

15TH SEPTEMBER 2023

The classrooms have been buzzing with activity this week and Mrs Hardisty and I have been treated to renditions of the Gruffalo coming from our Year 3 classrooms—it's amazing how much of the story we still know off by heart and we have had a lot of difficulty staying at our desks to finish our work rather than nip down and join in!

Mrs Aujla has been telling me all about the Blue Peter Book Club this week: if you have a budding reader at home, they might want to give the Blue Peter Book Club a try! Each month they will talk about a different book from their list and find out their thoughts on it too! They will also have lots of fun activities, quizzes and cool challenges to try. There is also the opportunity to apply for the brand new Blue Peter Book badge! Click [here](#) to find out more.



Upper School: Please could our upper school parents and children stand in the area in front of the school building behind the side gates in the morning rather than in the entrance to the car park as it is safer. Mrs Glasby will close the main gates at 8:45am when the doors open and it is safe to walk round to the upper school entrance.

Class Attendances—Week beginning 11th September 2023

Our current overall attendance for the term is **96.4%**. Thank you for your support with promoting good attendance in school, it is much appreciated so far.

Class 1	95.9%
Class 2	97.7%
Class 3	97.5%
Class 4	98.8%
Class 5	96.9%
Class 6	95%



Class 7	97.4%
Class 8	97.5%
Class 9	98.6%
Class 10	98.8%
Class 11	93.3%
Class 12	89%



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

School Dinners

Next week we will be on Week 3 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 3 Menu](#)

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** to measure the height and weight of our Year 6 pupils. 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.



Housekeeping!

The start of term is incredibly busy, so if you have five minutes this weekend to put your feet up, please check you have done everything on our housekeeping list!



- 1) Have you signed up to our app and checked you have notifications turned on?
The app is our quickest way of getting reminders and urgent messages to parents—and it's free, meaning we can save money and spend more on the children and creating fun, engaging learning experiences!
- 2) Have you signed up to School Money? Even if your child brings a packed lunch to school, please sign up as this is our preferred way of collecting trip payments: we are trying to move towards a cashless office. Please contact [Mrs Wagstaff](#) in the school office if you need log in details. Thank you.
- 3) Have you signed and returned a copy of the two Home/School agreements that came home last week? Please do so as soon as you can so that your child's class teacher can file a completed class set.
- 4) Year 3 parents: have you completed and returned the admissions and permissions forms that were emailed to you ahead of your child joining us for the transition days in July? We have sent out duplicate forms this week with children who have outstanding forms: please return these as soon as you can so we can make sure your child's records are up to date.
- 5) Year 6 parents: have you completed your online application for your child's secondary school place for September 2024? The deadline for applications is midnight on 31st October. Please follow the link to find the [Secondary Application Form](#).
- 6) Have you seen our weekly round-up posts on our [Facebook](#) page yet? Give our page a follow for this, links to online safety guides and more!
- 7) Year 3 parents: have you logged into Microsoft Teams using the details sent home?
This is how the Year 3 team will communicate with you with reminders about trips, special days in school and messages about things children need to remember so it is important to get logged in as soon as you can please.



Breakfast

This week we have provide breakfast to 26 children who needed it each morning. Children can come to the hall when doors open to collect a breakfast bar if they wish.

breakfast
fuel for learning

SEND Communication

Over the last few years we have been able to utilise recovery funding to release Mrs Costema from her teaching commitment in school. However, as with most grants, the conditions attached to this funding has now changed and Mrs Costema has now returned to doing some PPA cover in school. Due to this commitment, she is not always as easily available to contact during school hours as she was previously.



Following a very busy start to the term, Mrs Costema has set up a system for parents to book in times to drop in and speak to her about any concerns you have about your child regarding their needs in school: this can be by phone, in person or via teams—which ever method suits you best. She has opened up sessions at a range of times—morning, afternoon and after school to allow all parents to be able to make an appointment that suits them best.

Please follow the link below if you need to speak to her. This will be available on the school app all year or you can ring the school office if you need to make an appointment too!

[Make an appointment](#)

Prefects

A special congratulations to the children chosen to be this term's prefects. These children have stood out amongst their peers as model pupils whose attitude and effort at school at the start of the year has been exemplary:



Year 3—Eashan

Year 4—Rhys

Year 5— Sam

Year 6—Xin



Harvest Collection

Our Harvest Collection this year will again be in support of The Padley Centre, and I discussed this with the children in assembly this week. We appreciate that times are hard, but the Centre continue to support struggling families and individuals throughout Derby: please see their leaflet on the following page outlining the items they are collecting and those they are particularly in need of this year.

Please send any donations into school for your child to hand in to their class teacher by **Friday 29th September**.



2023-24 DATES

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
Friday 29th September	AM	Padley Harvest Collection Deadline
Friday 29th September	All Day	Year 3 Markeaton Park Trip—See letter
Wednesday 4th October	9am-11am	Inclusion Coffee Morning—All welcome
Thursday 5th October	AM	Individual & Family Photos
Friday 27th October	All Day	Reward Day
Friday 27th October	3:30pm	End of Autumn 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Tuesday 31st October	Midnight	Deadline for applications for Year 7 places for September 2024
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

Year 3 Open Classroom Event

We would like to offer our new Year 3 parents and carers the opportunity to visit your child's new classroom at the end of the school day on **Wednesday 20th September**. Collection at the end of the day will be as normal - your child will then be able to bring you into the classroom via the school office and show you around. Teachers and support assistants will be available to say hello and answer any questions you may have. There will also be help available for any technical issues regarding our online platforms. The open event will run from **3.30pm-4.15pm**. The classroom is likely to be quieter from 4-4:15pm if you would prefer to visit at a less busy time.

**WELCOME
TO
YEAR 3!**

We really hope you are able to take this opportunity and look forward to you popping in and having a look around.



HARVEST NEEDS LIST

Below are the items we would love you to donate at
Harvest Festival Campaign.

GRAVY GRANULES - **BISCUITS** - **COOK-IN-SAUCES** - SUGAR
SAUCES (RED, BROWN, MAYONNAISE) - JAM - PASTA - RICE - TINNED FRUIT
TINNED MEAT - **TINNED TOMATOES** - **TINNED FISH** - **TINNED RICE PUDDING**
TINNED VEGETABLES - TINNED BAKED BEANS - TINNED CUSTARD - FLOUR - FRUIT
SQUASH - **LONG LIFE MILK** - TEA - **COFFEE** - **CEREAL**

DEODORANT - DISPOSABLE RAZORS - KITCHEN ROLL - TOILET ROLL - **SHAVING
FOAM** - SHAMPOO - CONDITIONER - **SHOWER GEL** - SANITARY PRODUCTS -
LAUNDRY DETERGENT - WASHING UP LIQUID

CLOTHING, **SHOES**, **UNUSED UNDERWEAR** OF ALL GENDER AND SIZES
BOOKS - BRIC A BRAC - JEWELLERY - BEDDING - COATS - HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES

If you would like to donate money for us to purchase these items you can do so
online at <https://checkout.justgiving.com/obz7x76txn> or scan the QR code



Items listed in
GREEN are what
we need most

