



Friday 25th May 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,



What a busy term! Don't forget to keep looking on the school web site – class pages – for up to date news about your child's class and what learning is taking place. The school calendar is also full of dates for the year. If you think you may have missed a letter or message, then please check the school web site tab "**letters home**".

Hopefully most of you are now receiving all our communications through the e-schools app – if not, then please update us with your email address and download the app. An e-schools reminder was sent home yesterday to remind parents/carers what to do and the school office are here to help you if you have any issues with it. ***We would hate you to miss something!*** Thank you.

KS2 BELPER ENRICHMENT VISIT

All of Key stage 2 paid a visit to the UNESCO heritage site of Belper. We discovered why it is a site of historical importance and we were able to actually go inside the mill, which is the only remaining accessible cast-iron-framed mill in the world! We learned the history of the mill, including the fact that it had burned down in the 1800s, due to the predominantly timber frame being exposed to an abandoned candle. This candle may have been knocked onto the wooden floor by a resident mouse!

We toured Belper and learned about Strutt's town planning, and the lives of the workers and their families. We also learned about the roles of men, women and children in the town and what life was like for them.



Lunch was exciting as many of us picnicked in the Bandstand, in the beautiful River Gardens, where we learned that the original swimming pool was filled with water from the Derwent river! We wondered where our school swimming pool water comes from...

We learned more about the river Derwent and how it was used to power the factory. It inspired us to make our own and test them.

The Belper trip was an insight into how lucky we are. We don't have to climb through dangerous machinery every day, or get a fine for being ill. We all left Belper with a renewed sense of gratitude for our own lives and childhoods.

MAYPOLE DANCING

The year 2's did a wonderful job at the Etwall Well Dressing celebration. The dance was a real success and a real testimony to the hard work they have all been putting in during the lead up to the festival. Well done to all that took part in the event.





KS1 ENRICHMENT VISIT TO CRICH TRAMWAY MUSEUM

The year 1's and 2's had a wonderful day at the Tramway museum on Tuesday 22nd May. All the children took part in a Tram Timeline Workshop, where they learnt about the history of trams starting with the very earliest trams, which were pulled along by horse, to the modern day electric trams. The children enjoyed dressing up as the conductor and driver!

Taking a ride on the tram up and down the village was a real highlight to the day. The children loved seeing the

sights as they travelled to the end of the track, and then enjoyed moving the seats around when they travelled back again. Later we found out about trams and how they are built and maintained in the museum and tram depot. What a fantastic day out!

FOREST SCHOOLS UPDATE

What a busy time the forest school group have had this term. The children have begun use their senses to explore the small woodland area in the school grounds, playing team games and using natural



resources to develop their forest skills and imagination. We have made art that disappears from one session to the next and more permanent woven willow structures. We have used teams to create structures for other woodland inhabitants from ants and beetles to rabbits and foxes.



We want to develop the forest school setting over the coming months, and would appreciate donations of cut logs; suitable for sitting on and burning on an open fire. Please contact Mr Jowett at school if you can help.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE.

Keeping our children safe online continues to be extremely important. School staff are asked many questions, so we have put lots of common information on the school web site for you and try to keep you up-to-date in our new Online Newsletter and on the school Facebook page.

Following a couple of incidents reported by parents/carers, we are focussing particularly on settings on home devices and how to use parental controls effectively to keep your child/ren safe when they are using ipads, smartphones/laptops at home.





Please remember to visit the 'Online Safety' section on the school website and look at the Safeguarding noticeboard in the main entrance for more information, tips and advice. The school has



ordered copies of issue 6 of the Digital Parenting magazine and these will be distributed as soon as they arrive. The e-link for this was also put on the school web site and was sent out as a message to all families via the e-schools app recently. ***Copies of the magazine are now in school and we ask parents to collect them from your oldest child's class teacher who has a copy for each family.***

Please pay particular attention to the 'Tools and Control' article, but browse through the many useful tips contained throughout the magazine for families. Miss Marriott would like to thank the parents, who came to the Keep Safe Committee after school on Tuesday 22nd May to offer their support. If you are interested in attending the next meeting, please speak to Miss Marriott.

