

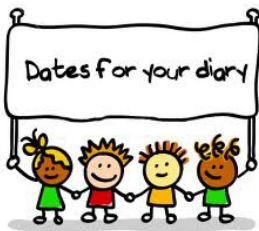
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9<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year and I hope you had a restful break. As you are aware I will be Acting Headteacher until the end of this term when our new Headteacher starts in January 2015. At which time I will revert back to my role as full time teacher and Assistant Headteacher. I would also like to welcome Mr Moore who is joining the Year 6 class up until January 2015. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child or the school please feel free to see class teachers or myself at any time.

### INSET Days



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (Tupton Family INSET day)  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015.

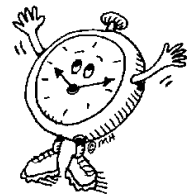
### Dates

18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30m Friends of School AGM  
21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October Parents Evenings  
23<sup>rd</sup> October Clay Cross Music Festival  
24<sup>th</sup> October break up for the half term break  
3<sup>rd</sup> November return to school  
19<sup>th</sup> December break up for the Christmas Break

### Late arrivals



The school day begins at 8.50am. Children should arrive between 8.40 and 8.50am. The school registers officially close at 9.00am after which the children are recorded as late. If your child is late they are missing valuable learning time. A loss of only 10 minutes each day adds up to a huge amount of learning loss over a year and very often affects their confidence.



### Absence and In-term Holidays

Please can we remind you that we are unable to authorise any holidays during term time. The time the children spend in school is valuable learning time. If you need the term dates for this academic year please see [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk) for more information. If your child is absent from school due to illness please inform the school as soon as possible.

### SATS



KS2 SATs are expected to start on the week commencing the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2015.

### Celebrating Good Attendance.

This year we have joined together once again with the Aquinas Foundation, a national charity, in celebrating and rewarding excellent attendance. Each child who gains 100% attendance per term will be entered into a school prize draw to win a Landrover Mountain bike. This is an excellent prize and a fantastic way of rewarding one of our 100% attending children.



### Dinner Money



Dinner money for the next half term is £66.30 payable to Derbyshire County Council. Please remember that dinners for infant children (Reception - Year 2) are free of charge from September.



### First Aid Text Messages.

Please be aware that we send out text messages throughout the day if your child has a fall or a bumped head. These are for information only. If your child has a more serious injury we will contact you via the telephone or send a more personalised text message if we were struggling

to contact you.

### Nuts.

We now have a small number of children that have severe reactions to nuts. Please could you ensure that children DO NOT bring any food, either for snack or lunch, into school that contains nuts.



### Clubs

After school clubs start the week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of September. The list of clubs is set out below. You might like to help your children choose which club/s they would like to join; the children can then put their names forward when clubs are organised this Friday during assembly.



Mon	Craft Club Multiskills	Y3&4 Y1/2	Mrs Rodda Miss Crowder
Tues	Chess Newspaper Code it (ICT) Booster Y6	Y3-Y6 Y4-Y6 Y6 Y6	Mr Moore (lunchtime) Mrs Harvey Mrs Hallsworth & Mr Hardwick Mrs Hallsworth/Mr Moore
Wed	Booster Handbells/orchestra/choir Cross Country	Y6 KS2 Y4/5/6	Mrs Chapman Mrs Preston (Lunchtime) Mrs Bytheway & Mrs Whetton
Thur	Competitions Make It Break It Netball Booster Y6	Y3-Y6 Y1/2/3 Y3-Y6 Y6	Mrs Greenway (groups may change) Mrs Rhodes Mrs Parsons (lunchtime) Mrs Hallsworth/Mr Moore

Please remember places are limited and there is no guarantee every child will gain a place in the club of their choice, but we will endeavour to allocate places to all those who want them. Thank you to all the teachers who provide these clubs in their own time to enhance the provision for the children.

### School Kitchen

We are pleased to announce that the kitchen staff have achieved a 'Gold Award' in the Primary Catering Service Quality Assurance after being assessed before the summer break. This is for achieving a high standard in clerical, food service, food production hygiene, health and safety, customer care and satisfaction.



Please feel free to speak to the kitchen staff at any time with concerns you may have



### Friends of School

There is a meeting for Friends of School on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September. It is a valued part of the school and enriches our curriculum with a wide range of resources for children in all classes. Please come and join the group as many hands make light work. Please do not feel that the group is so well supported that your help is not needed!

Many Thanks  
Sharon Hallsworth  
Acting Headteacher

