

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

## SUMMER 5 NEWSLETTER

As we break for the summer holiday, I am pleased to provide the following information:

### DIARY DATES 2017/18 Academic Year

September	<b>Monday/Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Inset days</b>
	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Online safety awareness
	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the teacher - Y1 3.30pm
	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the teacher - Y2 3.30pm
	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the teacher - YR 3.30pm
	Monday 11 <sup>h</sup> - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Book week (incorporating Roald Dahl Day 13 <sup>th</sup> September)
	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the teacher - Y3 3.30pm
	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Stone Age Day Y3/4
	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the teacher - Y6 3.30pm
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the teacher - Y4 3.30pm
	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability
	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Play for a Day Y6
	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	MacMillan Coffee morning/European day of languages French breakfast / activity day Osiligi Maasai Warriors
	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Osiligi Maasai Warriors
October	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 visit to Poole's Cavern
	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Workshops
	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Individual photographs
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Day rehearsal @ Winding Wheel
	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Clay Cross Music Festival at Winding Wheel 7.00pm
	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
November	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Evening
	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Evening
	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Evening
	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-bullying Week
	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Doodle bug art/maths workshop
	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Doodle bug art/maths workshop
	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Dress up day & photos for school calendar
December	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Dress rehearsal
	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 performance
	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 performance
	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Reception & Nursery performance pm
	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Reception & Nursery performance am
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 party

	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 party
	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y1/2 party School disco - tbc
	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school trip to pantomime pm
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day
	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAYS</b>
	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>
January	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Spring Term 3 begins
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 & Y4 Roman Workshop
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Science Week
	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Science Week open afternoon for parents: 2.30-3.30pm
February	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day
	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Residential - Lea Green
	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Evening
	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Evening
	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent Consultation Evening
March	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	World Book Day
	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Dress rehearsal
	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Performance
	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y3/4 Performance
	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Disco
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Comic Relief Day
	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>EASTER BREAK</b>
May	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	SATS week
	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Arts Week
	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bunting Cup
	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
June	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Safety Awareness Week
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics Screening Y1 Healthy Eating Week
	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sports day
July	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> - Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 & Y6 Residential to Kingswood Peak Venture
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fair
	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 dress rehearsal
	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y/6 afternoon & evening performance
	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Disco
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Non uniform day END OF TERM

*Please note that these are subject to change and will be **updated on our website** accordingly. Obviously there will be additions to this and we will aim to notify you with as much notice as possible.*

### **Online Safety Update**

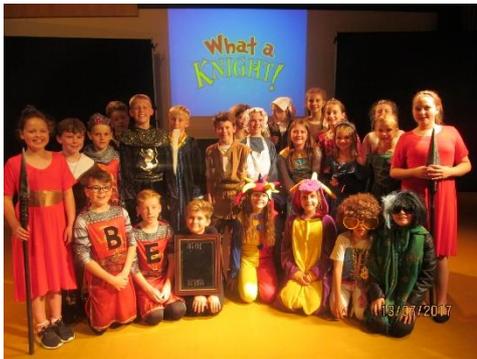
Please take note of the attached guidance for parents in regard to Snapchat Maps which we have been asked by the Local Authority to share with parents.

If you have any concerns about a child during the school holidays - please be advised that you can contact 'Starting Point' on 01629 533190 alternatively follow the link below to make a referral:

[https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social\\_health/children\\_and\\_families/support\\_for\\_families/Starting\\_point\\_referral\\_form/default.asp](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social_health/children_and_families/support_for_families/Starting_point_referral_form/default.asp)

## Children's News

Year 5 & 6 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Isle of Wight. They had a great time and were excellent ambassadors for the school - well done!



“Oh What a Knight!” was a fantastic show - all the children performed superbly. Our thanks to Tupton Hall School for the use of their hall which really gives the performance a sense of occasion.

