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NEWSLETTER 5



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Hello again! It doesn't seem very long since my last newsletter, but I have so many things to tell you that I thought I'd better do a quick newsletter to make sure you are up to speed.

We have been in contact with Ridgeway and have set the dates for our INSET days in the next academic year. They will be:

Thursday 6th September 2018 and Friday 7th September 2018, so children will return to school after the summer holiday on Monday 10th September 2018. The next INSET days will be **Monday 5th November 2018, Monday 3rd December 2018 and Monday 3rd June 2019.**

INVITATION

As you may know, our Year 4 children have spent a day working with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to build a model of Sunnyhill Rec. This model is going to be used at several events involving the local community to decide what local people want to change about the rec and now it's your chance to be involved. The model will be on display for any parents, carers or members of the local community to come in and give their views on Tuesday 6th February after school from 3.30pm to 5.45pm. The model will also be on display at Village Primary from 3pm to 6pm on Monday 5th February.



UNIFORM ADJUSTMENTS

The School Council recently asked for some adjustments to the school uniform and, having consulted with the Governors, we have agreed that flat-heeled ankle boots may be worn throughout the day in school and that grey or black leggings may be worn instead of tights under knee length skirts. Please note leggings may **not** be worn instead of trousers.



CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP AT MICKLEOVER LIBRARY

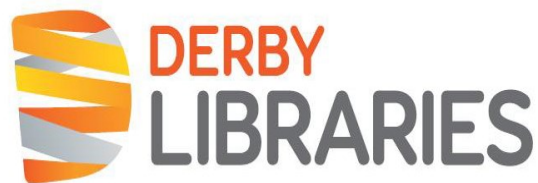
Following the success of the Creative Technology Workshop at Mickleover Library last September, they are now offering another opportunity for children and young people aged from 8 to 14 years to have fun whilst learning more about coding and associated technologies. Those attending will be able to try out a range of programming software to design machines and robots and create games and animations. They will also find out more about LEDs and electronics and 3D printing.

The workshop will take place on **Saturday 24 February** from **2:00pm - 5:00pm** at **Mickleover Library**. The cost is **£22.50** per child.

There will be lots of practical activities and participants are invited to bring along their own laptop to install free programming software to take home.

Booking is essential. Places can be booked and paid for online on Eventbrite at derbycitylibraries.eventbrite.co.uk or at any Derby library. Places are limited, so early booking is recommended. Anyone interested can find out more by calling Mickleover Library on 01332 718926 or by emailing mickleover.library@derby.gov.uk

This event is organised by Derby Libraries and delivered by Interact Digital Arts.



HEALTHY SNACKS

We have several children in school with severe nut allergies, so please ensure that when you send your child with a healthy snack, that it doesn't contain any nuts. Thank you.

ABSENCE AND ATTENDANCE

Please remember that staff can't take responsibility for children before 8.45 am so please don't leave children at school before this time.

If your child is going to be absent, in order to complete the registers in line with the requirements of the Educational Welfare Team, we ask that you phone us on the day that they are absent to let us know the reason. On the child's return to school we require a signed letter explaining why they were absent. This is to comply with regulations.

Please note that except for Cookery Club on Thursday which finishes at 4.45 pm, all other clubs and activities **finish at 4.30 pm**. Obviously, we appreciate that something unexpected might happen to cause you to be late, but we would appreciate it if you could pick your children up on time and if something unexpected happens—such as being caught in traffic or breaking down—please phone the school office to let us know you will be late and approximately what time you will be picking up your child.

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Tuesday 6th February	3.30–5.45pm	Exhibition of work done by Year 4 children with Derbyshire wildlife of proposed changes to a local park
Week beginning Monday 12th-February	All Week	Year 6 Mock SATs
Tuesday 13th February	All day	Year 5 trip to Gurdwara
Friday 16th February	All day	Treat Day
Friday 16th February	3.30pm	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 26th February	8.55am	School Reopens
Friday 2nd March	All day	Year 6 Fire Safety Talks
Week beginning Monday 5th March	All week	Book Week
Monday 5th & Wednesday 7th March	3.50-6.30pm	Parents Evenings (Book Fair will be open during Parents Evening)
Friday 23rd March	All day	Treat Day and School closes for Easter holiday
Monday 9th April	8.55am	School re-opens

BIKES & MOBILE PHONES

We understand that you may want your children to ride to school, and we support this as it causes less problems for the environment and for residents locally. However, there are some children who are regularly coming to school without a lock on their bike or scooter. It's very important that they have one to keep their property safe as the bike shelter is left unlocked at the beginning and end of the day so that children can access it. We also expect children on bikes to wear a helmet; please remind them to do so all the way to school for their own safety and to look after the safety of others by not riding scooters or bike within the school grounds or in crowded jitties.

Please ensure that your child only brings their mobile phone to school if they need them to stay in touch with you or check arrangements for after school. As you know, phones must be turned off and handed in at the school office and we are getting rather a lot at the moment so we would appreciate it if you only allow your child to bring their phone to school if it is essential. Thank you.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please can I 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 up for this, then contact the Office Staff who will be able to help you sign in.

JOB VACANCIES IN SCHOOL

If you are interested in joining our team, we have two vacancies which are being advertised on the Derby City Jobs website. We need a cleaner working a split shift at the beginning and end of each day and to do a week's work during the Summer holidays and also a Mid-Day Supervisor working for 1 hour 20 minutes each day. You will need to apply on-line. Search www.derby.gov.uk/jobs to find further details and the documents and application form you need.

