

Summer Term 2, 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Junior Gym

All pupils from Years 3-6 have the opportunity to access Junior Gym equipment before school on our return from half term. This will be all week from Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. The equipment will be set up BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS from 8 until 8.40 with coaches from Bolsover helping explain their best use. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children and we would encourage as many children as possible to take advantage.

## Sports Day

The sports day for Years 1-6 will take place this year at 1.15pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Apologies for the late notification but there were other events in the background that meant we were waiting to set the date.

## Foundation Sports Day

F1 & F2 Sports Day will be on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June. Further information will follow from Foundation.

## Chance to Shine Cricket

Years 2, 3/4 and 6 will be participating in the chance to shine cricket sessions. These will take place during school time every Wednesday from 6<sup>th</sup> June for 6 weeks so please ensure the children have their PE kit on those days.

## Year 6 SATs

The Year 6 pupils completed their SATs last Thursday. We are very proud of the effort they have put in to their learning throughout the year and feel every child had the opportunity to give their very best on the day of each test. We do feel that we get the balance right between preparation for what is effectively their first exam under exam conditions and their educational opportunities throughout the year. We hear through the national press an awful lot about 'holiday and weekend booster classes' and children coming to school before 8am or not leaving before 5pm as they 'cram' for SATs. This is not our way, nor do we believe that it will be of benefit to the children in the long term. We believe deeply in children having a firm foundation to their education that sets them along a life long journey of learning. There needs to be a structure to how they learn, and certainly the development of resilience to ensure they persevere when things get tough - but this cannot be at the cost of losing their 'joy' in learning.

To that end, the efforts Y6 have put in to their personal learning journeys are praiseworthy and we congratulate them for their resilience this year. Well done, Year 6.

## Mrs McGrogan

After 20 years of supporting the children of Pilsley Mrs McGrogan has decided to retire at the end of the school year. Mrs McGrogan has had a huge impact on the educational development of many of our pupils over the years. In particular, her specialist knowledge and skill running reading and maths intervention groups has helped so many children reach their full potential. She will leave a big hole in our teaching team and will be sorely missed but we wish her a happy and carefree retirement.

## Building Work Update

During the summer we are due a programme of works in and around the school:



Derbyshire Healthy Schools  
Community Award



BOLSOVER DISTRICT  
School Sport Partnership



- We are hoping that the local authority will be able to finish the boundary wall repairs (they now have to rebuild a long section near the Sport Hall). This will include work on the Sitwell Grange side of the Foundation playground wall.
- The boiler house is due to be upgraded though unfortunately we are now told they cannot afford to completely fill the old boiler house in and build a new one on top. The new plan will leave the 'steps' in place though we have asked for vastly improved fencing around them.
- We should finally get the electrical refit over the summer. We do not as yet know what condition the main building will be left in after the work is complete so we have scheduled two INSET days at the beginning of the year to ensure we can get the building set up ready for the children.

There is still further work due in the coming year. We are still awaiting the upgrade of the storerooms in the car park that was promised 3 years ago when the Willow Room was completed (this is why we still have the blue box in the front playground). We have been told the work will happen but with no time scale as yet. Also, one set of our front windows need to have the sandstone pillars replaced. Again, we have no timescale but we have been told this will happen. Finally, we are awaiting further news on the conditions of the floors in certain classrooms that may lead to further work.

## Dates for 2019

20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last week of Y2 SATs
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Y3/4 Mini Tennis
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Y6 School Nurse - Height and Weight
27 <sup>th</sup> May to 2nd June	Half Term (school closed)
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Halle Concert
14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Lea Green Trip/ Residential (Year 1 to go for the day on 14 <sup>th</sup> , Year 2 to stay overnight)
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1/2 Fun run at Tibshelf Infants (4-5pm)
20 <sup>th</sup> June	F1 & F2 Sports Day (Time TBC)
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Years 1-6 Sports Day, 1.15pm
25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Tibshelf Transition Days
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 West Notts College Visit
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 Mini Olympics
28 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY (school closed)
1 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET DAY (school closed)
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	NSPCC School Visit
5 <sup>th</sup> July	School Discos (Foundation & KS1 5.30-6.30pm, KS2 7-8pm)
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 trip to Hardwick
10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 at Dukes Barn
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 Mini Olympics
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Golden Day - Scooters & Skateboards
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Hardwick 10k
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Children Break up for Summer
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET DAY (school closed)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	INSET Day (school closed)
4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	INSET Day (school closed)
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	School Open - new term starts