SAVE THE DATE: We are also pleased to confirm that the NSPCC Workshop for parents has been rearranged for **Monday 2nd July at 2:30pm** and will contain fantastic tips and information for all families about how to keep your child/ren safe online. It will be led by Linda Ricketts (Schools Service Area Co-ordinator for Derbyshire). Please look out for further information on this via eschool app and on the school face book page nearer the time.



WE ARE TRAVEL SMART SUPERSTARS!

The children were very enthusiastic about being 'Travel Smart Superstars' last week at school. The children were actively encouraged by their teachers to help to make healthy choices about how they get to school, i.e. walk/cycle/scoot, where possible. Each day the children were asked how they travelled to school and the data was collected on a class poster for the week. Having looked at all the posters from across the school, we can see some interesting trends; it appears that given the

choice many more children would like to cycle to school if given the opportunity to, many of our children are already making a healthy choice by walking or scooting to school each day which is fabulous! Those children who live further away and need to travel by car started to park a little further away from the school, so that they could 'Park and Stride' (drive + walk/scoot).

Well done everyone for making good choices about how to get to school last week, let's hope it continues.



WASTE WEEK!

During the last week, all the children have been working with Derbyshire County Council's Eco Adviser to discover the impact of waste on our lives and how they can play their part in making our environment better and safer place.



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This follows on from the introduction of paper recycling throughout school earlier this year and now the Key Stage 1 children are expected to compost their fruit waste every day in bins provided around school. Please talk to your child about what we are doing and what else the children think we could do to make a positive difference.

Here are some of the reception children using the new compost bins!

PHONIC CHECK WEEK

During week beginning 11th June, Year 1 pupils will be doing a government phonics check. Any Y2 children who did not pass this check last year will also do it again – it is nothing for them to worry about and they don't even realise they are doing it (Shhhhhh!)

The phonics check is a statutory check undertaken by all Year1 pupils, to check whether they have met the expected standard in phonics decoding. The check lasts about 10 minutes, during which the children reading some 'real' words and some 'alien' (nonsense) words using their phonics knowledge, which is taught in daily phonics lessons across EYFS and KS1.

The phonics check is nothing for the children to worry about, in fact the children don't even realise that they are doing anything different to their usual phonics work, as we endeavour to keep the phonics check as low key as possible in school so that the children don't worry about it. We would appreciate it if you would not mention it to your child(ren) at home too.

The results of your child's phonics check will be included in their end of year report. Any children who do not pass the check in Year 1 re-do it in Year 2, in as low key a manner as they did in Year 1.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

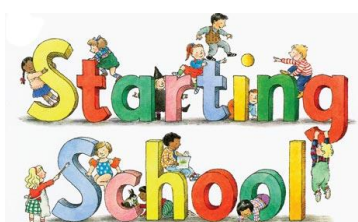
Thank you for your continued support, and for helping your child on their journey to becoming a proficient reader by reading and doing phonics activities with them at home, as per the homework booklets.

NEW STARTERS MEETING: Tuesday 12th June 2018 : 6-7pm at Etwall Primary School

If you are the parent or carer of a Reception child starting Etwall Primary school in September 2018, you will have already received a letter from Mrs Dixey inviting you to attend a meeting on Tuesday 12th June at 6 pm. This is an information meeting about what happens from now until your child starts school. Information about uniform and what your child needs will be shared. There will a

chance to meet staff, see classrooms and even sample some food from the school kitchen.

We look forward to meeting you all on this evening. Please return your form to the school office asap.



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CHANGES TO DATA PROTECTION LAW – GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

You may be aware that from 25th May, the rules around data protection are changing. The 'General Data Protection Regulation' (GDPR) will change how we can use your personal data and keep it safe, and will also strengthen your rights over your own data.

