

4TH FEBRUARY 2020

I can't believe how fast this term is going. The children are enjoying their new topics and I am seeing lots more examples of good work coming up to my office—it's lovely to see how proud the children are of their work and the effort they have put in and they are all able to talk about it with great enthusiasm.

Please remember that we have decided to have a fundraiser on **Friday 7th February** in memory of Mrs Coupe. All funds raised will go to the family's chosen charity, Age UK (Age Concern have merged with Help the Aged to create Age UK). Children are invited to wear something red to school that day, as this was Ann's favourite colour. If your child wishes to come to school wearing something red, they should bring their contribution in an envelope and hand it to their class teacher.



*Mrs J Hill*

## PE Kit

In September, we updated you with our reviewed PE kit policy. Children are now able to wear small stud earrings in lessons if they are covered with tape to avoid them being caught. Children will need to do this themselves—staff are not permitted to do this.

All year groups are now doing either dance or gymnastics during their indoor PE session. Please remember that PE skirts and tracksuit bottoms are unsuitable for these units—shorts or leggings are fine.



There have been several instances of children forgetting swimming kit since lessons re-started. Class 3 swim on Mondays, Class 1 on Tuesdays and Class 2 on Wednesdays. Please ensure you send your child to school with their costume and towel on the correct day,

Could we please ask you to ensure you send in a note if your child is unable to do PE or go swimming—this means that the class teacher is fully informed of the reasons why they are unable to take part, and for how long.

## School Toolkit

Teachers at Bemrose School have developed an app for parents of children at Derby Schools that launched last week. The app contains useful advice, information, fact sheets, links and resources for a range of subjects, including health and wellbeing, safety and school life. The app is free and is available on Apple and Android phones. They have a website too—

<https://schooltoolkit.org/>

## School Hours

School starts at 8:55am each morning. Children can come onto the playground from 8:45am. If your child is going to be late for any reason, please contact the school office so they know whether they need a school dinner ordering. Being late for school in the mornings can significantly affect how well children settle into lessons once they have arrived, placing an even greater importance on arriving on time. Please speak to Mrs Clarke, our Learning Mentor, if your child is struggling with morning routines, as she can support you with this.



The end of our school day is 3:30pm. If you are going to be late collecting your child, please contact the office as soon as possible so that we can get a message to them—we are happy to do this in an emergency, however, we are regularly seeing the same children brought up to the office each evening as they have not been collected on time.

### KEY DATES 2019-20

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Wednesday 5th February	AM or PM	Year 5 Gurdwara Visit
Friday 7th February	All Day	Wear Red in memory of Mrs Coupe
Tuesday 11th February	All Day	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14th February	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term/Treat Day
HALF TERM		
Monday 24th February	8:55am	Back to School
Monday 24th February	11am onwards	Year 6 Fire Safety Talks—Derbyshire Fire Brigade
Monday 2nd & Wednesday 4th March	3:40-6:30pm	Parents' Evenings
Monday 2nd—Friday 6th March	All Week	Book Week
Thursday 5th March	All Day	World Book Day
Monday 16th or Wednesday 18th March	All Day	Year 3 Roman Workshops
Tuesday 31st March	All Day	Year 6 Rolls Royce Activity Day
Wednesday 1st April	5:00-6:15pm—Lower School 6:30-7:45pm—Upper School	Easter Discos
Thursday 2nd April	3:30pm	Break up for Easter/Treat Day
Friday 3rd April	All Day	INSET 5
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 20th April	8:55am	Back to School
Friday 22nd May	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term/Treat Day
HALF TERM		
Monday 1st June	8:55am	Back to School
Friday 24th July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer