

October Newsletter

We have enjoyed a fantastic first half term in school.



Reception Staveley Library Trip



Reception class had such a lovely time at the library.

They learnt about all of the different books that they have and how we can borrow them with our library cards. The children loved receiving their library cards and they learnt how to use the machine to check out the books that they borrowed.

Your child's new library card can be used at any Derbyshire library.

And a big thank you to all of the parents that helped us with transport- THANK YOU 😊

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/using-your-library/joining/joining-the-library.aspx>

Year 5 Cadbury's World Trip

Year 5 children had a fabulous time exploring Cadbury's World. The trip was linked to their Autumn 1 history topic, Mayans.



Year 2 Mining Museum Trip



In order to further the children's understanding of their History Topic 'Mining' Year 2 went on a trip to Mining Museum. They had a brilliant day.

Year 3 Mount Cook Trip

To enhance their learning and allow children to get hands on with history, Year 3 spent the day being immersed into prehistoric life. During the day, children became hunter gatherers and learned archery, explored artefacts that tells us what life was like back then and crafted art tools to create cave art to tell their stories.



Website

Our NEW website will be going live very soon.



Harvest Market

Thank you for the harvest donations - these have been dropped off at the Freedom Project Food Bank.

The Harvest Market also made a fantastic £139. Thanks for everyone's support



Parking

In order to keep our school community safe, parents should not enter the school car park between the following times:

- 8.15 and 9.15am
- 11.30 – 12.30pm
- 3.00 and 3.45pm

If you or your child is registered as disabled, please contact the school office, who will be able to issue a carpark pass.

The owner of the pub has also asked us to remind parents that they should not be parking on the pub site.

In order to keep West Crescent clear of traffic during busy times, we encourage parents/children to walk, scooter, bike to school or park away from the school and walk the short distance.

Thankyou

A big thankyou to Rob's carpets, a local firm who donated large pieces of carpet for the classrooms, following the flood.

Rob is local to Duckmanton. If you ever need a new carpet and want a reliable, honest and caring company, give him a call on 07885 595557.

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 October</u>	<u>WINNING CLASS</u>
NEST & Nursery – Mrs Orme	89.05%	 WELL DONE YEAR 2
Reception – Mrs Pickering	91.96%	
Year 1 Miss Smyth	95.66%	
Year 2 Mrs Daysh	97.41%	
Year 3 Mrs Siddall	95.82%	
Year 4 Mrs Wright / Draper	97.29%	
Year 5 Miss King / Miss Hill	91.78%	
Year 6 Mr Beeden / Miss Hill	96.07%	
Whole School	94.40%	

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

Monday 4th November @ all day – Inset Day

Tuesday 5th November @ from 1pm – Autumn Parent's Evening

Friday 8th November @ 10.20 am – Wall of Fame Assembly

Monday 11th November @ all day – Odd Sock Day/Maths Week England

Thursday 14th November @ 9.15-10am – Reception to Y6 Maths Showcase

Thursday 14th November @ 2.30-3.15pm – Nursery Maths Showcase

Friday 15th November @ all day – Children in Need

Monday 18th November @ all week – Road Safety Week

Thursday 28th November @ 2.15 pm – PFA Christmas Market

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Mrs E Levers Headteacher

Mr J Beeden Staff Governor

Mrs M Lane Co-opted Governor

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