



Newsletter 1

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Welcome back to a brand new school year! It was wonderful welcoming your children back to school last week and it has been lovely getting to know our new Year 3 children and their families.



We have already sent out a few messages and letters to parents on the school app and can see that some of these haven't been read. Going forwards, newsletters will all be sent using the app, so please make sure you are signed up to it and that the notifications are on so that you don't miss anything.

It has been great to be able to go back to our usual drop off and pick up times this term and I am sure this makes life easier for most parents! ***Please remember that we don't open the doors until 8:45am so children should not arrive before this.*** Children are not supervised outside before school earlier than this.

We know that traffic around the area can be bad around home time, but I must also remind you that **collection time in the evening is 3:30pm**. Please make sure you let the office know that you are running late and that this is not a regular occurrence.

A letter from Ridgeway Infant School regarding their proposed wraparound care plans is attached to this newsletter.

I spoke to the children in my assembly at the start of the week about how to tackle the various challenges they might face this year and set them the challenge of being kind to others. I've been out around school a lot this week and have seen some great examples of this, but Juwairuyyah in Class 12 and Harry in Class 5 deserve a special mention. Juwairuyyah spotted two of her classmates who needed some help crossing the busy playground and kindly held the doors open to make it easier for them to get inside and Harry was a true gentleman and offered to let me go in front of him in the queue for dinner on Friday!

It was also fantastic to see Aaron in Class 6 on Wednesday. Aaron was the recipient of my first Headteacher sticker this year for overcoming one of his own personal challenges—well done again Aaron!

Stay safe ☺

Mrs J Hill

Home Learning—Microsoft Teams



Our Year 3 children were given details of how to access Microsoft Teams on their first day back at school. Please check in their book bags if you haven't seen it yet!

Teams has proven to be a great way to complete and hand in homework tasks each week.

Please let your child's class teacher know if you will not be able to access this at home.

COVID Update

Please remember that your child should not come to school if they are displaying **ANY** of the COVID symptoms (see below). We are still seeing instances of children attending with symptoms and this obviously vastly increases the risk of infection in the school community. Children with symptoms **CANNOT** attend school while they are waiting for a result, but may return to school if the result is negative and they are well enough.

COVID Symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if your child usually/often has a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste



Positive cases **MUST** isolate at home for ten days from the start of symptoms (or the date of the PCR test if they do not have symptoms).

We now have **four** confirmed cases in school so would urge you to seek a PCR test for your child if we have notified you that they have been identified within school as a close contact. Test and Trace do not seem to be identifying contacts within expected time frames so we will continue to make you aware until this is seen to improve.

You may have read that other symptoms are also becoming more common: sneezing, a runny nose and headaches. You know your children best: if you think they are unwell, please take them for a PCR test.

Flu Immunisations

The team will be visiting school on **Tuesday 14th December** and are offering the nasal flu vaccination to children in all four junior year groups.

Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu> to complete the consent form. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.

The unique school code for Gayton Junior School is DC112756

For more information about the vaccination, please visit their website:

<http://www.derbyshireschoolnurses.org.uk/parents/immunisations>

If you wish to decline the Flu spray due to the porcine element, they are now able to offer an alternative injectable Flu vaccine that does not contain porcine. Please complete the consent form as a 'decline due to vaccine ingredients' and we will then contact you to arrange vaccination. For more information please contact the team using the numbers below.

If you experience any problems please call the School Age Immunisation Team:

Repton: 01283 707178

Or email DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net



Year 6 Transition

It seems silly to be talking about this already, but you are able to go online and apply for your child's place at secondary school for September 2022 from today. **The deadline for applications is 31st October 2021.** Your child should have brought home information about the process today.

Our experience has showed us that **it is really important that you put down more than one preference for a secondary school**, as sometimes schools are heavily oversubscribed and, without a second option, children are placed at schools in the city that are left with spaces after all places are allocated. *This can cause unnecessary worry for children during what is already a difficult time whilst parents appeal for places at other schools.*



KEY DATES 2020-21

Wednesday 29th September	AM	Individual Pupil Photographs
Friday 22nd October	3:30pm	Break Up for Half Term
HALF TERM		
Monday 1st November	All Day	INSET Day 3
Tuesday 2nd November	8:55am	Back to School
Tuesday 14th December	TBC	Pupil Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 22nd December	3:30pm	Break Up for Christmas
Thursday 23rd December	All Day	INSET Day 4
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Monday 10th January	8:55am	Back to School
Friday 18th February	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term
HALF TERM		
Monday 28th February	8:55am	Back to School
Thursday 7th April	3:30pm	Break Up for Easter
Friday 8th April	All Day	INSET Day 5
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 25th April	8:55am	Back to School
Monday 9th — Friday 13th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 13th— Sunday 15th May	Weekend	Year 6 PGL Trip
Friday 27th May	3:30pm	Break Up for Half Term
HALF TERM		
Monday 6th June	8:55am	Back to School
Friday 22nd July	3:30pm	Break Up for Summer