

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn 4, 2019

Christmas Carol Concert

Unfortunately, due to the timings of Christmas Concerts, parties, etc., we will not be able to run the Christmas Carol evening this year. This has become a fantastic evening over the last few years and the staff have tried their best to find a space amongst the Christmas events but it simply will not work. The Carol Concert will return next year and will be the first event pencilled in for the Christmas period.

Christmas Jumper Day, Friday 20th December 2019

The official date for Christmas Jumper Day is Friday, 13th December. We, however, will hold ours on Friday 20th December to coincide with the last day of term. This also helps avoid the dress rehearsals for the Nativity Plays. We would encourage children on that day to wear something Christmas themed – be it a traditional jumper, a homemade t-shirt, etc. Save the Children state a £2 donation but we are sure they would appreciate whatever contribution you feel you can make.

The Return of Miss Allanson

Miss Allanson returns to school at the beginning of February after her maternity leave. She will be job sharing the Y4 class teaching role with Mr McGrath for the rest of the school year. We know she's excited to return and has spent quite a bit of time back in school over the last few weeks.

Attendance

After Christmas we will again be writing to parents whose children's attendance so far this year is low (approaching 90%) or is in the Persistent Absentee Category (below 90%) by the government definition. Please be aware of the significant impact low attendance has upon your child's development. It is interesting to hear the number of new staff with children of their own who comment on the pace of learning now expected of children and the impact that absence can have.

Late Arrivals

We currently have a few regular children who are arriving late in to school. All lessons in Y1-Y6 start immediately after register, usually with spelling, phonics or maths revision tasks. In Foundation 2 these start at 9.05am. If your child is arriving late they will miss the beginning of such lessons and will struggle to catch up. In addition, their arrival often disrupts a lesson that has already begun. Could we please urge you to ensure your child is in school on time.

School App – texting service will no longer be in use after January 2020

Just a reminder to download the School App. This is called School Jotter and can be found on both Apple and Android Apps. Once downloaded then select our school. This will become our prime method of communication from January.

Dates for 2019/ 2020

9 th Dec 2019	KS2 Christmas rehearsal
10 th Dec 2019	KS2 Christmas Performances 1.30pm & 6pm
11 th Dec 2019	School Health Flu immunisations (Rec to Y6)
16 th Dec 2019	KS1 Christmas Performances 10.30am & 1.30pm
17 th Dec 2019	EYFS Christmas Performances 10.30am & 1.30pm
17 th December 2019	Year 1 and 2 Party day
18 th December 2019	F1 & F2 Party day
19 th December 2019	Years 3-6 Party day
20 th December 2019	Christmas Jumper Day and Last Day of Term
21 st Dec 2019 – 5 th Jan 2020	Christmas holidays
6 th Jan 2020	Back to school
16 th Jan 2020	Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service Education Visit Y2 & Y6
15 th Feb 2020 – 23 rd Feb 2020	Half Term
24 th Feb 2020	Back to school
3 rd March 2020	KS1 Science Fayre
4 th March 2020	KS2 Science Fayre
5 th March 2020	F1 & F2 Science Fayre
11 th March 2020	INSET Day – school closed, school staff attending other schools
25 th March 2020	Y1 visit to Hardwick Park
4 th – 19 th April 2020	Easter Holidays
20 th April 2020	Back to school
1 st May 2020	Y2 SATS month begins
8 th May 2020	BANK HOLIDAY <u>(note changed date – school open on 4th May)</u>
11 th May 2020	Y6 SATs Week
21 st May 2020	Foundation trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
23 rd – 31 st May 2020	May Half Term
1 st June 2020	Back to school
8 th June 2020	Y1 Phonics Testing
23 rd June 2020	Y6 Tibshelf Transition Day
24 th June 2020	Y6 Tibshelf Transition Day
25 th June 2020	Futures Day – West Notts College Visit for Y6
26 th June 2020	Y1 visit to Hardwick Park
29 th June 2020	Assessment Week
1 st July 2020	Y2 Mini Olympics
3 rd July 2020	Y1 day visit to Lea Green
3 rd – 4 th July 2020	Y2 Residential to Lea Green
8 th – 10 th July 2020	Y6 Residential to Dukes Barn
17 th July 2020	Last day of term for summer holidays
20 th July 2020	INSET DAY – school closed
21 st July 2020	INSET DAY – school closed