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NEWSLETTER 4

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Well, the festive season is over, the decorations have all been taken down and now we're looking forward to Spring. We have a very interesting project for Year 4 children coming up where they will be working with Derbyshire Wildlife to look at proposed changes to a local park to improve facilities and help local wildlife. Following this work, there will be an exhibition after school on Tuesday 6th February where parents and other community members can come in and see what is proposed. Look out for further details.



**Derbyshire
Wildlife Trust**

SAFEGUARDING

Does your child use live streaming sites such as Live.me, Live.ly, Omegle or Periscope? Children often enjoy these sites because they are so immediate and they can communicate with people around the world, but the NSPCC suggest that parents need to be aware of the dangers and of who their children are talking to.

Remember, you may have parental controls set at your home to control who your child can communicate with, but there have been instances of abuse happening when the child is going online at a friend or relative's house where parental controls are not in place. The NSPCC has stressed the importance of parents and carers talking to their children about healthy relationships and staying safe online.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

In November, Councillor Bolton, Jonathan Till from the neighbourhood team and a local police officer visited school to discuss local issues with the School Council. The children were well prepared with good comments and questions for the session and, as a direct result of the meeting, the neighbourhood team inspected the jitty outside school and put up some dog fouling warning posters. Councillor Bolton was very impressed with our school council and has invited them to hold one of their sessions in the council chambers at the Council House. We are trying to arrange convenient dates.

THE SUPER STUDENT SCHEME

Your child brought home their Super Student survey earlier this week. If you haven't already returned it, please do so as soon as possible. We really value your input on this.



TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

I had a phone call from a resident of Rushmore Avenue saying that before Christmas she was waiting for an ambulance to come to her house in an emergency, but her drive was blocked by the car of a parent of a child either from our school or from Ridgeway. She also mentioned that other cars were parked half on and half off the pavement so that parents and children couldn't walk on the pavement and were having to walk in the road. If you have to come to school by car, please consider the residents who live in the roads around us. Please don't block their drives and remember to park with consideration so that all our children are safe. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY CITY

Thank you to everyone who took part and helped to raise £325.34 for Cancer Research.



CITY OF DERBY SWIMMING CLUB SEEK NEW SWIMMERS

Would you like to join the City of Derby Swimming Club? Train, compete and have fun developing skills and friends? City of Derby Swimming Club is looking to expand its squads in the Junior Coaching Programme.

If your child is at a minimum ASA Stage 4 and aged 4 – 8 years then please get in contact with the club to arrange a trial.

For queries please contact Claire Cotton,

Email: membership@coderby.co.uk



CITY OF DERBY
SWIMMING CLUB

2017– 2018

Tuesday 16th January	8.45am	Cake Sale in aid of Cancer Research
Monday 22nd January	9.15am	Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling workshop for parents of children in Years 5 and 6
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 Re-opens
Monday 26th February	11.15am - 3.30pm	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

TUCK SHOP & HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Following the Year 6 weighing and measuring exercise last year, the local authority asked us to review our policies and procedures and do a Healthy schools audit. We have conducted this in school and have found that many of the items in our tuck shop were in contravention of the government's food standards for schools. We have therefore reluctantly decided to sell the rest of the stock from the Tuck Shop and then discontinue it. This is because the standards would only allow us to sell fresh fruit and water. We have found in the past that there has been poor take up of these items and we do not have adequate staffing and storage to do this.

It is therefore even more important that you ensure that your child has a healthy breakfast and, if necessary, brings a snack for break time which is healthy. Please do not send in sweets and chocolate as this cannot be classed as a healthy snack.

VALUE OF THE MONTH

As you know, each month we look at a value which underpins our society and this term our values are: **January:** Aspiration (linking into New Year, new goals), **February:** Empathy and **March:** Enthusiasm.

The children will be studying each value during the month and you may also find ideas for activities you can join in with on the homework sheets.