



Remembrance Day



We attended a lovely Remembrance Day service to remember the sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

Anti-Bullying Week



We focussed on anti bullying week, wearing odd socks to represent differences. The focus for this year is Respect. We discussed respecting the many differences we have, including religions, faiths, skin colour, ideas and views.

We discussed what bullying means and emphasised the 'repetitive and intentional' element of bullying.

Maths Showcase

Nursery to Year 6 parents and carers were invited to join their child in their Maths lesson. They all had a brilliant session.



Community Project

The School Council and Community Ambassadors were invited by Chesterfield Borough Council Community Project Team to help them plant bulbs near the Miners Welfare. The hope is that the bulbs will flower in the spring and can be enjoyed by our local residents.



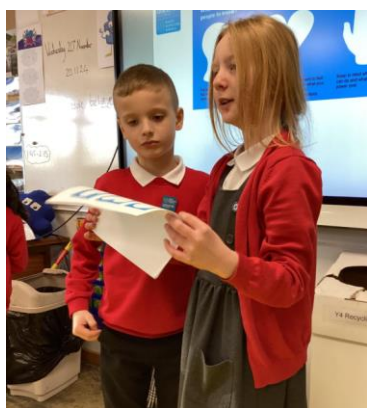
Children in Need



We have raised £154.02 for Children in Need. Thank you so much for your support!!

Children Take Over Day

The children have had an afternoon of taking the role of teachers as part of the Outright Campaign. They have taught phonics, reading, maths and they took the register too. They have had extra play, discussed Children's Rights, had free choice time and mindful colouring. They were brilliant!



Road Safety Week



Road Safety Week is an important initiative designed to raise awareness about roads safety and how our children learn how to stay safe whilst crossing the road.

In small groups nest and nursery have visited the crossing on Markham Road to help put our learning into context.

THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to our fabulous PFA for organising the Christmas Market, it was a lovely way to start the beginning of advent.

Thank you also to the stall holders, we have had a lovely message from one of them: "Thank you for having us, we had a great time and all the children that came up to us were so polite."

Christmas is coming!!!!



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	83.84%	WELL DONE Year 2 
Reception – Mrs Pickering	96.51%	
Year 1 Miss Smyth	95.61%	
Year 2 Mrs Daysh	96.87%	
Year 3 Mrs Siddall	91.22%	
Year 4 Mrs Wright / Draper	96.86%	
Year 5 Miss King / Miss Hill	94.12%	
Year 6 Mr Beeden / Miss Hill	96.32%	
Whole School	94.10%	

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 9th December @ 10 am and 2pm EYFS Christmas AM and PM Performance

Tuesday 10th December @ 9.30 am KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Nativity AM Performance

Wednesday 11th December @ all day Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Wednesday 11th December @AM Y1-Y6 Christmas Pantomime at Mansfield Palace Theatre

Thursday 12th December @2.30 pm KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Nativity PM Performance

Monday 16th December @6pm KS2 Christingle Service

Tuesday 17th December @pm Nursery and Reception Christopher's Christmas Performance

Friday 20th December @ all day Class Christmas Parties / Last Day of term

Governors of Duckmanton Primary School

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