



Newsletter—Week 1

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A warm welcome back to you all, especially our new families who have joined us this morning. We look forward to getting to know you all over the coming term. Our Year 3 staff would like to invite you into classrooms straight after school on **Wednesday 20th September at 3:30pm** if you can make it. Staff will be available for any quick questions and your child will be able to show you work they have completed in the first two weeks of term.

I will continue to send out weekly newsletters electronically on a Friday. These will be available on the app, on the school website in the newsletters section and on our Facebook page, so please look out for them. Key information about the week ahead will be included and newsletters always include key dates for your diary. **There will not be another newsletter this week.**

Your child has brought home with them tonight our new Home/School Agreement. Please read through this with them, sign and return it to school as soon as possible. The agreement refers to the following school and Federation policies, which you can access using the links below on the electronic version of this newsletter or by visiting the policy page on the school website or the app:

- [Parent/Carer Code of Conduct](#)—Federation Policy
- [Separated Parents policy](#)—Federation Policy
- [Attendance policy](#)—Federation Policy
- [Behaviour Management policy](#)—School Policy
- [Homework policy](#)—School Policy

Please remember that I am still *unable* to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests this year and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.

Kind regards,
Mrs J Hill

Breakfast

We would like to continue to provide breakfast to children who need it each morning. Children should come to the hall when doors open to collect a breakfast bar if they wish.

breakfast
fuel for learning

School Dinners

Next week we will be on **Week 2** from our new Autumn/Winter dinner menu.

Please remember that dinners now cost **£2.40** per day (£12 per week) and children can switch between dinners and sandwiches from home daily if they wish.

[Week 2 Menu](#)

 **Eat Culture**
Nottingham Catering

Year 6 Height & Weight Measurement

Your child brought home a letter in the summer term about the team who will be visiting school on **Friday 29th September**. All results will also be noted in your child's health record, and a member of the school nursing team or your GP may contact you if they have a concern about your child's weight. All information and results will be treated confidentially - no child's height or weight measurements information will be given to school staff or other children. If there are any concerns regarding your child's height and weight, as well as a possible contact from the School Nursing team, you will be sent your child's results through the post, including information about healthy lifestyle services. If your child is assessed as being a healthy weight, you will not receive feedback from us but can contact your school nurse who will be happy to talk to you should you wish.

For further information, please visit the following website: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/your-childs-weight/home> which gives tips on healthy eating and being active.

Opting your child out of the programme:

If you are happy for your child to be weighed and measured, you do not need to do anything.

You should have written to the team in the summer term when you received the letter if you **did not** want your child to take part. **If you did not do this at the time, we advise you to let the NCMP Team know as soon as possible by email to dmh-tr.NCMPteam@nhs.net** You must state your child's full name, date of birth and school in your email. Children will not be made to participate if they do not want to.



Monthly Coffee Mornings

Following the successes of our termly meetings last year, we would like to run our Inclusion Coffee Mornings monthly during this academic year. We aim, where possible, to hold these on the first Wednesday of each month, or as soon as possible after a holiday. Our meetings are run by Mrs Costema, Mrs Clarke and Mr Kempster who make up our Inclusion Team in school and sessions are very much steered by parents who attend meetings telling us what their primary needs are for supporting them to best support their children at home. We still have some topics left to run from last year, such as a session on Healthy Sleep, and can do further work with outside agencies on sensory processing, Internet safety and mindfulness and wellbeing. Please come along to our first meeting if you can on Wednesday 13th September, to join the discussion with staff and other parents on shaping how we can best support parents this year. Doors open at 9am for tea and coffee for a 9:30am start. We hope to see you there!



Future Meeting Dates:

Wednesday 4th October
Wednesday 8th November
Wednesday 6th December
Wednesday 10th January
Wednesday 7th February
Wednesday 6th March
Wednesday 17th April
Wednesday 8th May
Wednesday 5th June
Wednesday 10th July

**ALL ARE
WELCOME**

PE Kit

Please remember that we would like to ask children to continue to come to school wearing PE kit (t-shirt, navy sweatshirt or cardigan, navy or black tracksuit bottoms and trainers) on days when they have PE. Being ready for PE means we lose less time from PE lessons getting changed in and out of kit and means we don't have to worry about where to store their PE bags during the week.

