

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn 2, 2019

## Building Work Update

The electrical refit has now been completed throughout the main school building and the Oak and Acorn Rooms. Though the effect of this is not immediately obvious it has meant a much improved lighting environment for the children, new ceilings and most importantly a much improved Fire Alarm System. It has left the school decoration looking even more bedraggled than before as redecoration was not part of the funding from DCC. Governors were aware of this issue and had planned for a programme of redecoration to take place this year. However, we have been pushing for further work including the floors in a number of classrooms that need to be re-laid; possibly lifting the flooring in the Y4/5 corridor so there is no step up to the classrooms as well as the ongoing problems with the boiler house cellar and the system of school drains. We are also still waiting for the storage rooms to be renovated in the car park which was promised 4 years ago (the reason we still have the blue storage container) though this may now happen in October. To that end we can't plan in any decoration until we have an agreed plan of works with DCC.

The renovation of the boundary wall nears completion though getting the last section finished has proven highly frustrating. It will be finished soon!

## Fundraising for Ashgate Hospice

In memory of Sue Tomlinson, our Lunchtime Staff took part in the 'Sparkle Walk' earlier this year, raising an amazing £1060.10 for Ashgate Hospice! We would like to thank them for their efforts and determination!



## INSET Days

Our apologies, but it has taken a little time to sort INSET days due to the building work and possible future works. In addition, the local Five Pits Partnership Schools have decided to not hold a whole partnership training day this year that has affected our timings.

Therefore, there is a change to the usual INSET Day structure. We will now have two INSET Days at the end of July. These will be the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July meaning the term will end on the **17<sup>th</sup> July**. The school will then reopen on the **3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020**.

There will be another INSET Day to replace our usual partnership training day when we will be sending out school staff to observe teaching approaches in other schools. To maximise the benefit for our staff this will be on **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020** rather than at the beginning or end of the week.

This means that our usual 'long weekend' at the end of June will not be happening this year but may return in 2020/21.

## October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Special Dinner Day

In a change to the usual menu on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the catering staff are providing a 'trial day' to encourage those who don't always try school dinners. The menu will be 'Dippers, Pizza, Chips, and Beans'. This will affect the Friday menu, which will now comprise of the usual fish but will also have sausage, chips and pasta.

## Pilsley Bowling Club

Both Park House and our school would like to thank the Pilsley Bowling Club for a contribution to our school funds. This is very much appreciated and will support our local children's education.

## Dates for 2019/ 2020

2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2019	Choir at Tupton Hall
8 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019	Harvest rehearsal
9 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019	Choir at Tupton Hall
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019	Y3/4, 4 & 5 visit to the Space Centre
11 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019	Harvest – a morning and afternoon service.
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019	Choir at the Winding Wheel
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019	Y1 class visit to Hardwick Park
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019	Y6 Bikeability
21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Parent Consultations
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2019	Y6 visit to National Galleries of Justice (date TBC)
26 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2019	October Half Term
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and Family Photographs
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	KS2 Christmas rehearsal
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	KS2 Christmas Performances 1.30pm & 6pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	School Health Flu immunisations (Rec to Y6)
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	KS1 Christmas Performances 10.30am & 1.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	EYFS Christmas Performances 10.30am & 1.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2019 – 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020	Christmas holidays
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020	Back to school
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020	Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service Education Visit Y2 & Y6
11 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET Day – school closed, school staff attending other schools
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Y1 visit to Hardwick Park
4 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	East Holidays
20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Back to school
4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	BANK HOLIDAY
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2020	May Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2020	Y1 day visit to Lea Green
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Y2 Residential to Lea Green
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Y6 Residential to Dukes Barn
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Last day of term for summer holidays
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	INSET DAY
21 <sup>st</sup> July 2020	INSET DAY