

We have had lots of fun this month, made all the better by the excellent weather!

## Y1 Pleasley Vale Trip



Year 1 had 2 great days at Pleasley Vale, which is fully funded through our Sports Premium, meaning we can offer this for free to our families. The trip focussed on team building and experiencing nature. The children took part in a woodland walk; learning about the different types of trees and animals that live in the woods. They even found a cave in the rocks! Well done Y1 for being so brave!

## Viking Afternoon



This year we have worked in partnership with Chesterfield Museum to offer 2 days of Viking related activities. The museum was looking for a venue whilst the museum is undergoing a refurbishment. We were happy to help! The museum brought their artifacts to school and the children linked into this by creating Viking shields, which could then be brought to the Viking re-enactment taking place during the summer fayre. We all had a great afternoon!

## Duckfest



This year we went BIG! In collaboration with Chesterfield Museum, we held our Summer Fayre and Viking Showcase on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

What an amazing event, made possible by so many people! We raised £675.02 in total. From this, £100 has been donated to BlueBell Wood Charity. It has also funded a visit from Sally Anderson (local artist), who will be creating artwork for our Rainforest Room.

Thank you to everyone who supported us with this event.

## Dads and Lads Lunch



To celebrate the fantastic men in their lives and Father's Day on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June, children invited a male role model into school to join them for lunch. It was fantastic to see so many parents in attendance.

## Nursery Sports Day



What a wonderful Sports Day!

The sun was shining, and the smiles were endless.

A huge thank you to all the parents who came, your support made the day extra special!

## Reception -Y6 Sports Day



What a lovely afternoon of sports on our annual Sports Day. Well done everyone for trying your best and being enthusiastic sportspeople.

## Academisation Update

Due to complications with other schools ahead of us in the process of academisation, our completion date has been delayed until August.

## High Standards

We have high standards in all aspects of our school.

Please can we ask your support in the following areas:

**Uniform** – please check the uniform list for the specific details of our uniform

<https://www.duckmantonprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=95&type=pdf>

Recent issues have included:

Chains, rings, large hair accessories, branded clothing i.e Nike Pro shorts. Items like these become a temptation for children and can highlight inequalities between children. We want the children to feel part of our school and to not feel segregated.

**Punctuality** – We encourage children to arrive at 8.45am. Our gates close at 8.55am.

**Attendance** – DFE requirements state that parents should only request leave of absence for their child in exceptional circumstances. Holiday's are not classed as exceptional circumstances and will be unauthorised. It is important that parents inform us of any absences in advance and are truthful. For safeguarding reasons, we must know where children are at all times. If we have any doubt regarding a child's absence, we will try to make contact with parents and the child immediately.

## Parking

The bus bay at the front of school should not be used by parents or the community for parking. It is a particular issue when we take the children out on trips, as the coaches are not able to get close enough to the school for collection and drop off.

## Smoking and Vaping

Our school is a smoking and vaping free zone.

## Dogs

All dogs are not permitted on any part of the school site.



**No dogs**



## Pupil Information

If you require any changes to your child's personal record i.e. allergies, dietary requirements, address etc, this must be put in writing through our [info@duckmanton.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@duckmanton.derbyshire.sch.uk) email address.

## Last Day of Term

Our final day of the summer term is Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July. The school closes at 1.30pm. Children attending afternoon Nursery only should not attend on this day and will finish on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.



## Attendance


Our attendance target for this academic year is 96%+

### Key

Attendance is at or above the school target of 96%

Attendance is between 92 – 96%, below school target and being monitored

Attendance is below 92% and significantly below the school target of 97%. Action to improve attendance needed

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance for March</u>	<u>WINNING CLASS</u>
NEST & Nursery – Mrs Orme	87.84 %	<b>WELL DONE</b>  <b>YEAR 2 !!</b>  
Reception – Mrs Pickering	93.6 %	
Year 1 Miss Smyth	95.98 %	
Year 2 Mrs Daysh	97.73 %	
Year 3 Mrs Siddall	92.7 %	
Year 4 Mrs Wright / Draper	94.78 %	
Year 5 Miss King / Miss Hill	93.75 %	
Year 6 Mr Beeden / Miss Hill	96.69 %	
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>93.82 %</b>	

## Holiday requests during term time

Any requests should be an official school Leave of Absence Request form which is available on the school website or collectable from the school office. This should be handed into the school office for consideration prior to any holiday/leave arrangements being made.

In September 2013 the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2013 came into force. The regulations make it clear that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term time, including holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances. These regulations also state that holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively.

You may be issued with a Penalty Notice should leave be taken which is not authorised. If unpaid, this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996.

## **Upcoming Key Dates**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July-** Y1-Y6 Meet the teacher sessions (after school)  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July-** Nursery to Y6 Duckmanton Transition Day (Day 1 of 2)  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July-** Y6 Bolsover Transition Day  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July-** Nursery to Y6 Duckmanton Transition Day (Day 2 of 2)  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July-** Y6 End of year Church service  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July-** KS2 Summer Performance  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July-** KS2 Summer Performance  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July-** Y6 Prom  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July- @ 3.15 pm** Parents Evening Optional Meetings  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July- @ 3.15 pm** Y6 V Staff Rounders match  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July @ 2.15pm-** Y6 Leavers Assembly  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July-** Final Day of the term (finish at 1.30)  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September** – Return to school

## **Governors of Duckmanton Primary School**

Miss S Scarborough	Chair of Governors/ LA Governor
Mr C Martin	Co-opted Governor
Mrs E Levers	Headteacher
Mr J Beeden	Staff Governor
Mrs M Lane	Co-opted Governor
Mr D Barlow	Parent Governor
Mr M Copestake	Parent Governor

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