The point of this is to make sure sensitive or private information about yourselves and your children stays safe. Whilst it is similar to the current Data Protection Act in many ways, there are a few differences, so we need to make a few changes at the school in order to ensure we remain compliant.

One of these changes is that we have updated our privacy notice which will be sent out after half term and will appear on the school web site in the GDPR section to be added during the coming weeks.

Other work we have done includes :

- Working in our Cluster of Schools to work together towards full compliance
- Made all schools staff aware of GDPR, including Governors
- Completed a school data audit and devised an action plan
- Working our way through all the data and documents we hold – do we need it, for what purpose and how long do we have to keep it (there are set retention periods for certain data).

As part of our ongoing work to comply with the GDPR, we may have to seek some new permissions from parents and carers – please look out for these coming home, if they are needed. As always we



highly value and protect all of our children, parents & carer and staff data and will continue to do so in the presence of GDPR.

If you have any questions about how the GDPR affects you, or how our school is making sure we are compliant with the new legislation, you can contact Mrs. Dixey, Head Teacher or Mrs. Gabbittas, School Business Officer.

If you wish to find out more about the new regulations, there is information readily available on the Information Commissioner's Website www.ico.org.uk or the Derbyshire County Council website www.derbyshire.gov.uk and search for GDPR.

To help you understand further, please have a look at this link which gives you a brief introduction https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ua_LzUJ_wu8

SCHOOL SPORT / FUNDING ROUND-UP

SPORTS EVENTS:

It's been a busy time for sports since Christmas, with children participating in a wide variety of events. The Year 5/6 football team put up a good defence of our EFL Kids Cup title and were unlucky not to qualify for the next phase of the competition. We have also had teams taking part in the Year 5 and 6 basketball finals, Year 5 and 6 goalball (a kind of blindfolded handball), EYFS and Year 1 Early Racers (racing on balance bikes), all of whom represented the school in an exceptional manner.



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Further to this, we have also sent teams to an indoor athletics tournament - where Year 3 and 4 finished runners up, the indoor cricket finals - where the Year 5 and 6 team finished runners up - the A League football finals where the Year 5 and 6 team was knocked out in the semi-finals on penalties and the South Derbyshire swimming gala, which we won – retaining our title from last year!

As well as the events organised for us by South Derbyshire Active Sports Partnership, we have also entered our girl's football teams into the annual Derby County Ladies tournament. Despite not having played a match before, the Year 3 and 4 team finished third in their group, with Daisy scoring 9 goals in 5 games.



We still have the Year 5 and 6 girls tournament, Year 5 and 6 hockey and Year 5 and 6 tag rugby to come before the end of term, so I'll update you on those in the next newsletter. Mr Ormiston.

Sporting Dates for the Summer Term 6

Below is a list of competitive sports events we have got coming up in the Summer Term 6, should your child wish to try out for the squads:

Event	Date	Time	Venue
SD School Games - KS1 Football	Wednesday 6th June	1:00 - 3:30	MSP
SD School Games - Mini Tennis			
SD School Games - Go-ride Cycling			
KS1 Soccer Stars Football Tournament	Thursday 7 th June	1:00 - 3:00	Moor Farm, Oakwood
Dance in the Forest*	Wednesday 13th June	6:30 - 8:30	Rosliston FC
KS1 Mini Olympics	Thursday 21st June	1:00 - 3:00	John Port
EYFS Change4Life Festival**	Thursday 28th June	1:00 - 3:00	Pennine Way
Girls 7-a-side Netball Cup	Thursday 5th July	1:00 - 4:00	Pennine Way



On top of all that, don't forget sports day, which is Friday 15th June (with the reserve date being Tuesday 19th June. This year there will be a coffee Van at sports morning on 15th June.



Swimming Pool Update As everyone is aware, our swimming pool has been out of action since January This is regrettable, but has been completely out of our hands due to the nature of the repairs needed. DCC have now said that will meet the cost of all repairs to the tune of £16,000, but we are still waiting to hear when the work will begin. This is very frustrating for us all, but we will keep you updated as soon as we have more news.





