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At last, summer has arrived and we are beginning to have more and more sunshine. Please don't forget, if hot weather is forecast, to ensure your child has a sun hat and a water bottle. Please put sun cream on before they come to school.: this will last all day so there is no need to send them into school with sun cream. If necessary, we also have sun cream for the children in the medical room.



We have agreed our INSET days for next year and they will be Wednesday 6th September 2017, Monday 30th October 2017, Monday 18th December, Tuesday 19th December 2017 and Wednesday 3rd January 2018. You will see that this year three out of the five days are the same as Ridgeway and Derby Moor, so we hope this will help you with child care and holidays.

Yet again our football teams have made us very proud. Our boys' team won their league without losing or drawing a game. They also won their cup competition! A huge thank you to Mr Kettle and Ms Hallam for their work training and transporting the team. The girls' football team have also done well and we are particularly proud of their great sportsmanship and good manners—they are also a great credit to the school.



You should find today that your child has brought home a bag for you to fill with unwanted items which can be sold to raise money for The British Heart Foundation. Please fill the bag and return it to school on Thursday 29th June, when it will be collected. Please don't send items in before Thursday as we will have nowhere to store them. You have also been sent a leaflet detailing how to donate larger items of furniture and electrical items. Please do not send these items into school: the leaflet tells you how to book a collection.



Safeguarding

You may recall that in a recent newsletter I warned you of the dangers of the App Musical.ly We have now received an alert from the police about two different matters in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire areas . Young people have been sent unsavoury pictures and are being asked to move to private chats via OVOOO site, then coerced into sharing inappropriate images. If you are allowing your children to use Musical.ly, then please make children aware of the dangers of this site and ask them not to respond to requests for private chats.

Monkey There is a new app for phones and other devices called **Monkey**. In essence it's being described as app that enables you to have Facetime with random strangers. Once you register for the Monkey App, you verify your phone number, age, Snapchat name and whether you are male or female – it then asks you to allow access to your contacts. Once this is done, 'Monkey' will try to connect you with people from across the world of a similar age. Once connected both users have to 'add time' to continue with the FaceTime, otherwise the chat will disconnect. When FaceTime has been enabled there's an option onscreen to add the person as a friend on Snapchat. It's rated as being suitable for over 12s. Please don't allow your children to use this app: you never know who they may be contacting.

Online/E-safety To help you to ensure your children know how to keep themselves safe online and what to do if things go wrong, CEOPS have made some films suitable for children aged 8 to 10.



This is a series of 3 very short episode aimed at helping children learn how to stay safe online. The films teach children to spot the early signs of threatening behaviour by people they might meet online and develops their confidence to respond safely and get help. To find these materials search for www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Family Music Festival

On 15th July, Ivy House School are holding a music festival for adults and children to raise funds for the school. The school is on Moorway Lane in Littleover (the postcode is DE23 2FS). Tickets and further information are available from Ivy House, contact fff@ivyhouse.derby.sch.uk. Tickets are £7 on the door or £5 if you order them in advance. Children under 12 go free with an adult. It sounds like a lovely afternoon outing !



Super Students I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about our Super Student badge scheme in our final term. We would of course like as many children as possible to reach gold badge status (or maybe even prefect!) and to enjoy the big end of year treat in July. You will see that even bronze badge behaviour is very good and gold behaviour is outstanding. We believe that instilling good habits of hard work, trying your best and treating everybody with respect is important not just for the children now, but throughout their lives. In order for children to achieve a gold badge, can I remind you of the importance of signing your child's Reading Log and Quick Maths Chart 6 or more times **each week** and ensuring that they remember to hand it in on Thursdays along with their Learning Log. I would also like to stress the importance of the behaviour and good manners criteria emphasised in our Super Student scheme, as many of the children will be representing Gayton on school trips, productions and visits to other schools this term. Please find a copy of the Super Student scheme below for your reference. If you have any questions or queries feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

What do the pupils have to do to achieve each level of the award?

