



Newsletter—Week 12

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It's been a great week at school: Year 4 have ventured out to Tutbury Castle to learn more about the Vikings but have still found time to carry out some 'Viking raids' around the school during the week, much to the surprise of some of our other classes! I know that it is an activity that our Year 6 children often talk about as one of their favourite memories when they leave Gayton and I'm sure this year's raids were just as memorable for our Year 4 children, who thoroughly enjoyed taking on the role of Vikings!

From Monday, the office staff will be using Medical Tracker to keep you up to date with any visits to first aid your child has during the day. **This communication will be sent by email** to the parent/carer who has been identified as the priority 1 adult on our contact system: please contact the office if you would like to make any updates to this. ***The office will still make calls home if your child receives a head injury at school to ensure they have spoken to someone.*** We hope this will further aid communication between school and home: although they always try their hardest, it has proved difficult for classroom staff to ensure all messages are passed on to every parent at the end of the busy school day.

Class Attendances—Week beginning 27th November 2023

Our attendance for this week is **94.6%**. Thank you for your support with promoting good attendance in school, it is much appreciated.

Class 1	96.7%
Class 2	91.3%
Class 3	96.3%
Class 4	94.2%
Class 5	89.3%
Class 6	97.6%

Class 7	93.8%
Class 8	96.2%
Class 9	89.7%
Class 10	99.4%
Class 11	95.3%
Class 12	94.8%



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—Wednesday 6th December

Remember our next Coffee Morning will be held next Wednesday, 6th December and will focus on reading. Please come along to find out more about how you can best support your child with reading at our session, which will be led by Mrs Aujla, our Reading Leader. Reading at junior school is about much more than just learning to read! Doors open at 9am for tea and coffee for a 9:30am start. The session should finish by 11am.



HAF—Release

We have been asked to share this information with our families of young people with SEND. The club is running from 2nd – 5th January from 10am-12.30pm at Déda on Chapel Street for children aged between 7 and 12 years old with SEND.

Release is four days of fun, games, friendship building, creative activities such as hip hop, Song writing, performance and much more! **This is a FREE HOLIDAY CLUB** designed for young people with SEND needs who are eligible for free school meals. It is part of the widely recognised Holiday and Activity Fund (HAF) scheme funded by Derby City Council.

Children who are eligible for free school meals will take priority however anyone can book as they now have paid for places at a reduced cost.

Due to the nature of the SEND Release Holiday programme, facilitators are unable to administer medicine or personal care to children attending. You are welcome to remain onsite in the CUBE café whilst your child is in the session.



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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The poster features a QR code and a photo of a group of people sitting around a table, engaged in an activity. The text is in various colors and fonts, with 'SEND RELEASE' in large, bold letters.

Christmas Diary Dates—A Reminder

Last week we sent out a letter about ordering food for Christmas Dinner day on **Wednesday 20th December**. This year, we are asking parents to place orders online. Click [here](#) to place your order if your child did not bring their letter home. Orders must be placed by **Monday 11th December** please and these meals **must be paid for in advance**.



Wednesday 20th 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 and slap bands this coming **Monday, 4th December** in the school hall when doors open at 8:45am each morning, this year raising money for Young Minds, their chosen charity. Badges are £2, slap bands are £1 and both can be worn with school uniform throughout December. **We also have some new Christmas fidget poppets for £1.**

The School Council have requested **Christmas Discos** again this year. These will be held on **Thursday 21st 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 13th December** at 2pm and 6pm. Door will open 30 minutes before each performance so you can come in and grab a seat, along with a hot drink and a mince pie!

On **Thursday 7th December**, our Year 6 children will be visiting Nottingham Playhouse to see the pantomime *Cinderella* as part of our Passport of Experiences. This trip is funded by school and a letter has been sent home.



School Dinners

Next week we will be on Week 1 from our Autumn/Winter Dinner Menu. Meals cost £2.40 per day and should be paid for in advance please.

[View Menu](#)



2023-24 DATES

Wednesday 6th December	9.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning—Reading
Thursday 7th December	1:15-5:45pm	Year 6 Pantomime trip to Cinderella—see letter
Friday 8th December	All Day	Year 4 Viking Day
Wednesday 13th December	2pm & 6pm	Year 3 Christmas Production to Parents/Carers
Friday 15th December	All Day	Year 3 Greek Day—details to follow
Wednesday 20th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20th December	12:15pm	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 21st December	AM	Lower School Gold Reward Trip—Bowling
Thursday 21st December	Lower School 5:00-6:15pm Upper School 6:30-7:45pm	Christmas Discos—Ticket information to follow
Friday 22nd December	AM	Upper School Gold Reward Trip—Bowling
Friday 22nd December	3:30pm	End of Autumn 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Monday 8th January 2024	All Day	INSET 4
Tuesday 9th January 2024	8:55am	Spring 1 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Monday 15th January 2024	Midnight	Closing date for Y3 applications for September 2024
Friday 16th February 2024	3:30pm	End of Spring 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
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
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
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 HALF TERM
HALF TERM		
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

Breakfast

This week we have provided breakfast to **60** children. Children can come to the hall when doors open to collect a breakfast bar if they wish. *Please remind your children that this provision is for those that have not had access to a breakfast at home.* Thank you.

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fuel for learning