

Thank you to all parents who have updated and logged on to the new school app. We hope this will allow us to improve communication further over the coming months. If you have not done so already, please complete the update and make sure your notifications are turned on.

The school football team have started the season in great form!

Walter Evans: 2-0 and 2-1 Shelton Lock: 1-1 and 1-0 Oakwood: 0-1 and 0-0

We're incredibly proud of the girls' football team, who went out to an area tournament this week and won! The win will take them to a county final later in the year.

Continuing with great news, we'd like to share our best wishes with Mrs Booth, who works in Class 10, who is getting married this week! She will be returning to school in November as Mrs Lim and we wish her and her husband-to-be all the happiness in the world.



For those who like to plan ahead, we will be having our annual **Christmas Jumper Day**, in aid of Save the Children, on **Friday 10th December**. As usual, children are welcome to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers, or t-shirts, tights, hats—anything with a Christmas theme, along with their school uniform—along with a £2 donation for the Save the Children charity.

Please remember that we have changed the date that we will be breaking up for Christmas to align with other Derby City schools who have been asked to add a day to the Christmas break to allow for the additional bank holiday in June for the Queen's Jubilee. We will now break up on Tuesday 21st December.

I have attached a letter from Public Health Derby that informs us that numbers of COVID cases are rising sharply in Derby at the moment. One change that they have made to reduce the number of children off school and to protect our city is for children to **stay at home until they have had a PCR test and received a result** if someone in your household has COVID. Please continue to be vigilant and follow distancing rules and guidelines to keep us all safe.

Stay safe ☺

Mrs J Hill

Parents' Evening



We will be following local authority advice for our meetings with parents and carers after half term and **will be holding these remotely using your child's Microsoft Teams accounts**. We ran these meetings with great success in this way in the Spring Term and teachers were happy to make phone calls if parents were not able to meet using Teams.

Please look out for letters inviting you to make an appointment coming home after the half term break. Dates for your diary are **Monday 8th and Wednesday 10th November 2021**.

Children in Need 2021

We are again inviting children to wear a splash of yellow, something spotty or any Children in Need merchandise along with their school uniform on **Friday 19th November**.



Mr O'Donnell will create a giant Pudsey Bear with any change you would like to donate on the day.

Before & After School Club at Ridgeway



Plans are being finalised this week for an external provider to re-start this provision for parents and carers of children at Ridgeway and Gayton to start in January 2022.

We will get information out to you as soon as we receive it from Ridgeway regarding the new provision.

Year 6 Transition

Remember that the **deadline for applications is 31st October 2021**.

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.*

Please keep an eye on secondary school websites to find out what they are providing for you as prospective parents instead of open



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

Harvest 2021



Our Harvest Collection this year will be in support of Newmount Church, who are collecting on behalf of the Basics Bank. They support struggling families and individuals throughout Derby and are collecting the following goods, particularly the items in bold:

Tins of cooked meat

Tins of vegetables

Tinned tomatoes

Rice

Cuppa Soups

Tins of soup

Biscuits/crackers

Tea/small jars of coffee

Washing up liquid

Toothpaste/tooth brushes

Size 3/4 nappies

Tins of fish

Tinned potatoes

Packet flavoured noodles

Tins of dessert e.g. fruit, **rice pudding**

Sauces e.g. tomato/brown/mayonnaise

Jams/Honey/Peanut butter/Chocolate spread

Cereals

Toilet rolls

Bath/**shower gel**/shampoo

Washing Tablets (for laundry)

Please send any donations into school for your child to hand in to their class teacher by **Wednesday 10th November**.

KEY DATES 2021-22

Tuesday 19th October	AM	Year 6 Weight and Height Measurements
Thursday 21st October	5:00-6:15pm Lower School 6:30-7:45pm Upper School	Halloween Discos
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
Wednesday 10th November	All Day	Final Day for Harvest Donations
Monday 8th—Friday 12th November	All Week	Book Week
Monday 8th & Wednesday 10th November	3:30pm-6:30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 10th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 14th December	TBC	Pupil Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 21st December	3:30pm	Break Up for Christmas Holiday
Wednesday 22nd December	All Day	INSET Day 4
Thursday 23rd December	All Day	Additional Day for Bank Holiday
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