

Newsletter 3



December 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy term with a lot of events happening in school and outside of school. Many students in Key stage 2 have represented the school in cross country, dodge ball and football with some individuals and teams chosen to represent the school in county finals- we will keep you updated on how they all get on. Year 4 and Year 5 pupil have also taken part in Bikeability and can safely ride their bikes with increasing control. Mr Ward's class visited Derby Museum to look at the Ancient Egyptian exhibition and some of the Art Ambassadors visited an Art Museum. Miss Eaton attended some balance bike training, and we now have several balance bikes for children in the Early Years. School Councillors from Y1/2 and Y5/6 attended a Pupil Parliament session earlier this week to do some work on Online Safety- the children will be sharing this with the whole school in upcoming assemblies.

Coming up

Next half term the Kixx after school sports club will be for children in KS2. More details to follow.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding / Online Safeguarding

There have been times when parents, adults in the community and children are concerned about things which have happened online. Please don't hesitate to contact the school, Derbyshire County Council's Child

Protection department on **01629 533190** or the NSPCC on **0808 800**.

Please see the NSPCC website- Keeping Children safe online. It offers advice and support for parents. [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe-online/) . Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

PE

Thank you to all the child who are coming to school in the correct PE uniform. As a reminder, PE kit is plain black or grey tracksuit bottoms/leggings or shorts, white PE t-shirt, plain black, or grey jumper/hoody, Black or white trainers (plimsolls can be kept on peg for indoor use). **Please make sure your child has long hair tied back and no earrings when it is their P.E. day** for health and safety reasons. If your child needs to wear their school jumper for PE days, that is also OK.



Universal and Free School Meals

Pupils in Reception (FS2) and KS1 are entitled for Universal Free School meals however you may also be entitled to Free School meals. If you think you may be eligible then please visit: [Free School Meals \(derbyshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/). This means not only does your child receive a free school meal but school also receive money to support your child / children.

Attendance / Punctuality

I am pleased to share with you that our attendance is 96%, which is the same as the statistics. Thank you everyone.

Punctuality is monitored closely. Children start learning at 9am and children who arrive after this time will miss part of the lesson. If they are late repeatedly late to school, this can have a direct impact on the progress they make.



Absence

Recently we have seen an increase in children with colds. If your child is away due to ill health, please do inform us via phone call (01773 811281) or email to: info@blackwell.derbyshire.sch.uk

Please also let us know **daily** if they continue to be absent. If your child does have a cold, we are able to give medicine with your consent and will call you if they became more unwell.

Dates for this term (dates in red are where parents are invited)

Tuesday 9 th December	Miss Hatter and Miss Johal's Nativity play- Morning performance (9:30am)
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Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper / Christmas School Dinner day
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Film Night- EYFS & KS1 The Grinch- animated film (3:30pm-5:20pm) -KS2 The Nativity (5:30pm-7:15pm)
Friday 12 th December	Winter Fair- (2:30pm-4pm)
Monday 15 th December	EYFS & KS1 Trip to Conkers- Details on Parent Hub
Tuesday 16 th December	Chesterfield Panto- CHILDREN ONLY- (am)- School dinner will be party food on this day-
Wednesday 17 th December	Class Parties- more details to follow from the class teachers
Thursday 18 th December	Last day of term
Friday 19 th December	Inset Day- School closed to all pupils
End Of Term	
Monday 5 th January	Children start back at school
Tuesday 20 th January	Adam Pepper in with Y1&Y2
Thursday 22 nd January	Valley Cids assembly (am)
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 10 th February	Adam Pepper in Mr Ward's class
Wednesday 11 th February	Mrs Marshall's class Parent dinner
Thursday 12 th February	Valentines Disco- more details to follow
Friday 13 th February	Last day of school
Half Term	
Monday 23 rd February	All start back to school

HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSSES (Last Day)	SCHOOL RE-OPENS (Children Return)
Christmas Holiday	Thursday 18 th December	Monday 5 th January
February Half Term	Friday 13 th February	Monday 23 rd February
Easter Holiday	Friday 27 th March	Monday 13 th April
Spring Bank Holiday	Thursday 21 st May	Tuesday 2 nd June
Break up for Summer holiday	Thursday 23 rd July	
INSET DAYS	Friday 19 th December, Friday 22 nd May, Monday 1 st June	

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G Gardner (Headteacher)