

22ND NOVEMBER 2024

And just like that, winter is upon us! We've been really impressed with how well the children have managed with the snow this week, especially the children for whom this was their first experiences of snow!

Our thanks to Mrs Glasby, Ms Martin and Mrs Simpson for working hard to keep the school site safe and accessible for us all this week.

Thank you for all of your support purchasing books from last week's Book Fair. We have generated over £1200 in commission for Mrs Aujla to spend on books for reading lessons and classroom bookshelves which is always gratefully welcomed, especially when budgets are so tight!



Please remember to add the dates for all of our events in the run up to Christmas into your diaries—I have left them on the next page and on our diary dates page for you to see everything we have planned—it is a really busy half term with lots of exciting opportunities for all of the children in and out of lessons!



We have sent home letters about ordering Christmas dinners for **Wednesday 11th December** this week: please click [here](#) to place an order for your child if you did not receive a letter. **ALL children wishing to have a Christmas dinner must place an order**—including children who are in receipt of Free School Meals please. Remember there are Halal and vegetarian options too! **There will be no other school meal options available on 11th December, so please make sure you place an order for your child if you want them to have a school dinner.** Please keep an eye out for your payment message from School Money if you have ordered a dinner and are not in receipt of Free School Meals.

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

## Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning is Wednesday 27th November and will be focusing on sleep. Doors open at 9am in time to get a drink, a biscuit and a chat ready for a 9:30am start and will be finished by 11am.

In response to suggestions from parents at our first Coffee Morning, Mrs Costema, our SENCO and Mrs Clarke, Learning Mentor, will be discussing healthy sleep, sleep routines, sleep diaries and why sleep is so important.

Little ones are welcome, please come along and join us.



## Christmas Diary Dates—REMINDER

**Wednesday 11th December** is Christmas Dinner Day. On the menu this year is: **roast turkey**, stuffing, chipolata sausages, roast and creamed potatoes, vegetables and gravy. The vegetarian option is **Quorn™ wellington** and the **halal** option is **roast chicken**. The stuffing and gravy are both suitable for vegetarians. For dessert there will be the option of a Christmas shortbread biscuit or chocolate ice cream sponge roll. The office have sent out letters home giving details about how to order a Christmas dinner for your child. Please click [here](#) to place an order before Thursday 28th November.



**Wednesday 11th December** is also **Christmas Jumper Day**—the children are welcome to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers, or t-shirts, tights, hats—anything with a Christmas theme, in addition to their school uniform—along with a £2 donation for the Save the Children charity please. As usual, the Office Staff will be selling Christmas pin badges, fidget key rings and slap bands from **Monday 2nd December** in the school hall when doors open at 8:45am each morning, this year raising money for Derby Children's Hospital, their chosen charity. Badges are £2, slap bands and key rings are £1 and can be worn with school uniform throughout December.

The School Council have requested **Christmas Discos** again this year. These will be held on **Thursday 19th December**. Lower School Disco will run from 5pm-6:15pm and Upper School Disco will run from 6:30pm-7:45pm. **All children MUST be collected by an adult please.** Tickets will go on sale nearer the time—please keep an eye out for details.

Our Year 3 children are busy learning their lines and songs for their **Year 3 production**, which they will be performing to parents on **Wednesday 18th December** at 2pm and 6pm. Please keep an eye out for letters home about ticket information.

On **Thursday 5th December**, our Year 6 children will be visiting Nottingham Playhouse to see the pantomime Jack & the Beanstalk as part of our Passport of Experiences. This will be funded by school and a letter with more details for parents will come home nearer the time.



## Compass Changing Lives

You may have seen the stand in the hall at Parents' Evening with staff from Compass Changing Lives who were in school to talk to parents and carers about the services they offer to children and young people across Derby and Derbyshire, as well as working with parents and carers to provide support for their young people.

They can offer help with managing:

- Exam stress
- Low mood
- Anxiety
- Relationships
- Challenging behaviours
- Strong emotions
- Difficulties managing change

Parents and carers can access their website by clicking [here](#) or download the app by clicking [here](#).



**2024/25 DATES**

Wednesday 27th November	9:30-11:30am	Coffee Morning
Monday 2nd December	All Day	Y6 Heart Dissection Workshops—information to follow
Thursday 5th December	PM	Y6 Pantomime Trip—information to follow
Tuesday 10th December	AM	Class 6 Viking Workshop
Wednesday 11th December	12:15pm	Christmas Dinner—Ordering information to follow
Wednesday 11th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day—£2 donation please
Thursday 12th December	AM	Class 5 Viking Workshop
Friday 13th December	AM	Class 4 Viking Workshop
Friday 13th December	Throughout the day	Year 3 local visit to Newmount Church
Wednesday 18th December	2pm & 6pm	Year 3 Production to Parents—Ticket news to follow
Thursday 19th December	All Day	Year 6 WWII Day—information to follow
Thursday 19th December	Lower School 5:00-6:15pm Upper School 6:30-7:45pm	Christmas Discos—Ticket news to follow
Thursday 19th December	TBC	Lower School Gold Reward—Bowling
Friday 20th December	TBC	Upper School Gold Reward—Bowling
Friday 20th December	3:30pm	Break up for Christmas Holiday
Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th January 2025	All Day	INSETS 3 & 4
Wednesday 8th January	8:55am	Spring 1 Term starts
Friday 14th February	3:30pm	Break up for February Half Term
Monday 24th February	8:55am	Spring 2 Term starts
Friday 4th April	3:30pm	Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 21st April	All Day	Easter Monday
Tuesday 22nd April	8:55am	Summer 1 Term starts
Monday 5th May	All Day	May Bank Holiday
Friday 23rd May	3:30pm	Break up for May Half Term
Monday 2nd June	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 3rd June	8:55am	Summer 2 Term starts
Thursday 24th July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday

**School Dinners**

Next week, we will be on our Week 3 menu. Please remember that school dinners cost £2.60 and MUST be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE**. [Week 3 Menu](#)—please note, **the meat choice on Wednesday will be roast chicken.**

