

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2018



Welcome back

Welcome to all staff, parents and pupils after the summer holidays and an especially warm welcome to parents and pupils who are new to the school. The new starters have settled in very well and it is a pleasure to see how quickly they are getting to know school routines. As I say every year a big thank you to all for how smart the children look. It fills me with pride every year.

I would just like to remind all parents new and established that if you have any concerns or worries please do not hesitate to approach me or my staff as we care that your child feels happy and safe at school and are keen to ensure that each child reaches their full potential in all the areas of learning.

INSET DAYS FOR 2018/19

Monday 3rd September 2018
Friday 26th October 2018
Monday 7th January 2019
Friday 21st June 2019
Monday 22nd July 2019

Parents, teachers and Friends of WPS - TOTE

If you are interested in joining our school tote, please collect a letter from the office. Numbers cost 10p per week, with prizes of £5, £4 and £3. All the money raised helps provide your children with extra resources and opportunities.

If you are a new parent to the school you are automatically part of the PTFA, we welcome new people, and new ideas so please come to our next meeting.

**Next meeting on Monday
17th September in
Ms Odell's EYFS area
(the old Year 1 classroom).
Straight after school.
EVERYONE WELCOME.**

Safeguarding/Safety

We are replacing our gates at the front of the school with audio and visual entry systems with some additional fencing, near the junior playground. This will secure our site even further. The work should be complete as soon as the new gates have been manufactured.

Could I also remind you when dropping and collecting your child from school that you supervise your toddler(s) at all times. Especially, climbing structures and playing on the tyre park etc. If your toddler had an accident or caused an accident it would not be covered under the school's insurance.

Summer Reading Challenge

Thank you so much to all the hard work you have put in to support your child with the summer reading challenge. 77% of pupils from year 1 to 6 completed it. Not forgetting the new children completing their Starting School booklet.

All children who completed the challenge will have a certificate, 50 team points and an hour off timetable by the end of the week.

The teachers also selected some brilliant work the children had done about their reading and this is displayed in and around the new infant library area (old year 2 classroom).

Amazingly, another 24 pupils did the Derbyshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge as well. Their certificates are displayed in the entrance on the STARS ARE US board.

Lunch money

Just a reminder that the cost of a lunch has gone up to £2.10.

Can you ensure that all lunch money is paid to school during the week the lunch(es) are taken. Money has to be in a sealed named envelope.

Lunch money pockets can be purchased from the school office for £2 (38 in a pack).

We have special lunch days and the next one is "Talk like a Pirate" on 19th September 2018. Any child who has sandwiches for lunch can order on the day for special lunches.

Diary Dates

Monday 17th September

Monday 24th September

Wednesday 26th September

Tuesday 2nd October (after school)

Thursday 4th October

Monday 15th October

Friday 26th October

Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November

Wednesday 7th November

Monday 12th November

December 10th to 14th

Monday 17th December

Tuesday 18th December

Yogabugs start for Reception and Year 1
Photographer in

Year 5 start swimming

Year 4 to Attenborough Nature Reserve

Reading Detectives Parents Workshop -
details to follow.

Year 6 to the Holocaust Centre

Harvest Festival at the Chapel - pupils
only

INSET DAY

Half term

Parents Meeting

Special Remembrance Service at the
Chapel - all welcome

Christmas Productions Week

Morning Carol Service at the chapel for
KS2 pupils - parents welcome

Morning Carol Service at the chapel for
KS1 pupils - parents welcome

Further Christmas events still need to be confirmed.