

Autumn 2 – 2022



Headteacher Newsletter.

We hope you have enjoyed being able to come into school and share the festive celebrations and learning that has taken place so far this year. It has been so wonderful to have family in school again, the sense of community has really developed since the covid restrictions have been lifted.

Building update

As you can see the build is really coming on now with the module classrooms now on site. We have a meeting on December 21st where I will be able to confirm the exact day for handover and therefore plan the days which we will close school for moving in (and around). I will give you those dates as soon as I can after the Christmas Holidays.

Here are some more up to date photographs of the progress so far:



Attendance

Although our overall school attendance has improved when compared to the same time last year, we have a growing issue with persistent absentees (anyone that has an attendance figure below 90%). 11% (29 of our pupils) will be receiving a letter in the New Year due to their attendance being a 'Red' cause for concern within our traffic light system. Another 16% will be receiving an 'Amber' letter of concern (attendance between 90 and 95%).

We fully understand that children have periods of illness, for this reason once a 'Red' letter is sent, we then review that child's attendance over the next term to ensure it significantly increases. If it doesn't increase, parents will then be invited to an attendance meeting/panel with the Chair of Governors and Myself.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who bought a Christmas Activity bag, a chocolate orange cover, booked to attend the sleepover, or came to Breakfast with Santa. Before expenses, Friends have received payments of £1570. Friends have already paid for the Panto, improvements to our sensory room and bought us 20 new iPads since September, our Student Council will be meeting with them in the New year to decide what we need to save for next.

We raised a fantastic total of £206 on Christmas Jumper day, the money will be split equally between school funds and Cancer Research UK. The Key Stage 1 Christmas show and raffle raised £372, this will be used towards next year's pupil planners/reading diaries.

Thank you also for your contributions to Children in Need we raised and sent them £249.

Dates for your Diary – Spring/Summer 2023

Monday 9th January – School re-opens to all pupils

Monday 16th January – SENCo Drop ins 9 – 11am (more info to follow)

Monday 16th January – Y5 swimming restarts

Thursday 16th February – Last day of Spring Term 1

Friday 17th February – School closed for staff training

Monday 27th February – School re-opens to all

Week beg 27th March – Parents Evening meetings

Friday 31st March – Last day of Spring term 2

Monday 17th April – School re-opens to all

Monday 1st May – School Closed – May Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May – School Closed – Bank Holiday (Kings Coronation)

Monday 8th – Wednesday 10th May – Y4 to Boggle Hole

Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May – Y6 statutory testing

Wednesday 10th May – Y3 to the Derby Open Centre

Thursday 25th May – Class Group Photo's

Friday 26th May – Last Day of Summer term 1

Monday 5th June – School re-opens to all

Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st June – Y6 to London

Friday 30th June – Summer Fair

Friday 21st July – Last Day of Summer term 2

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Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jenny Murphy
Headteacher