Bronze

- Say please and thank you
- Be on time for school
- Read / do Quick Maths regularly at home
- Hand in homework on time
- Line up as soon as the bell is rung
- Treat all property with respect
- Bring the correct PE kit on PE days
- Wear the correct uniform, with black shoes
- Be kind and thoughtful to others
- Do what an adult asks the first time
- Know where to find his or her own targets or how to improve his or her own work
- Speak to all adults respectfully
- Behave appropriately, including out on school visits
- Be ready to learn - have the right attitude and the right equipment
- Bring only healthy snacks at play time

Silver

- Have good attendance
- Be well mannered - say good morning, open doors for others etc
- Read to someone at home and do Quick Maths at least 4 times a week
- Bring dinner money, letters and notes into class promptly
- Complete homework to a high standard
- Wait in line quietly and walk sensibly to class
- Take responsibility for own belongings in corridors and cloakrooms
- Work well with others in class
- Know own targets or ways to improve his or her own work
- Respect others and have good relationships

Gold

Have excellent attendance
Have admirable manners
Have exemplary behaviour
Read and do Quick Maths **everyday** to an adult at home
Have responsibilities in school
Complete all homework and does extra homework of their own
Always have the correct uniform and kit



Staffing Changes You may already be aware that Mrs Jones has now begun her maternity leave and so Class One will be being taught by Mrs Richards. We wish Mrs Jones well and look forward to meeting her new baby. We expect Mrs Jones to return to school in December 2017.



Mrs Wood, one of our Teaching Assistants, is retiring at the end of the year after working with us for 17 years. We wish her well for the future; I know that many of the children she has worked with over the years and all the staff will miss her but we wish her a very happy retirement.

Mrs Gormley, our Learning Mentor, is moving back to Wales. I'm sure many of the families and staff she has worked with will miss her very much as will all the staff here at Gayton. We are about to interview for a new Learning Mentor and there will be further details when this decision has been made.

Diary dates Summer Term 2017

Week beginning Monday 26th June	All week	Book Week
Wednesday 28th June	6.00pm	Year 2 Transfer Induction Meeting
Thursday 29th June	All day	Year 3 Trip to the National Forest Adventure Farm
Friday 30th June	All day	Children may dress up as an animal from The Jungle Book
Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th July	All day	Year 6
Tuesday 4th July	All day	Transition days for other Derby City Schools, except Landau Forte
Tuesday 4th July	All day	All Change Morning—Year 2 visiting new classes
Thursday 6th July	3.30pm	Year 6 Sex and Relationships Education talk for parents
Wednesday 12th July	All day	Year 5 Seaside Trip
Thursday 13th July	9.30am-12pm	Year 3 and 4 Sports Events
Friday 14th July	9.30am-12pm	Year 5 and 6 Sports Events
Tuesday 18th July and Wednesday 19th July	6.00pm	Year 6 Production
Tuesday 18th July	All day	Year 4 Trip to Twycross Zoo
Friday 21st July	3.30-5.00pm	Summer Fair
Tuesday 25th July	6.00-8.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Wednesday 26th July	3.30pm	School closes for summer
Wednesday 6th September	All day	INSET Day 1
Thursday 7th September	8.55am	Children return to school

Important Notice I have again had complaints from neighbours about inconsiderate parking; cars blocking driveways and access to properties. Please make every effort you can to walk or cycle to school as often as possible or park well away from the school and walk from as far away as you can. If you have to park near school, please don't park on the pavement or blocking anyone's driveway. It will improve your family's fitness as well as making the children who walk to the schools around the area much safer.



Cool Milk Don't forget that if you want your child to have a drink of milk at playtime, costing around 25p per day, you need to register and pay for it on the website called www.coolmilk.com or to make telephone enquiries call 0800 142 2972.

We have four **pairs of glasses** unclaimed in the school office, so if your child has lost their glasses please come in and check if we have them here.

AND FINALLY...

June's value of the month is **Democracy** and the whole school focused on the importance of voting, nationally and in school using the School Council to agree decisions for how to make our school better. See if you can find out from your children what we've been talking about in school around this important value. Don't forget you can help to reinforce this important message by encouraging your child to do the extra homework suggested on homework sheets.