



Spring 2 - 2024

Headteacher Newsletter.

For such a short term, we seemed to have packed a lot in. The preschool children had a lovely visit from a pony and tractor and Year 3 and 4 children visited 'The Avenue' washlands as part of their topic work in Geography. Ofsted have been and gone, I will be able to fill you in more about their visit after the holidays, and everyone is ready for a rest before the busiest term of the year begins.

Sports Day

Sports day will take place on 14th June (back up day 21st June for bad weather). As with previous years we split the day in two with a picnic in the middle for parents to either depart from, arrive for or (if you're really lucky and have children in both sessions) stay for. The Sports Day for Pre-school children will be held during a shorter session on 5th July.

Timings as follows:

9.00 – Parents sign in for EYFS/KS1 sports day

12.00 – Start of picnic (KS2 parents arrive and sign in)

12.45 – EYFS/KS1 Parents sign out

3.15pm – End of Sports Day

Staffing

As Mrs Toplis is constantly pulled for meetings etc, we have decided that Mrs Goodwin will teach Y2 (ET) on Mondays to ensure consistency during the Summer term. This will start on Monday 15th April.

Mr Allen leaves us today; we have loved having him in pre-school. The children have said goodbye to him today and are looking forward to seeing Mrs Toplis for a few sessions per week who will be overseeing Preschool until we appoint a 'Pre-school lead' for September.

We are still in the planning stages for classes next year (teachers can hand in their notice up until 31st May) however, we do know the format for each class and year group:

EYFS/ KS1	Pre-school Reception Reception/Year 1 mix Year 1 Year 2 Year 2
KS2	Year 3/4 mix Year 3/4 mix Year 3/4 mix Year 5/6 mix Year 5/6 mix Year 5/6 mix

Easter raffle

Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets and congratulations to all the winners. Friends raised over £700 which will go towards upgrading our KS2 reading scheme books.

If your child is moving into a year group with more than one class, we will be sending a questionnaire out next term for you to help them choose which three friends they would like to move with. As always, we guarantee they will be with at least one of their choices unless we have a conversation with you about why that wouldn't be a good idea.

Attendance

Our attendance is now above the national average but as like many schools has still not returned the 'Pre-Covid' levels. We currently sit 53rd out of 305 with an overall attendance figure of 95.8%. Our persistent absentee place in now 29th out of 305 with 6.6% - this is all fantastic news!

Dates for your Diary – Summer 2024

- 15th April – Start of Summer term 1
- 17th April – Friends meeting @Barley Mow 6.00pm
- 23rd April – E-safety sessions (more info to follow)
- 24th – 26th April – Y4 Boggle Hole residential
- 1st May – Y5/6 visitor from Parliament
- 8th May – Friends Summer Fashion Show (more info to follow)
- 13th – 16th May – Y6 statutory assessments (SATS)
- 15th May – Jungle Jo in pre-school
- 20th May – Y4 Sports Summit @ EIS
- 20th May Y2 and Y6 Fire Safety talks
- 21st May – Road Safety workshops (Pre-school, Rec, Y3 & Y4)
- 22nd May – Shape activity day – KS1 & KS2
- 23rd May – Class Group Photographs
- 23rd May Road Safety workshops (Y1, Y2 Y3 & Y4)
- 24th May – Last Day of Summer term 1
- 3rd June – Start of Summer term 2
- 3rd June – Y1 Gymnastics @ Graves
- 4th June – Shape activity day KS1 & KS2
- 5th June – Shape activity day EYFS
- 12th June – Y2 Leagreen day trip
- 13th June – Y1 Magna day trip
- 14th June – Sports Day
- 17th June – New starter parents meeting 6pm
- 20th June - Tupton Transition Day
- 20th June – Rec trip to Matlock Farm Park
- 21st June – Back up Sports Day
- 24th – 28th June – Travelling Book Fair at school
- 24th – 26th June – Y6 London residential
- 26th June – Y5 perform with Halle @Derby Arena
- 27th June – Tupton Transition Day
- 27th June – New starter coffee morning 9.30am – 11.00am
- 28th June – Summer Fair 5.00pm-7.00pm
- 1st July – School closed for staff training
- 2nd July – Road Safety workshops (Y5 & Y6)
- 3rd July – Highfield and Hasland Transition Day
- 4th July – Tupton and Hasland Transition Day
- 4th July – Whole school Transition Day
- 5th July Y2 and Y3 Sports Festival @ EIS
- 5th July – Pre-school Sports Day 1.30pm
- 11th July – Tupton Transition Day
- 11th July – Whole school Transition Day
- 12th July - Y5 and Y6 Stem Lego day
- 15th July – Reports out to parents
- 16th July – Talent Show
- 17th July – Y3 Cricket @ Mount St Mary's
- 17th July – Y5 Bowls competition against Deer Park
- 17th July – Meet the teachers, parent drop ins 3.30pm – 5pm
- 18th July – Y6 Film night 3.30pm – 5.30pm
- 22nd July – School Closed for staff training
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Parking

We had two photographs sent of cars parked at the lychgate during the funeral we told you all about last Friday. I am sincerely hoping this was a mistake made by extended family members who didn't receive the message on ParentHub. In the future, all photographs will be shared on our new communication App to keep you in the loop of parking issues.

September 2024 dates

4th September – School closed for staff training

5th September – Start of Autumn term 1

The year 6 children raised £61.80 for Comic relief through the cake sale at the end of the day. Thank you for your custom.

Have a great break over the Easter holidays

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Headteacher

