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# Newsletter 9

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Welcome back to the final term of the year. We have lots of exciting things planned: Sports Days, Activity Mornings, Arts Days, All Change Day, our Year 6 Production, French Day, Science Day and several school trips. Please look out for more information coming home about them all.

Our INSET days for next year have now been finalised following discussions with Ridgeway:  
INSET 1 Friday 6th September—Term begins on Monday 9th September

INSET 2 Monday 4th November

INSET 3 Friday 20th December

INSET 4 Monday 6th January

INSET 5 Friday 3rd April

Derby City Council is running a survey so that parents and carers can tell us about the childcare they use and need. It is essential for us to involve as many parents as possible so that we get a true reflection of what parents want. The survey can be found at [www.derby.gov.uk/childcaresurvey](http://www.derby.gov.uk/childcaresurvey) and is open until the 31<sup>st</sup> May.

Mrs J Hill

## Vocabulary Development

Our Talk for Learning activity this month is 'Cocktail Party'. It's a fun way of sharing information at the start of a task or unit of work

and it gives children lots of opportunities to read and hear the information and remember it. It's an activity I've used a few times with my reading group already this month and we love it!



## Cycling

We are having difficulties with a number of older children riding their bikes through the school grounds around pick up time at 3:30pm, particularly on a Wednesday. If you have older children collecting their siblings, please could you remind them that cycling in the school grounds is a danger to pedestrians?



## Communication



We send a tweet out on a Friday to remind you all of the dinner menu we will be using the following week to try and help you plan at home with your child the days when they will be having school dinners. The new menu seems to be a real hit with the children and staff so far—please have a look if you haven't already!

## Term Time Holidays



We have had more requests than normal for lengthy term time holidays this term. Whilst we appreciate that holiday costs are much higher during school holidays, these prices are out of our control and we have to follow local authority guidelines to mark these absences as unauthorised. This can make parents liable for penalty fines. Additionally, many children struggle greatly to catch up when they miss more than 5 days of school (for any reason). Please consider these factors when booking your future holidays.

## Safeguarding

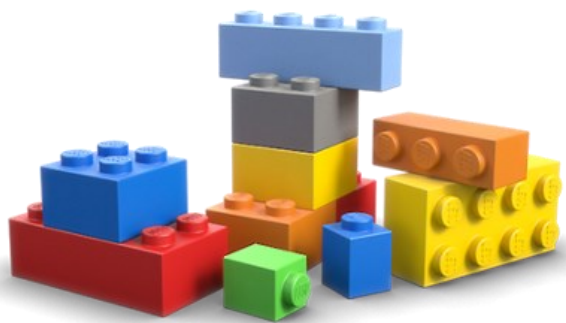
Derby Integrated Family Health Service suggested that it may help parents to have direct contact details for the School Nurse service so that you can contact yourselves regarding concerns or worries about your child or a referral. We will continue to make referrals through school when it has been discussed with parents and carers, but there may be occasions when you may wish to contact them directly.



The team are able to offer advice and support around a range of issues such as child development, diet and activity, eating disorders, body image, emotional health and wellbeing, transition to secondary school and many more.

## **BRICK HISTORY: A WORLD OF LEGO® AWAITS**

Derby Museum and Art Gallery are hosting a Lego exhibit from 24th May to 8th September — **and it's free!** Why not pop in one weekend or in the holidays during normal opening times? The museum is closed on Mondays, open from 10am to 5pm on Tuesday to Saturday and from 12pm to 4pm on Sundays



Brick History takes famous moments from history and imagines them in LEGO® bricks: how many will you recognise? From DNA and the Big Bang to Mozart, Martin Luther King and mobile phones, LEGO® artist Warren Elsmore and his team have created a celebration of our shared stories, struggles, and triumphs, made from everyone's favourite Danish toy.

From tiny recreations of Concorde and the Titanic that could fit in your hand, to a 1.5m square medieval castle bustling with activity, there are models to make you smile, to make you think and to inspire you to build a better world.

## Castleton

Our thanks to Mrs Aujla, Ms Hallam, Mrs Johnson, Mrs George, Mrs Booth, Miss Barfield and Mr O'Donnell who all gave up evenings with their own families to take our Year 4 children on a fantastic trip to Castleton. I've really enjoyed hearing the children talk so enthusiastically about their trip.



## DIARY DATES

Monday 13th— Thursday 16th May	All Day	Year 6 SATs
Friday 17th— Sunday 19th May	All Day	Year 6 PGL Residential
Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st May	All Day	Arts Days
Wednesday 22nd May	All Day	Year 5 Trip to Bosworth Water Park
Friday 24th May	3:30pm	Treat Day End of Term
<b>Half Term Holidays</b>		
Monday 3rd June	All Day	INSET Day 5—School Closed for Pupils
Tuesday 4th June	8:55am	Start of Summer Term
Wednesday 12th June	AM	Class Photos
Friday 14th June	All Day	Science Day
Wednesday 19th June	12:15pm	Picnic Day
Wednesday 19th June	TBC	Year 6 Trip to Derby Theatre
Thursday 27th June	3:30pm	Relationships Education Talk for Year 6 Parents (Class 10)
Monday 1st—Thursday 11th July	Various Times	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 2nd July	All Day	All Change Day
Thursday 4th July	All Day	Year 3 Trip to the Adventure Farm
Thursday 4th July	Morning	Year 4 DCFC Activity Morning
Friday 5th July	TBC	Summer Fair
Friday 5th July	7:00pm	Year 5 Camp
Thursday 11th July	9:15am	Lower School Sports
Friday 12th July	9:15am	Upper School Sports
Tuesday 16th July & Wednesday 17th July	6pm	Year 6 Production to Parents
Wednesday 17th July	All Day	Year 4 trip to Twycross Zoo
Thursday 18th July	Morning	Year 3 DCFC Activity Morning
Friday 19th July	All Day	French Day
Tuesday 23rd July		Year 6 Leavers' Party
Wednesday 24th July	All Day	Treat Day
Thursday 25th July	3:30pm	End of Term—School Closes for Summer!