



Exceeding expectations, raising aspirations...



Dear all,

Happy New Year and best wishes to all for a great 2020.

The children have all come back excited and ready to learn. Our first week began with an awe inspiring experience; 'Young Voices'. Last Tuesday twenty two children from Key Stage 2 visited the 'Fly DSA' arena in Sheffield. They sang their hearts out and did us all proud. Thank you to all the parents who joined for the evening performance; it was truly magical. If you've not seen the photos or videos yet, please take a look on our Facebook page. We're hoping to go again next year and are waiting for the registration window to open. Fingers crossed we'll get a place, needless to say they fill up within a couple of hours!

We've realised that we have a few parents who don't use Facebook. If this is you, please let us know, so that we can find another way to share posts and videos with you. There tends to be around 3 posts a week, all celebrating the fun we have through learning and working together and we'd hate to think you hadn't seen these. Please pop in to the office so we know how many people this affects.

Regards
Clare Peat

If you don't use it you loose it...

For those of you that have older children who are in or have just left Secondary school I am sure you will know there has been a big change in the amount of facts children have to remember and know to be able to achieve their GCSEs (in fact in Science alone it's a whopping 600). To prepare the children for this we have started to look at ways we can help with retaining key information.

Staff and pupils across school are working really hard on trying to develop memory skills and developing strategies so they can retain as much knowledge and understanding as possible. In reception the children are playing memory games and across school the children have been creating their own memory maps. This week these have been shared in assembly—to remind the children of just how much they know and have learnt. All of this is to try to give them strategies to move their learning in to their long term memory. The children must be finding these useful as last week...Tyler in Year 4 was trying to recall key facts from French and then asked Mrs Goodall if she could create a memory map for this. Needless to say she was on it and by the next morning it was there.

Parent flyers have been uploaded on to the school website, so please have a look at what your child will be learning this term.

A year already!

Where has the year gone? We're pleased to say that Mrs Eason will be returning to us from the 3rd February, after her maternity leave.

She has made the decision to return to work on a part time basis and will be working 2 days one week and 3 the other. She will be joining the Year 2 class and working alongside Mrs Peplow, who will



remain as the class teacher.

I know they will make an excellent team!

World Book Day



Just a quick reminder as I know it will be on us soon. Thursday 5th March is World Book Day.

Pupils will be encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character (with book in hand). Last year was fabulous, please help us to make it just as good or even better. I know the staff will be competing yet again for the best outfit! No doubt Mrs Sorrell is on it already!

To support this event this year we are also hoping to take part in a sponsored read. Please watch this space and book bags for further details.

Please, Please, Please...

Could I please ask all parents to be extra careful when entering and leaving the school site or classrooms during morning, lunchtime and afternoon drop offs and pick ups.

If we can all please just check who is behind us when we leave classrooms or the school site so that this doesn't happen. Let's keep them inside safe and sound. Many thanks.

A warm welcome to Miss Cunningham who has joined our team of mid-day supervisors. She has settled in well already. We still have a vacancy for another mid-day supervisor, so if you are interested, please let the office know. An advertisement will be going out soon.

Reminder...

All money for PGL needs to be paid for by the end of March.

Please log in to Parent Pay and upload your payment.
Thank you.

Is your child about to start Reception in September? Were they born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016?

Wednesday was the last day to apply for your child's Primary School place. If you've missed it don't worry the admissions team at Derbyshire Council can help. Simply contact them via the link below:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>



Dates for your diaries

January

Monday 13th	3.30-4.30 Progressive Sports in to deliver Football after School club (5 week programme). Spaces are still available.
Friday 17th	ForCV 'Film and Popcorn night' 3.30-5.30 £2.00 a ticket, which includes popcorn and a drink
Tuesday 21st	3.30-6.30 Parent's Evening
Wednesday 22nd	3.30-5.00 Parent's Evening (For Nursery, Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils)

Time slots are on class doors, please sign up or contact the office and they will allocate you a time slot. Hope to see you there.

February

Friday 14th	School closes to pupils
Monday 24th	School opens to pupils

March

Thursday 5th	World Book Day
Friday 6th	Jane Stapleton in for class photos
INSET Days:	June 1st-4th (please note all back in school on Friday the 5th)

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