

Autumn 6, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mrs Beeson

Mrs Beeson has decided to retire at the end of December this year. She has been with us for nearly 20 years as a teaching assistant, supporting individual children and classes throughout the school. The children will be saying goodbye to Mrs Beeson on the last day of term. We wish her well for the future and hope she enjoys a well-earned rest!

Foundation and KS1 Nativity Plays

The Foundation and Key Stage 1 Nativity Plays warmed our hearts once again during this snowy, cold and wet week! They sung and acted so well and we are sure you are as proud of them as we are. We would also like to take this chance to thank all the staff involved and the support of the Church. All donations from the Nativities will go towards Ashgate Hospice.

Christmas Jumper and Party Day

This year we are holding the Christmas Jumper Day on Friday, the same day as the Christmas Parties. Christmas Jumper Day has become a national event over the last few years with any donations going towards the Save the Children Fund. Save the Children has supported children through some of the worst emergencies around the world.

Key Stage 2 SATs outcomes 2017

The official release of our test outcomes for 2017 are now live and available through either our website or the link below:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/112605?tab=primary>

As you know we have had continued success with our outcomes when compared nationally even with the change to the New National Curriculum testing in 2016. Though we are very pleased with these outcomes, the school never stands still and we are always looking for ways to improve the all-round education we provide. The recent work with the current Y6 on the DARE programme to prepare pupils socially and emotionally for life's challenges ahead is representative of this. It is also worth remembering that every group of pupils is different and we will always prioritise lifelong learning over a child's test outcome.

Reception Class September 2018 Applications

Parents should now be applying for a place for their child in our Reception class for those starting school in September 2018. The application process is open from now until 15th January 2018. Please remember that even if your child is in our Nursery, you will still need to apply for a Reception place. Applications are made through Derbyshire County Council at:

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school_places/default.asp

Please note that we have experienced a high number of applications from outside of the school nursery and catchment area over the last few years and the earlier we are aware of numbers the sooner we can plan for September 2018.

Crossing Patrol

Parking near the Crossing Patrol outside of school has been much improved recently but can we still remind you that no one should be parking within two clear car lengths of the crossing to ensure pupil safety. The Crossing Patrol works until 3:20pm at the end of the school day.

Diary Dates / School Events

15 th December	Reception, KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties
18 th December	Christmas Carol Singalong 6:00-7:00pm
19 th December	Last day of term

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2 nd January	INSET Day – school closed
3 rd January	Pupils return to school
10 th January	Year 3/4 School trip to Magna
16 th February	Last day of term
26 th February	Pupils return to school
1 st March	World Book Day
5 th March	Year 2/3 School trip to Chesterfield
12 th March	Parent Consultations
13 th March	Parent Consultations
22 nd March	Easter Service
23 rd March	Last day of term
9 th April	Pupils return to school
11 th April	Y1 school trip to Hardwick
18 th April	School class photos
7 th May	May Day Bank Holiday (one day – school closed)
23 rd May	Nursery (F1) & Reception (F2) school trip to Butterfly House
25 th May	Last day of term
4 th June	Pupils return to school
21 st June	Y1 school trip to Hardwick
22 nd June	Sports Day
25 th & 26 th June	Tibshelf Transition Days
6 th July	Year 1 & 2 School trip to Lea Green (Y2 pupils stay over to Sat 7 th July)
11 th -13 th July	Dukes Barn Residential
20 th July	Last day of term