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C.R.Y. CLASS FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The final fundraisers of the year are coming up over the last half term! Please be aware that the chn have chosen the activity so it could be anything! Classes will send out details after half term in class newsletters and we would love you to support the chn in their chosen charity fund raising.

SCHOOL OFFICE NOTICES:

Please could you ensure that you use the office hatch / window if you need to see any of the office staff in the morning or after school. Parents/carers are not allowed into the school office.



WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT

Remember that if your child is absent, for any reason, please telephone the school office on 01283 732 301 or email enquiries@etwall.derbyshire.sch.uk to inform on the reason for your child's absence. The office is manned from 8.30 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. (4.00 p.m. on Friday). Absences should be followed up with a letter from parent/carer on the child's return to school. We do have a 48-hr policy on diarrhoea and sickness bugs – to help contain the illness we asked that children DO NOT return to school until 48 hours after the last "episode". Thank you for your support on this matter.

HOMETIME ARRANGEMENTS

We are still experiencing many phone calls about end of day collection arrangements. If this is a permanent regular change, please let us have this in writing so we can update your child's end of day collection arrangements. This can be done via a letter or email to school. If you know at the start of a day about a change to collection arrangements, you only need speak to your child's class teacher in the morning – you do not have to call the office.

2018/19 Holiday & School Closure calendar.

We will be issuing our next academic year calendar in the Summer Term. However, for anyone wishing to book holidays, we do follow the Derbyshire County Council pattern



https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/term_dates_school_holidays/default.asp

We have set all five of the inset days for 2018-19 - 3rd and 4th September 2018, 15th October 2018, 21st June 2019 and 22nd July 2019.



Dates: please put up somewhere at home or in your diary.

PLEASE REFER TO THE SCHOOL WEB SITE CALENDAR – for key dates for 2017-18 and to the showcase/workshop list in this newsletter for next term.

INSET Days for 2017-18 : The following days have been set for 2017-18. Children **will not** be in school on this day : **Tuesday 10th July 2018**

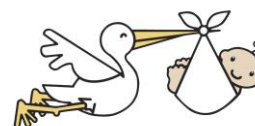




Term	School dates Enrichment visits / visitors / days	Governor dates
Summer T6 2018	4/6 back to school 6/6 Imagineering enrichment visit to Land Rover Jaguar STEM 7/6 PTFA Summer Disco's 3.45pm Reception and KS1. 5pm KS2 11/6 Phonic check week 12/6 New Reception parents meeting 6-7pm 14/6 KS1 History showcase Old and new toys 2.45pm 15/6 Sports morning + picnic 19/6 Reserve Sports morning + picnic 20/6 Y3/4 enrichment visit to Open Faith Centre 21/6 Y5/6 enrichment visit to Open Faith Centre 21/6 World Music Day 27/6 PTFA meeting 3 /4.7 Changeover Days – all chn go to new classes, Y6 to JPS 6/7 PTFA Summer Fair 10/7 INSET curriculum day 12/7 2pm and 6pm KS2 end of year show 13/7 School reports out today and KS2 World Cup morning 15/7 PFTA Music Festival 16/7 Open Evening for parents 3.45-5.30pm 20/7 LAST DAY OF TERM	4/6 Governor Policy Committee 19/6 Full Governing Body mtg 5.15pm 17/7 Teaching & Learning Pupil progress mtg 5.15pm

Last but not least....**Miss Gale**

Miss Gale has now left to start her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best wishes and look forward to the arrival of the new addition to the family. We look forward to news in June and to meeting the baby in the near future.



Miss Gale will be greatly missed but we look forward to welcoming her back in a few months time. Time to relax and enjoy her lovely new baby with her family. We welcome Mrs Blake to the Y3/ 4 team and look forward to seeing her on June 5th (she will work the same days as Miss Gale did – Tues/Wed/Thurs).

We wish you a very relaxing half term week with your family and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 4th June 2018.

Mrs Dixey and Mr Ormiston

Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher / Co-Headteacher (Wednesdays)

