



Round Up Of The Week

What a fantastic end to a busy half term!

- Year 5 lead whole school assembly on Monday to highlight facts and issues around homelessness. The fact that shocked me most is that the average life expectancy of somebody living rough is 44!
- Parents Evening was very positive with staff having very valuable conversations with you about how your child is doing. Thank you for your support.
- There have been lots of rewards to recognise good progress, attendance, behaviour and attitudes. Children have been baking, playing sports, doing arts and crafts, computing, dancing, having hot chocolate and pop corn, having a tea party with cake, eating pizza and much more.
- Mini Monkeys goes from strength to strength and there was a fabulous turn out for their Valentine themed activities.
- Every class had a karate taster session and they were all excellent. I was amazed at how focused the children were. They run classes at Healthy living Centre every Saturday morning in your child is interested in learning more.
- Classes also had dance taster sessions from Studio 44 based at Duckmanton. Again the children showed real talent. A number of our children have dancing lessons so if your child is interested you should enquire as to when they run classes.
- I met with delegates from Avant Homes and discussed their Make A Difference Day. It looks like they will decorate most of the school and overhaul lots of the garden for us. If they manage to complete the jobs that we talked about they absolutely will make a huge difference!

Coming Up

- Tuesday – Rainbows, Brownies and Guides will be coming to school in their club uniforms as part of thinking day.
- Tuesday – Mini Monkeys Parent Toddler group runs in the hall from 9.30 – 11.
- Tuesday pm – Reception will be taking part in Early Racers at Springwell Community School.
- On Wednesday our digital leaders will be leading assembly on staying safe online.
- On Wednesday afternoon Year 5 will be going swimming at the Healthy Living Centre.
- On Thursday at 8.40am Mrs Richardson will take banking deposits from your fabulous savers.
- On Thursday afternoon Chesterfield Borough Council will host a whole school assembly on Beat The Street. The children will be given their maps and fobs so that they can take part in the games.

After School Clubs:

- Monday, 3.15 – 4.15: Gymnastics after school club
- Tuesday, 3.15 – 4.15: SATs Club for Year 6
- Tuesday, 3.15 – 4.14: Dance after school club
- Wednesday, 3.15 – 4.45: Cooking Club
- Thursday, 3.15 – 4.15: Boogie Bounce
- Friday, 3.15 – 5: Film Club

Staff Change

There is a change to Year 1 and year 2 staffing when we come back after half term.

- Mrs Parnham will be teaching the Year 2 class full time everyday from Monday to Friday. Year 2 are quite a lively class and so having one teacher for the whole week will definitely suit them better and help to improve their learning and behaviour.
 - Miss Dicker will teach Year 1 on Monday
 - Mrs Otter will teach Year 1 on Tuesday and Wednesday
 - Miss Gill will teach Year 1 on Thursday and Friday
- That does mean that Year 1 will have three different teachers, however, Miss Dicker is in class every day and will ensure consistency across the week. The children currently have Mrs Otter so that is not a change and they know Mrs Gill because she teachers in the classroom next door so I am confident that your children will not notice the change and will continue with their excellent learning and behaviour.



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Dates for your diary

February

- 24th Back to School

March

- 5th World Book Day -
- 6th Community Coffee Morning
- 9th Science / D+T week
- 11th Cross Country at Mount St Mary's
- 12th Winding Wheel Dance Festival
- 12th Mr Twinning from Springwell Community School to work with Year 4 on Science Activities.
- 13th Sport Relief Day
- 20th Visit to Magna Science Park for Year 6 children who attended the Athletics final at Springwell Community

April

- 1st 10.30am - Governors Award Assembly
- 1st Reward afternoon for the Team with the most Team Points
- 2nd 9.15am – Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade
- 2nd KS2 Easter disco in school time
- 3rd Governors Award Lunch
- 3rd Year 3 / 4 Roman Fair Day

KS2 SATs are the **week beginning 11th May** – please make sure your child is at school during this week and the weeks leading up to it to ensure they have the best opportunity to show off their ability.

May

- 4th Year 2 SATs begin
- 8th May Day Bank Holiday – it is on Friday this year, not Monday
- 11th KS2 SATs week
- 19th Swimming Gala at Queen's Park Leisure Centre
- 20th Governors Award Assembly
- 21st Fun To Run at Holmebrook Valley Park
- 22nd Governors Award Lunch
- 22nd Reward afternoon for the Team with the most Team Points

Holiday Dates

- Spring Half Term Sat 15th Feb – Sun 23rd Feb 2020
- Easter Sat 4th April – Sun 19th April 2020
- May Day Fri 8th May 2020
- Summer Half Term Sat 23rd May – Sun 31st May 2020
- Summer Holiday Sat 18th July 2020 – children back to school on Thurs 3rd Sept 2020



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