

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

As the Spring Term draws to a close, I once again, thank you for your patience and continuing support over what has been a turbulent term in regard to building matters and access arrangements. I hope that the following information will be helpful to you.

**Provisional Diary Dates:** Summer Terms 5/6

Provisional calendar dates are detailed below, however please check the calendar on the school website as additional events or changes will be uploaded regularly.

<b>April</b>	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term 5 begins
	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Science Week – Spaced Out!
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	End of science week open afternoon for parents.
<b>May</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY Mindfulness Week from Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y6 SATS week</b> Monday: English: Reading Tuesday: English: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Wednesday: Maths: Arithmetic / Reasoning A Thursday: Maths: Reasoning B
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bags to Schools collection
	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Bunting Cup Y5/6 Kwik cricket
	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>June</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Term 6 begins
	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Olympic Theme Arts Week Y1 Phonics check screening week
	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	South Peak Sports
	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Olympic Sports Day
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	School journey – Isle of Wight
<b>July</b>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bronze Ambassador celebration
	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fair
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Quad kids KS2
	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 dress rehearsal
	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 afternoon & evening performance
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Disco
	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Non uniform day END OF TERM

You have recently been issued with notification of forthcoming sporting events, however, we are still bound by notification from other schools and therefore request that you appreciate there may well be some short notice events or changes to this schedule.

### **Children's News**

What a short yet busy term it has been!

Classes 2 and 6 took part in a showcase of dance at the Winding Wheel which was magical! Having been selected as the winning classes as part of an intra-school competition, all the children involved were very excited to attend. They represented the school extremely well during the afternoon performance. Well done everyone.

It was great to see so many children (and staff!) dress up for world book day. Our library continues to be expanded with many thanks to Friends of Ashover School.

The Y3/4 performance of 'Peace Child' has taken place this week. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard to produce a super performance – well done everyone – it was fantastic!

Mr Carline reports that our football team has been performing well in the league and are currently top of their group; A team lost to Sharley Park 1-0, beat Hunloke Park 5-1 and drew with Heath 1-1. B team lost to Sharley Park 1-0, beat Hunloke Park 5-1 and beat Heath 4-0.

### **Building News**

Over the Easter holiday, the kitchen building and gas works will be undertaken in preparation for the new pod kitchen to be installed. Families using holiday club facilities should access the school site via the gate at the bottom of the private drive. There will be no access through the car park or car park gate. AGES have issued further information about this.

Exterior work to the new entrance will also take place over the holidays – once again, thank you for your consideration during this transition period.

### **Aspire & Achieve Re-branding**

Thank you to those parents and staff who have ordered goods – this order will be processed over the Easter break and will be distributed after the holidays.

### **Staff News**

We extend a very warm welcome back to Mrs Greenway who returned from maternity leave this week. We also congratulate her on the news that she is expecting another baby at the end of August! Many congratulations are extended to her and her family at this exciting time.

Today we say a VERY fond farewell to Miss Stanway who has been working in school for nearly 2 years. Miss Stanway has become a very valued member of our staff, and has provided a super start to school for the current Reception and Year 1 classes. I am delighted that Miss Stanway has been appointed at Bakewell Infant School and hope that you will join me, the school staff and Governors in wishing her well in the future.

Miss Stanway has a very exciting year ahead and has been working really hard in her quest to complete the London Marathon! So far she has raised approximately £1800 towards her £2000 target. If you would like to help her to reach the £2000 target for her designated charity, the National Deaf Children's Society, you can do so at; <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=LindaStanway>

### **Adverse Weather**

Please be aware that the advice remains the same as the previous newsletter which is available on our school website.

## Parking

We continue to receive complaints from local residents regarding their driveways being partially blocked at drop off and pick up times. May I remind you that the Village Hall Car Park, which is a short walk away from school, can be used by parents dropping off in the morning or collecting children at the end of the day. Please make use of this facility where possible.

## **Scarlet Fever**

Please see the information below, which we have received from colleagues in Public Health relating to an increase in cases of Scarlet Fever.

### **Scarlet fever – information for schools and early years settings**

A sharp rise in the number of scarlet fever cases has been reported to Public Health England, with the East Midlands seeing the second highest rate of the illness in the country.

### **What to look out for?**

Early signs to look out for include sore throat, headache and fever with the characteristic pinkish/red sandpappy rash appearing within a day or two, typically on the chest and stomach but then spreading to other parts of the body. Individuals who think they or their child may have scarlet fever should seek advice from their GP without delay as prompt antibiotic treatment is needed. Symptoms usually clear up after a week and the majority of cases will resolve without complication as long as the recommended course of antibiotics is completed. Potential complications include ear infection, throat abscess and pneumonia. Patients who do not show signs of improvement within a few days of starting treatment should seek urgent medical advice.

### **Advice for schools and early years settings**

As scarlet fever is highly contagious, children or adults diagnosed with scarlet fever are advised to stay off school or work until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid passing on the infection.

## Head-lice

Unfortunately, we have had a number of instances of head-lice in school of which parents have been notified. May I respectfully request that the Easter break provides an excellent opportunity for treatment should your child be affected and request that this opportunity is taken to try and combat this on-going issue.

## Fundraising

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to our fundraising activities this half term. Please remember to go via easyfundraising to help us raise funds for school whilst shopping online. To register;

1. **Go to** [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofashoverschool](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofashoverschool)
2. **Sign up for free**
3. **Get shopping** - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to school. It couldn't be easier!

In particular, if you are booking your summer holiday online or considering changing broadband providers or similar, these things can result in large donations! We are also collecting used ink cartridges and old mobile phones for recycling – please hand in any relevant items to Mrs Cooper in the office.

I wish you all a happy and relaxed Easter/end of term break and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Yours faithfully

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