

Dear Parents and Carers

Spring 1

We can't believe it's been five weeks since we returned from the Christmas Holidays. Where does the time go? We have a busy time ahead so do please check the dates on the back of this letter.

New Reading Books

We would like to thank everyone for the help and support with our fundraising efforts before Christmas. Your donations have helped the Food Banks, Save the Children and the school with regards to a new Reading Scheme. The scheme is now up and running in Foundation 2 and is being introduced to Year 1. The new structure is designed to enable children to feel like 'readers' much quicker than traditional schemes and we've already had positive feedback from the children.

Basketball Teams

We would like to congratulate our basketball teams who took part in the local tournament last week. Both competed superbly with one team winning the competition and moving on the District Competition next week.

Uniform

As we are sure you are aware as a school we are not as stringent on uniform as many local schools, and far less than will be expected of your child once they attend secondary school. However, there have been an increasing number of pupils attending school in clothes that do not match our policy. Please be aware that pupils should be wearing white polo t-shirts, plain navy sweatshirts or cardigans and grey/black/navy trousers (we accept unbranded jogging bottoms) or skirts or shorts. We are also happy for the navy blue gingham dresses to be worn. We do not require the name badge and are happy for parents to buy uniform from supermarkets rather than the school.

Please note that:

- Hoodies are not acceptable in any colour as 'in class' wear & we will be asking pupils to take these off.
- Hoodies may be worn outside in the playground though please ensure they have weather appropriate coats.
- Jeans of any colour are not accepted in school.
- Blue polo t-shirts are not part of the school uniform, we would ask parents to phase these out by September please.
- Jewellery should only be a stud or small sleeper earring. No chains, chokers, etc should be worn but watches are fine.
- Heels should be minimised – children cannot run around and enjoy the playground in high heeled shoes or boots.
- Shoulder length or longer hair should be tied back.

Please be aware we will be reminding children of these expectations over the next few weeks and we would ask you to support us in this.

Late Arrivals

We wrote out before Christmas about a few regular children who are arriving late in to school. All lessons in Y1-Y6 start immediately after register (and in F2 at 9.05am) usually with spelling, phonics or maths revision tasks. 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. For those that are regularly missing the beginning of lessons teachers will be in contact.

School App – texting service is no longer in use

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 please select our school and you will receive notifications from us. You can, in 'settings', and then 'notices' deselect the class notifications you don't want to receive (but please retain the 'whole school').

You will have received a log in letter recently – this log in will help you enable the 'messages' so anything that is personal to your child will come through that process. If you are unsure about this or haven't received the letter please contact the office. As with all new systems there will be teething problems but so far it has proved more effective than the texting service.

Dates for 2019/ 2020

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 Day
11 th March 2020	INSET Day – school closed, school staff attending other schools
12 th March 2020	Y3/4 visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park
16 th & 17 th March	Parent Consultations
19 th March 2020	Y3/4 Class Assembly (2:00pm)
25 th March 2020	Y1 visit to Hardwick Park
30 th March 2020	Easter service Rehearsal
31 st March 2020	Tempest Group/Class Photographs
2 nd April 2020	Easter Service @ St Mary's Church
3 rd April 2020	Last day of term
4 th – 19 th April 2020	Easter Holidays
20 th April 2020	Back to school
1 st May 2020	Y2 SATS month begins
4 th May 2020	(Monday) School is open as normal this day
8 th May 2020	(Friday) BANK HOLIDAY/SCHOOL CLOSED (note changed date)
11 th May 2020	Y6 SATs Week
21 st May 2020	Foundation trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
22 nd May 2020	Last day of term
23 rd – 31 st May 2020	May Half Term
1 st June 2020	Back to school
8 th June 2020	Y1 Phonics Testing
18 th June 2020	Halle Orchestra Concert
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