

April- May Newsletter

Values

We started January by launching the new school values. The children are super excited about earning their Truly Trusted Badges and Mrs Levers can't wait to announce the names of the first children to achieve this in assembly over the next few weeks. Watch this space!



Sports for Schools Athlete Event



We raised a huge £474.20 during the Great Athlete Event, when Antony Cotterill came and visited us!

Thank you for your support!

Handball Event



A group of children from Years 3/4/5 went to a handball event in Nottingham. They played games to practise their skills then had a mini tournament. They also had the opportunity to meet and work with an ex professional footballer turned Team GB paralympian. Everyone had a great time learning new skills and working as a team. Well done to Billy who also won a trophy in the drawing competition.

Year 1 Crich Tramway Museum Trip



Year 1 have had the best time on our trip to Crich Tramway Museum! We have learned lots about the history of trams and enjoyed rides on two different trams. We loved our picnic in the sun. The weather was also amazing!

Wall of Fame



We celebrated the Wall of Fame winners for last half term. The theme was 'curriculum excellence' and the children were nominated for progress and achievement in a range of subjects. It was lovely to have their parents in the assembly to celebrate with us.

Well done to Mia M (Nursery), Felicity C (Reception), Tyree F (Y1), Abhinav V (Y2), Connie S (Y3), Leon D (Y4), Izzy M (Y5), Finnley B. (Y6)!

Y3 Stay Late and Y4 Sleep Over



Year 3 have had a great time staying late at school. And well done y4 for a great sleepover. Everyone stayed in bed all night!! We are genuinely so impressed by their behaviour and courage.

VE Day 80th Anniversary



We have had a wonderful day celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day. We have spent the week learning what VE Day is and why celebrate it. We started the day with an assembly and a quiz. This afternoon we decorated plates and bunting, did some 1940s style dancing and finished with a street party on the playground. We ate scones, crisps and drank lemonade.

Thank you



The Community Ambassadors helping to keep our school clean and litter free.

School Car Parking

In order to keep our school community safe, parents should not enter the school car park between 8.15am and 4.15pm, unless you have a pre booked meeting or it has been agreed with the Headteacher.

We are also witnessing parents pulling over / parking in the entrance to the school car park, causing a hazard. Please do not park here.

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	94.49%	WELL DONE YEAR 5!! 
Reception – Mrs Pickering	95.31%	
Year 1 Miss Smyth	93.15%	
Year 2 Mrs Daysh	95.31%	
Year 3 Mrs Siddall	93.63%	
Year 4 Mrs Wright / Draper	94.96%	
Year 5 Miss King / Miss Hill	97.2%	
Year 6 Mr Beeden / Miss Hill	95.74%	
Whole School	94.61%	

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 2nd June- Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Testing

Tuesday 3rd June- Y1 Pleasley Vale Trip

Monday 9th June- Y1 and Y2 Phonics Screening Check

Wednesday 11th June @ 12- Dads and Lads Lunch

Thursday 12th June @12- Dads and Lads Lunch

Monday 16th June- Reception to Y6 Sports Day

Tuesday 17th June- Nursery Sports afternoon

Monday 23rd June- Reception to Y6 Back up Sports day

Tuesday 24th June- Back up nursery sports afternoon

Friday 27th June- Inset Day

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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