Children in year 3 and 4 took part in an engineering project in which they built their own motor powered vehicle. We are always looking at how we can improve children's STEM skills (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and this was a super opportunity for them to do that.

They handled a variety of tools and materials and learnt some core design & technology skills (using hack saws, building strong joints, gears, levers, pulleys and wiring circuits).



## Sports News from Mrs Rhodes:

Well done to our A team who recently won the Coleman Cup!

Congratulations to Hardwick Red and Sudbury Yellow who jointly won sports day.



Quad kids. All our KS2 children participated in Quad Kids at Tupton Hall school. What a glorious day they had. They participated enthusiastically in a variety of events and performed well as a school. A special mention



goes out to Evan in Year 4 who came second across all the events for LKS2.

The mini-leaders have been amazing this year, running a variety of events for the children to access at lunchtime and playtimes. A big thank you to all of these children. They should be really proud of themselves.

## Staff and Schools News

### *ICT Mark:*

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, school was assessed in order to retain the ICT Mark Accreditation which we are pleased to announce has been recommended - this is the fourth re-accreditation. This is a huge

achievement - we are one of few schools in Derbyshire to attain this accreditation. Improvements since the last renewal we notably; online safety and use of ICT/computing in the efficient running of the school - including parental communications.

#### *Road Safety Update from Governors:*

Despite the recent letter from the Governing Body regarding road safety concerns, there still continues to be a number of parents and carers that drive and park inconsiderately outside the school. We therefore request, again, that everyone responsible for dropping off and collecting pupils consider their speed, respect all pedestrians, park and stop away from the school's entrances, and DO NOT under any circumstances:

- STOP or PARK on the yellow zigzag area on Narrowleys Lane;
- Park, drive on or obstruct pavements;
- Park across resident's driveways or across the staff car park entrances;
- Drop off, park, or turn in the staff car park.

Following the letter, Governors also met with representatives from the Local Authority and the Parish Council to seek support on how concerns may be tackled, and as a result, a number of actions are being undertaken or considered. Actions include: the production of banners featuring pupil's art work to deter against parking on the zigzags; working towards the [Modeshift STARS accreditation](#); and a review of the current safety road infrastructure, including enforcement action.

Could you also please ensure you communicate this message to everyone that drops off or collects your children!

#### *School Meal Prices:*

Please note that from September, prices are increasing to £2.30 per meal in order to cover the costs of meals to the school.

#### *Staff Farewells:*

This week, we say a very fond farewell to three members of staff:

Miss Hardy, who has been teaching Reception class this year on maternity cover will be starting at her new school in September. Miss Hardy has worked incredibly hard in Reception and the children have enjoyed many exciting experiences, achieved really well and made excellent progress under her careful watch. Thank you from all the children and staff Miss Hardy - we will really miss you.

Mr Moore has accepted a full time post elsewhere from September which means that he will no longer be covering staff PPA days. Mr Moore has worked across KS2 and has been a dedicated member of the team. Whilst we say a fond farewell as a member of staff, we are happy that he will continue to be part of the Ashover family with his three boys attending school - you can't get rid of us that easily Mr Moore!

Miss Gill, who has been a teaching assistant in Year 3 and 4, leaves us to begin a brand new adventure outside of education. She has been a fantastic part of the Ashover team and I know that she is well loved by staff and children alike. We wish her the best of luck in her new business venture, which I know will be a great success.

#### *Good-bye Year 6!*

Well, what a super year they have had! They have worked incredibly hard and achieved amazing outcomes at the end of Year 6 - well done! Each and every one of the children should be so proud of themselves. It was lovely seeing so many Y6 parents at the assembly on Wednesday - thank you for supporting us over the years your child/children have been at school.

In addition to these farewells, we are sadly seeing a number of families re-locating from the school community. The staff and I would like to express our best wishes to all the children who are relocating to new schools in September - good luck and thank you for all your contributions and support of the school during your time here.

All that remains is to wish everyone a happy, sunny and safe summer break. We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours faithfully



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