

NEWSLETTER 6

Well, Spring is finally here (although looking at all the rain we've had recently, it can sometimes be difficult to tell) and it's lovely to see the bright Spring flowers out and hearing the birds singing as they go about their business. This is a very important term for all our pupils but in particular for our Year 6 children, with SATs week coming up — week beginning 14th May. As in previous years, we will be offering a free breakfast on test days **for Year 6** children to ensure they are all ready for their tests. Your child has already brought home a letter about this. We wish them all well.

I'm very pleased and proud that some children have been to me to ask if they can sell some things at playtime on June 5th in order to raise money for Cancer Research. There will be some cut up fruit for snacks (which the children involved have bought with their own pocket money) and some crafts and pictures which the children have drawn and made at home. If you think that your child might like to buy something to help raise money for this very good cause, please send them to school with a small amount of money (maximum £1) on that day.

SAFEGUARDING

Recently, there have been reports in the Derby Evening Telegraph and in other newspapers about problems with a new video game called Fortnite. It is a survival game featuring monsters and heroes which is currently hugely popular with young people. The problem seems to be not so much with the game itself, but with the fact that players can link up and communicate with others using headsets and microphones. There have been reports of children being groomed by paedophiles. In fact on Tuesday 3rd April, the National Crime Agency warned that Fortnite is putting children at risk from online paedophiles.

If your child is playing this game, and we know several of them here in school are, then please ensure you know who they are gaming with and possibly turn off the audio so they can just play the game without any outside communication. Be aware that because usernames are used, children may think they are playing with friends when they are actually open to abuse by strangers. The NSPCC has detailed advice for parents on keeping children safe online and identifying if grooming is taking place. Go to <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/technology-toys-and-the-internet/>

SUN SAFETY AND KEEPING HEALTHY



As it seems the sun might soon be back, please help to keep your child safe in the sun. Children need a sun hat with their name on and lots of access to water, so please ensure they have a named water bottle. Sun cream will last all day: please apply it at home as if they bring it to school they tend to share it with others, which is not a good idea.

PE MARK We are proud to announce that we have been awarded the bronze School Games Mark which rewards schools for their commitment to and development of competition, school sport and physical education. In order to achieve a bronze award, Gayton has shown a commitment to two hours PE and school sport a week and provided extra curricular activities. We are very grateful to Ms Hallam, Mr Kettle, Mr O'Donnell and Mr Chapman, as well as Premier Sport for their work in this area. In order to achieve a higher award we need to increase our participation in the appropriate level of competition which will involve a commitment from staff and parents in supporting our children at these events.

GAYTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

I have been contacted by the Community Centre about the range of clubs and activities they run, so I thought you'd like to know about them. We all know from the news that loneliness is a rising problem in our society, so if you know anyone who might benefit from meeting up with others, perhaps you could pass the details on to them.

Ridgeway Ladies Group - Monday nights: 8.00pm to 10.00pm

A lively and friendly group. Come along and meet new friends, enjoy social activities, speakers, outings, raffle etc. £2 admission.

Blagreaves Women's Institute – 1st Thursday of the month: 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Speakers, demonstrations, activities, trips out, afternoon teas, craft sessions, etc. A very friendly group, always looking for new members to come along to join in the camaraderie. Learn and develop a range of different skills. First 3 visits are free of charge.

Craft & Chatter – Meet every Wednesday: 11.00am to 3.00pm.

A wide range of equipment to cover all types of crafting, e.g. patchwork quilting, card making, sewing, embroidery, knitting, crochet, etc. Join us to learn new skills and share knowledge of your own crafting hobby. An extremely friendly group who have learnt a lot from each other about various types of crafting. £2 admission. Many bring a packed lunch along.



Chip and Quiz night - 14th July 2018

Promotion information to follow at a later date.

Autumn Bazaar – 22nd September 2018 Tombola, various stalls, eg. craft, cakes, Toys & Books, Bric a Brac, competitions and refreshments.

The Community Centre is available to hire for family functions etc. A comfortable environment with a lovely atmosphere. Capacity is up to 50. Very reasonable room hire charge.

The bar is open every Wednesday and Friday from 9.00pm and on Sunday nights from 8.30pm.

ARTS MARK

The arts play a big part in our curriculum as can be seen in our art work, our plays and performances and our commitment to providing music lessons for all, so we were particularly pleased to be awarded the Arts mark Gold Award. We are very grateful to Mrs Hill, Ms Hallam and Mr Dawson for co-ordinating the school's application for this award and for working with other schools to ensure that we were successful.

We received this message from the Arts Council:

“The panel commend your commitment to the arts and note the positive impact your Artsmark journey has had on the teaching of not only the arts but other subjects too. Your work in fostering the enjoyment of Shakespeare amongst your pupils and staff through CPD and drama are noted as highlights. To make further progress, the panel recommend you involve your students in the planning and delivery of arts and culture experiences such as choosing visiting artists and deploying some of your students as art ambassadors. Congratulations on your Artsmark Gold Award!”



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

HOLIDAY CAMPS

Premier Sports are holding holiday sports and performing arts camps over the May half term holiday at venues near school, including Griffie Field Primary School, Chaddesden Park Primary School and Chellaston Academy.

Visit camps.premier-education.com and use code PLAY/25 for 25% off your booking. These camps will be very popular, so book early if you want a place (the code expires on 13th May).



MORE CHARITY WORK!

Thank you to those who purchased pompoms from Mrs Trimbee's daughter, Bethany, to support her school project to raise money for teenage cancer charities and also to school staff who provided balls of wool to make them with. It's fairly safe to say the whole Trimbee family are now expert pompom makers!

One of our parents will be holding a Cake Sale outside the front of school at 3.30pm on **Friday 4th May** in aid of charities working with adults and children with a range of bone diseases including brittle bones. Due to various allergies we have in school, cakes will only be on sale to adults. Please pop along and grab yourselves a treat for the weekend! Thank you, in advance for your support.

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Monday 7th May	All Day	School Closed for Bank Holiday
Monday 14th—Thursday 17th May		Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 18th May— Sunday 20th May		Year 6 Residential Visit to PGL
Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd May	All Day	Arts Days
Wednesday 23rd May — Thursday 24th May		Year 4 Residential to Castleton
Friday 25th May	All Day	Treat day; School closes at 3.30pm
Monday 4th June	8.50am	School Re-opens
Tuesday 5th June	Playtime	Sale of fruit snacks and crafts for Cancer Research
Wednesday 6th June	All Morning	Photographs of Leavers and School Clubs
Friday 8th June	All Day	Sponsored Event for Treats
Wednesday 13th June	Afternoon	Giant Walk in aid of Brake Charity
Wednesday 27th June	6.00pm	Year 2 Open Evening
Friday 29th June	Overnight	Year 5 Camp on field
Monday 2nd July	Morning	Year 5 Bikeability begins
Monday 2nd July-Wednesday 4th July	All Day	Year 6 Transition to Derby Moor
Tuesday 3rd July	All Day	Year 6 City-wide Transition In school: all classes move up and Year 2 visit us
Thursday 5th July	3.30 pm	Sex and Relationships Education Talk in Class 10 for Year 6 Parents
Wednesday 11th July	All Day	Year 5 Seaside Trip
Thursday 12th July	All Morning	Lower School Sports Day
Friday 13th July	All Morning	Upper School Sports Day
Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th	6.00pm	Year 6 Production to parents
Tuesday 24th July	6.00—7.30pm	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Wednesday 25th July	3.30pm	School closes for Summer Holidays