



Newsletter

Free Breakfast Club

Our school has been successful in our application to join the free breakfast club programme. The Breakfast Club Programme is funded by the Government to provide access to a free breakfast for children in Reception to Y6. From Monday 13th April our new Breakfast Club offer will be as follows:

- 7.45 – 8.15am (30 mins) – charged session of £2 per child. Open to Nursery to Y6 children. Booking required through ParentPay.
- 8.15 – 8.45am (30 mins) – free session for children in Reception to Y6 children. Nursery children are also welcome, however the cost of this is £2 per child (unfortunately the DFE funding is only for children in Reception class and above). No booking required but sign in on arrival by an adult (children in Nursery – Y4), is required.

Year 4 Bolsover Trip



Year 4's history focus this term is 'Castles'. To further support the children's understanding of this topic, Y4 children visited the Bolsover Castle. They were brilliant and had a great time.

Year 4 Sleepover & Year 3 Stay Late

Thank you all for a great evening of staying late and sleeping over. The children behaved really well and were a great team, helping each other to get ready. It was a pleasure to be part of it and watch them enjoy themselves with the various activities and all the food!



Big Family Breakfast



Thank you to Mrs Stanley and Mrs Mariner for the lovely breakfast. Children and parents enjoyed it very much.

We are hoping to hold this event once every month and have planned the following dates for this academic year:

- Friday 12th June
- Friday 17th July

The event starts at 8.15am in the school hall. Please book your place through ParentPay. You only need to book through one child's ParentPay account, however please list all adults and children attending on the form. Please also include any allergies.

Well Done Year 6



Well done to Year 6 for successfully completing the SATs week. You did amazing. We're so proud of every one of you. Hope you enjoyed your well-deserved ice cream 😊



The KS2 Summer Show

We are delighted to announce that this year's Key Stage 2 summer production will be the much-loved musical Chitty Chitty Bang Bang! The children are already very excited to get started.

Happy Birthday Sir David Attenborough

This month, we also celebrated the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough, whose incredible work has inspired generations to learn more about the nature and the importance of caring for our planet. Happy 100th Birthday!



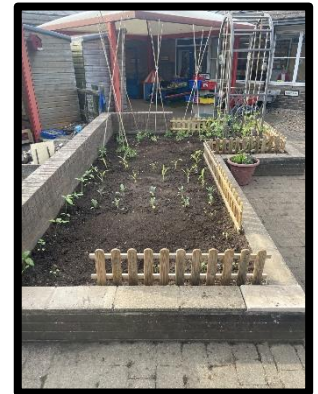
Year 1 Crich Tramway Museum Visit



Year 1 have had a great trip to Crich Tramway Museum. They have started their day with a tram timeline talk. They have learned lots about how trams have changed. We have been on two trams! They were brilliant!

Growing Our Own

Our Eco Ambassadors, Gardening Club, Mrs Parnham and Mr Weatherall have been working extremely hard this spring to improve our school courtyard. We now have our own greenhouse, veg patch, planters kindly donated by Chesterfield in Bloom plus the chickens and rabbits have had a home makeover. It looks great and there is still more work to do. Thank you for all of your hard work!



Trust Netball Competition



Our Year 5 and 6 team went to Nottingham to take part in a Handball competition. They played in 5 very close, competitive games showing determination, teamwork and respect throughout. After winning two, drawing one and losing one game they finished in 2nd place progressing to the 3rd/4th play off. This was a very exciting, non-stop game ending 5-5! Well done to you all!

Congratulations to Miss Smyth



We are delighted to share the wonderful news that our Year 1 teacher Miss Smyth is expecting a baby later this year! We are sure all our families will join us in wishing her best wishes on this amazing news. Congratulations Miss Smyth!

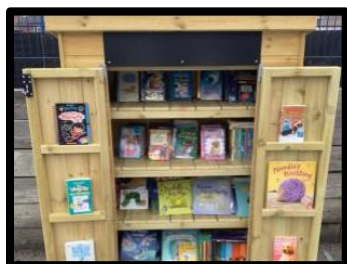
Sun Reminder

As the weather warms up and the sun shines brighter, it's important to ensure our children are well protected from harmful UV rays during school hours. Please apply sun cream to your child before they head off to school each day. Even on cloudy days, UV rays can still penetrate through and cause damage to their skin. Please also ensure that children bring a water bottle and sun hat. By taking these



simple precautions, we can help ensure that our children enjoy the outdoors safely and avoid harmful effects of sun exposure.

Outdoor Library



We are proud to announce the opening of our outdoor library! The book swap hut is located on the yard and is filled with books for children to take and enjoy. The books can be returned or swapped with unwanted books of yours. We look forward to seeing lots of books being enjoyed!

Thank you



A huge thank you to the Peak Store for their generous £350 contribution to our outdoor library. This will soon be filled with books and details of how you can borrow them will be shared soon!

DuckBrook Pantry

Poolsbrook Social Welfare, S43 3LP. Open every Thursday from 10am – 4pm.

Do you know about DuckBrook Pantry? It is a local community pantry offering affordable food and fresh essentials each week. We visited the pantry last week with a few of our parents and intend to go again on Thursday 4th June @ 9.30am. If you would like to visit with us, please book your place through the school office.

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

Class	Attendance for May	Winning Class
NEST & Nursery – Mrs Orme	95.3%	<p>WELL DONE</p>  <p>Reception</p>
Reception – Mrs Pickering	96.6%	
Year 1 Miss Smyth	94%	
Year 2 Mrs Daysh	94.6%	
Year 3 Mrs Siddall	91.2%	
Year 4 Mrs Wright / Draper	94.4%	
Year 5 Miss King / Miss Hill	95.5%	
Year 6 Mr Beeden / Miss Hill	96.4%	
Whole School	94.11%	

Absence following a School Holiday

We regularly experience absences following a school holiday. Although many are valid, unfortunately we are having an increasing number of absences due to holidays, which run into the academic year. **Sadly, we have become aware that some parents are asking their child to lie to school staff regarding the reason for their absence.** This is uncomfortable for the child and promotes being untruthful, which goes against our school values.



For wellbeing reasons, we will carry out home visits for children who are absent following a school holiday.

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

You can find a comprehensive list on our website or at this link: [Duckmanton Key Dates](#)

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