



Newsletter—Week 13

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Thank you to everyone who attended our December Coffee Morning: it was lovely to see so many of you and Mrs Aujla enjoyed spending time sharing some tips on how to make reading with your child at home more fun than a chore. We hope you found the session useful.

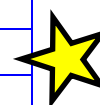
We still have a number of parents who have had text messages inviting them to sign up to our school app who have not joined. Please do this as soon as you can as sending text messages instead of messages on the app costs money which has to come out of the school budget—app messages are free of charge to the school! Thank you for your help with this. Being on the app also means you have easy access to weekly dinner menus and can notify us if your child is absent with ease.

Class Attendances—Week beginning 4th December 2023

Our attendance for this week is 92.4%. Thank you for your support with promoting good attendance in school, it is much appreciated.

Class 1	94.7%
Class 2	91.3%
Class 3	90.7%
Class 4	94.8%
Class 5	92.7%
Class 6	94.6%

Class 7	85.9%
Class 8	93.2%
Class 9	94.5%
Class 10	95%
Class 11	93.7%
Class 12	87.2%



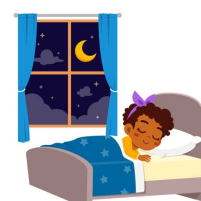
Please remember that I am still *unable* to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests this year and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Hill

Coffee Morning—Wednesday 10th January

Please pop our next Coffee Morning, which will be held on Wednesday, 10th January into your diaries now. The focus for our next event is SLEEP and the session will be led by Build Sound Minds, who work across Derby and Derbyshire delivering support for children and young people. The team will look at the importance of sleep and a good sleep routine for children which I know will be helpful if, like me, you have children who are nocturnal creatures! Doors open at 9am for tea and coffee for a 9:30am start. The session should finish by 11am.



SH Sports—Spring 1 Clubs for 2024!

We were joined in assembly on Monday by two of the SH coaches who introduced next term's clubs to the children, who were really excited to see what was on offer for each year group!

Starting after Christmas, as promised, Year 5 & 6 will be able to take part in Nerf Club on Monday nights. The club will run from 3:30-4:30pm in the school hall and the first session will be on Monday 15th January (Monday 8th January is an INSET Day). Click [here](#) to book and pay for a place.



On Tuesday evenings, from January, Years 3 & 4 will be able to sign up for Laser Tag next term. Again, the sessions will run from 3:30-4:30pm in the school hall and the first of these sessions will be on Tuesday 9th January. Click [here](#) to book and pay for a place.

Derbyshire Junior Choir

On page 4 of this newsletter is a flyer from the Derbyshire Music Partnership advertising their Junior Choir and their next Open Event on Sunday 14th January. There are more details on the poster but you can sign up by [clicking here!](#)



Christmas Diary Dates—A Reminder

Please remember to place an order for 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. Remember that the Office Staff are selling Christmas pin badges and slap bands 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 and reindeer headbands 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 on Monday 18th December in the school hall when doors open **at 8:45am each morning: there will be enough tickets for everyone who wants to come!**

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!

School Dinners

Next week we will be on Week 2 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

Tuesday 12th December	All Day	Year 6 Heart Dissection Workshops
Wednesday 13th December	2pm & 6pm	Year 3 Christmas Production to Parents/Carers
Thursday 14th December	All Day	Year 3 Greek Day—details to follow DATE CHANGE
Friday 15th December	All Day	Year 3 Christmas Workshops at Newmount
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
Week beginning Tuesday 9th January 2024	PM	Swimming Lessons restart for Years 3 & 4
Tuesday 9th January 2024	8:55am	Spring 1 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Wednesday 10th January	9.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning
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 **26** 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.

breakfast
fuel for learning



Derby & Derbyshire
**MUSIC
PARTNERSHIP**

ages
7-14

Join the **DERBYSHIRE** Junior Choir

Express yourself through singing!

Sunday
14
January

NEXT EVENT:

January Big Sing Day!

County Hall, Smedley Street, Matlock
9.30am – 1.00pm

SIGN UP NOW!

Our brand-new choir is a haven for budding singers aged 7 to 14 from all over Derbyshire, offering a nurturing and exciting environment to explore the joys of harmonious melodies.

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