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Newsletter 7

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Well, the good weather is here and it is officially Summer! These last few weeks of school are very busy with testing, report writing, trips and other special events such as Sports Days and the Leavers' production: please note the last page of this newsletter which has all the dates and events up to the end of term.

Last month I visited Year 4 on their residential trip to Castleton and Year 6 on their two day residential trip over a weekend at PGL in Lincolnshire. It was lovely to see the children excited and happy about all the new experiences they were having and I'd like to thank the children who went for their fantastic behaviour and good manners—they made us all very proud.

I'd also like to thank all the teachers and teaching assistants who, unpaid, gave up time with their own families to go on the trips. The residential trips are always brilliantly run and the staff have to take on a lot of responsibility to ensure special dietary or medical needs are met. We couldn't run these residential trips without their help and kindness and it is a great testament to their commitment to the children and to the school. Thank you everyone.

FOOTBALL

Gayton Boys' football has been an exciting ride this year. We lead the league for most of the season, scoring freely and playing with real flair. Freddy was the top goal scorer for the season, with Rio (the captain) showing his excellent form in the centre of midfield. Unfortunately, the boys were pipped to the post in the final game of the season and therefore finished 2nd in the league.

Gayton Girls' have enjoyed a good summer term of football fixtures. After training hard for the entire year, they have played return fixtures against Lawn Primary, Ashgate Primary and Derby High School. A wonderful season all round.

Many thanks to Mr Kettle, Ms Hallam, Mr Chapman and Mr O'Donnell who have trained and supported the teams and helped to arrange their fixtures.

MARY POPPINS

Make sure if your child is in Year 6 that you look out for letters telling you when and where to buy tickets for our Year 6 Leavers' performances of Mary Poppins. It's going to be Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!



PARKING

I have again been contacted by residents of Rusdale Avenue and by a resident of Gayton Avenue complaining that parents of children of our school are not only parking on their drives or gardens but are also then being rude and abusive when asked to move their cars. I have therefore contacted the safer neighbourhoods team at Derbyshire Police and the Derby City parking enforcement team to ask that they patrol these areas and move on or issue tickets to people who park inconsiderately. I have also contacted Ridgeway and St George's to discuss the problem with them.



ABSENCES



Please don't forget that if your child is off school due to illness or some other reason you should phone the office to let them know why your child is off and then, when they return to school, please send in a letter explaining why they have been off ill.

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS



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I urge you to take note of the term dates for this year. We are **not allowed** to authorise any family holidays and have a duty to report to the local authority any holidays that last 4 days or more. This may result in a fine. The government's view is that there are 13 weeks when the children are not at school and these should be used for your holidays. The last day of the Summer Term is Wednesday 25th July and we return to school on Monday 10th September.

URGENT- WARNING

I'm sorry to have to tell you that on their way home from school last week two of our pupils were approached by some individuals who threatened our pupils and tried to steal their scooters. The boys managed to keep their scooters and get away but it was a very frightening incident and some other pupils from our school who witnessed what happened were also naturally frightened and upset. The incident is now being investigated but if your child travels to or from school alone, please advise him or her to try to walk with friends and keep expensive items such as mobile phones out of sight.



SAFEGUARDING

Please remember that we have some children in school who cannot be photographed or filmed for publication, so if you take any photos from sports day or the Summer Fair or any other event which you want to share on social media such as Facebook, please ensure that you haven't accidentally included any other child in your pictures. If you have, please remove the photos from your devices as soon as possible and do not share them.



Summer 2018

Monday 2nd July	All day	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 3rd July	All day	All Change Day– children visit their new classes
Wednesday 4th July	All day	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 4th July	All day	French Day
Thursday 5th July	All day	Year 3 Trip to the National Adventure Farm
Thursday 5th July	All day	Year 5 Bikeability
Friday 6th July	3.50pm to 5 pm	Summer Fair
Friday 6th July	Overnight	Year 5 Camp Out On Field
Monday 9th July	All day	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 10th July	All day	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 11th July	All day	Year 5 Seaside Trip
Thursday 12th July	All day	Year 5 Bikeability
Thursday 12th July	Morning	Years 3 and 4 Sports Day
Friday 13th July	Morning	Years 5 and 6 Sports Day
Monday 16th July	All day	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 17th July	6pm	Year 6 Production for Parents
Wednesday 18th July	All day	Year 4 Trip to Twycross Zoo
Wednesday 18th July	6pm	Year 6 Production for Parents
Friday 20th July	All day	Active School Weighing and Measuring
Tuesday 24th July	All day	Treat Day
Tuesday 24th July	6pm	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Wednesday 25th July	3.30pm	School closes for the Summer holidays
Monday 10th September	8.55am	School re-opens

SUMMER FAIR

Our Summer Fair is on Friday 6th July. We need children's toys, books and cakes to sell on the day, so if you are having a clear out, we'd love any good quality items you don't want any more. Due to storage difficulties, please don't send them into school until the week beginning Monday 2nd July.

