

Headteacher Newsletter 2- 14th September 2023

Dear pupils and parents,

We are at the end of week two and the children have settled into school life and routines wonderfully, with lots of children taking on new roles such as: Student Council, Eco-Committee and Anti-Bullying Committee, PlayPod leaders, Sports Leaders and many more! I'm sure our many student body groups will communicate their plans for the Autumn term very soon.

I wanted to share some important dates for your calendar. All our events can be found on the school website which is updated regularly.

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| 28 th Sept | Library van |
| 29 th Sept | Flu vaccinations – see Dojo for link |
| 4 th Oct | Y5/6 tag rugby |
| 12 th Oct | Y1/2 FUNdamentals at Hope Valley College (HVC) |
| 18 th Oct | Cross country for Y1-6 |
| 19 th Oct | Provisional KS2 trip to Butterfly House – to be confirmed |
| 26 th Oct | Harvest festival 1.30pm- 3pm |
| 27 th Oct | INSET – school closed to children |
| 6 th Nov | Back to school |
| 10 th Nov | Individual school photographs |
| 13 th Nov | Parent consultation evening |
| 14 th Nov | Parent consultation evening |
| 23 rd Nov | Y1/2 Dance festival at HVC |
| 11 th Dec | Whole school trip to Buxton Opera House to watch Cinderella Panto |
| 13 th Dec | School Christmas dinner |
| 19 th Dec | Christmas Concert and Nativity 6pm |
| 21 st Dec | Christmas Concert and Nativity 9.30am |
| 22 nd Dec | INSET –school closed to children |

We are aware that the range of enrichment activities comes with a financial cost and we are trying hard to be selective with the activities in order to reduce the cost to families. If you are struggling financially, please speak to Mrs Gemmell, Mrs Chapman or Mrs Stoddart in confidence.

School Website

We encourage you to use the website frequently as it contains a wealth of information, particularly about the curriculum that your child studies and the formal information that schools are required to publish. The Class Pages in particular contain additional useful information.

Parent Helpers

In school life 'before Covid,' it was common practice to invite parents in to school to help with regular tasks such as listening to readers, supporting Forest school, gardening and other activities. We would very much like to resurrect this practice as the benefits to both the children and school life are huge. If you think you could spare



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an hour or so on a regular basis to support school in this way, please let Mrs Stoddart know and we will start the process.

Heathy Schools

Please send your child to school with a bottle of water (no juice please) that can be topped up during the day. For those who prefer to bring their own snack, please keep it healthy. No sweets, crisps or chocolate please. We offer fruit snack for break times. Children in Oak class receive this for free. For children in Ash and Willow we ask for 80p a week. If you would like to sign up for Ash and Willow Fruit Snack please contact Mrs. Stoddart in the office info@bamford.derbyshire.sch.uk or fill in the form that has been shared on Dojo.

Nut Free School

We are a nut free school, so please keep lunches and snacks nut free. Thank you.

PTA

Bonnie Davies is collating a list of 'PTA event dates' and will be sharing these with you all very soon.

Kind regards
Jen Chapman
Deputy Headteacher