Again, it would be most ideal if you could buy black trainer shoes instead of school shoes in your 'uniform shop' this summer—this means the children will have appropriate footwear for completing the daily mile. If you are not able to find anything suitable, please make sure your child brings their trainers to school each day to change into.



PE days for next year are listed in the table below for your child's new class. We have made the decision this year to continue swimming lessons for the children moving into Year 4 to give as many children as possible the chance to build on the great progress they have made with their water confidence this year and to allow them time to achieve the Key Stage 2 objective of being able to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres. Sports Premium funding will be used to pay for these additional lessons and we are grateful to the pool for finding us three additional slots to allow time for Classes 4, 5 and 6 to swim next year. This swimming session will replace one of the PE lessons in Year 4 so that they still have time for all of the other exciting curriculum topics that the Year 4 staff have planned for them across the year—the team will let you know whether the PE unit for each half term will be indoor or outdoor so you know what kit to send your child in.

PE Days

	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE	Swimming
Class 1	Thursday	Friday	Tuesday
Class 2	Friday	Monday	Wednesday
Class 3	Wednesday	Monday	Thursday
Class 4	Tuesday		Thursday
Class 5	Tuesday		Wednesday
Class 6	Tuesday		Friday
Class 7	Wednesday	Friday	
Class 8	Monday	Wednesday	
Class 9	Wednesday	Friday	
Class 10	Friday	Thursday	
Class 11	Friday	Thursday	
Class 12	Monday	Thursday	

Class 4 and 5 will be swimming right at the end of the school day, so may still bring a onesie to school to get changed into when they finish their lesson if they wish. Class 6 will swim before lunchtime so will need to change back into school uniform after their swimming lesson. **I am happy for them to wear PE kit on a Friday if they are more comfortable changing into this after their lesson.**

School Money

Please sign up to School Money if you have not done so already so that you are able to pay for dinners and trips this year online. The Office would prefer to operate a cashless system if possible as this will significantly reduce their heavy workload. Please contact them if you require help with this.



2023-24 DATES

Wednesday 13th September	9am-11am	Inclusion Coffee Morning—All welcome
Friday 15th September	6pm-9am	Year 6 Camp—rearranged
Wednesday 20th September	3:30pm—4:15pm	Year 3 Open Classrooms
Friday 29th September	AM	Year 6 Weight & Height Measurement
Thursday 5th October	AM	Individual & Family Photos
Wednesday 4th October	9am-11am	Inclusion Coffee Morning—All welcome
Friday 27th October	3:30pm	End of Autumn 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Monday 6th November	All Day	INSET 3
Tuesday 7th November	8:55am	Autumn 2 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Friday 22nd December	3:30pm	End of Autumn 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS
Monday 8th January 2024	All Day	INSET 4
Tuesday 9th January 2024	8:55am	Spring 1 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Friday 16th February 2024	3:30pm	End of Spring 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Monday 26th February 2024	8:55am	Spring 2 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Thursday 28th March 2024	3:30pm	End of Spring 2 Term—BREAK UP FOR EASTER
Monday 15th April 2024	8:55am	Summer 1 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Monday 6th May 2024	All Day	May Day Bank Holiday—School Closed
Monday 13th—Thursday 16th May 2024	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 24th May 2024	3:30pm	End of Summer 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR EASTER
Monday 3rd June 2024	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 4th June 2024	8:55am	Summer 2 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 23rd July 2024	3:30pm	End of Summer 2 Term—BREAK UP FOR SUMMER

Safeguarding Team

Meet the team:



Mrs Trimbee
Deputy DSL
Year 3 Teacher



Mrs Hill
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
Headteacher



Mrs Clarke
Deputy DSL
Learning Mentor

Please pop in to chat to any member of the team if you have a concern or need any support. Alternatively, you can email safeguarding@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk if you have any concerns outside of school hours.