers get muddy or wet and they need to change.

Who do I talk to?

If ever you have anything you are concerned about, regarding school, your child's class teacher is always the first port of call. Due to the current situation, the best way to contact your child's teacher is via Class Dojo in the infants, and email/phone call via the school office in the juniors.

There may be occasions when you would like to speak to Mrs Halliday (KS2 Assistant Headteacher), or Mr Welsh (KS1 Assistant Headteacher); again, a quick phone call to discuss your concern or an email is best.

Mrs Coyle, our Safeguarding and Inclusion Manager, is available to speak to if you feel your child is struggling at school eg due to family break-up, illness or bereavement etc. She can be contacted via the school office. If you feel your child has additional needs then Mrs Goozee is our SENDCO.

Whatever your concern, there is someone in school who can help you. If you don't feel that the issue is solved initially, please let us know so that we can try a different strategy. It's through working together that we will be able to keep your children happy and safe at school.



Uniform

You can now buy our embroidered uniform from the Tesco clothing website. Please visit Tesco F & F website and choose our school from the 'embroidery service'. There is a link on our school website you can use. The school will receive cash back rewards for all uniform purchased.

If you have any uniform queries, the school brochure is available on the website or you can ask in the office. Here's a brief overview: grey trousers/skirt, white polo shirt/blouse, maroon sweatshirt/cardigan, white/black/grey socks/tights, black school shoes. Please name **all** uniform, shoes, coats, PE kits etc. As the weather becomes colder and wetter, you may wish your child to wear boots to and from school and at playtime/lunchtime. If this is the case, please send your child with their school shoes to change into when inside. Whilst jewellery and nail polish are not allowed, children may wear a watch and a pair of small, plain stud earrings if they wish. Please note that earrings **must not** be worn for PE. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings, please do this for them on PE days, before coming to school. We also ask that girls wear plain clips/headbands - no large flowers or bows.

