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NEWSLETTER 2

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Welcome to our latest newsletter. As you may remember, on 26th September the school was inspected by Ofsted. I'm pleased to tell you we continue to be a good school and the Inspector was very complimentary about all the work done to improve the school since the last inspection. You should already have received your copy of the Ofsted letter detailing what the inspector found during her visit, which can also be found on the school website.



PROMOTING THE VALUES WHICH UNDERPIN OUR SOCIETY

As you know, we focus on a new value each month and for the rest of the Autumn term our values will be:

November — Respect

December — Community – in particular how communities come together to celebrate or recognise other faiths.

Children will participate in assemblies and lessons about these values and there may also be some

COATS / HATS / GLOVES / SCARVES / BOOTS

Please can I remind you all that, as the weather is now turning colder, children **must** bring a coat to school. We have 15 minutes at morning break and an hour at lunchtime, when we expect the children to get some exercise and fresh air.

Remember if children come to school in boots, they must bring their school shoes into school so that they can change into them when they are inside.

Also, as we often end up with lots of hats, scarves and gloves in lost property, it would be great if you could encourage your children to put them in their pockets or bags, particularly if you cannot name them.



SCHOOL DINNERS

We would also like to remind you that school meals should be paid for in advance of the meal. I'm finding quite a lot of my time and the time of our Office Staff is being taken up chasing dinner money debts. Remember that if debts are not paid, the school have to pay them from the school budget, which means fewer new teaching resources, treats and special events for **your** children. Probably the most convenient way to pay is via the on-line service. If you have not already signed

EARRINGS AND PE KIT

If your child wishes to have their ears pierced, then please do so at the start of the summer holiday so that the ears have time to heal. I understand that when you have your ears pierced you can't take them out for six weeks, so the start of the long summer holiday is the best time to have them done. Staff are not allowed to remove earrings and we do not let the children put tape over them., so it is important that the children can either remove their earrings themselves or do not wear them on PE days. We don't want any of our children to miss PE because they can't take their earrings out themselves, so your help in this matter would be appreciated. Small plain studs only please. Please also make sure that your child has the correct PE kit, which is :

Plain white t-shirt, without any logo or writing
 Plain navy blue PE shorts
 Trainers or plimsolls
 Girls may wear navy blue leggings for cultural reasons
 In the colder weather, tracksuit top and bottoms

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Monday 16th October	All day	Year 6 Spitfire Charlie
Tuesday 17th October	All day	Year 4 Viking Charlie
Wednesday 18th October	All day	Year 4 Viking Charlie, Treat Day Year 3
Thursday 19th October	All day	Roman Charlie Year 3 and Year 6 Weighing Day
Friday 20th October	All day	Year 4, 5, 6 Treat day and Roman Charlie Year 3
Friday 20th October	3.30pm	School closes for half term
Monday 30th October	All day	School Closed– INSET day 2
Tuesday 31st October	8.55am	School Reopens
Monday 6th November and Wednesday 8th November	3.45– 6.30pm	Parents Meetings (Letter to follow)
Monday 13th November		GAPS Parent sessions Year 4 9.15 - 10.30am and Year 6 9.15 – 11.00am
Friday 17th November	All Day	Children in Need Day– Wear your school uniform but add something yellow or spotty and bring a donation
Tuesday 21st November	All day	Year 3 and Year 4 Flu Immunisation
Wednesday 22nd November	9.15am or 1.45pm or 6pm	Year 2 Open Day/ Evening for Parents
Wednesday 13th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day– Wear a Christmas or Winter themed jumper with your school trousers or skirt and school shoes: donation of 50p for David in Kenya
Wednesday 13th December	2pm and 6pm	Year 3 Christmas Production for Parents
Thursday 14th December	Lower School 4.45-6.15 pm Upper School 6.30– 8.00pm	Christmas Disco Tickets £1, please bring a maximum of £1 for sweets.
Friday 15th December	All day	Treat Day
Friday 15th December	3.30 p.m.	School closed to children for the Christmas holiday
Thursday 4th January	8.55 a.m.	School Re-opens

BOOK FAIR and PARENTS MEETINGS

On Monday 6th November and Wednesday 8th November we will be holding our Parents' Meetings. You should have had a letter asking you to return a slip into school with your preferred times on so that we can arrange for you to meet your child's teacher. Make sure the slips are returned by Wednesday 18th October so that we can send you your time slot on Thursday 19th October. As usual, these meetings will take place during Book Week and the Book Fair will be open on both evenings.



A V.I.P. VISITOR!

We are excited to tell you that Jeff Rich, ex-drummer of the band "Status Quo" will be visiting on Monday 13th November to hold a Drum Masterclass for the whole school from 1.30 to 3.00 pm. Please help your children to understand who Jeff Rich is by finding out about and listening to the music of Status Quo.



SPITFIRES, ROMANS and VIKINGS

This week, Spitfire Charlie has visited Year 6 to help them study World War II and Roman Charlie has been in to help Year 3 with their topic. Viking Charlie was also here working with Year 4! A few weeks ago, Stone Age to Iron Age Charlie was in school working with Year 5. Talk to your children about what they have done with this visitor to understand how much they enjoy these days and how much they learn from him.



OUR WEB SITE

Have you had a look at our web site recently? You will find it at <http://gaytonj.derby.derby.sch.uk> and there you will find information about menus, holiday dates and dates of INSET days, our latest newsletter, our policies and curriculum. We work hard to make sure it is kept up to date, so if you haven't looked at it for a while, take a peek, it's very informative.

