

1ST MARCH 2024

Your children should have brought home their parents' evening times for you yesterday or this evening. Please get in touch with your child's class teacher via Teams or the school office if your slip has not made it home for any reason. Please also let the class teacher or school office know if you can no longer make your meeting for any reason—they will do their best to offer an alternative time or rearrange for a later date. We look forward to seeing you all in school next week for your meetings: remember that the Book Fair will be open on both evenings if you wish to visit with your child.

Mrs Hardisty and I are entering the tricky period of closing down the current school budget and the even trickier task of setting the new budget for the coming financial year over the coming weeks. To help us to do this as accurately as we can, please could we ask that any **outstanding dinner debts are cleared on your School Money accounts by Friday 8th March.**

A big well done to our new prefects for this term. These children have stood out amongst their peers as model pupils whose attitude and effort at school has been exemplary:



Year 3—Moneeba  
Year 4—Prabhleen  
Year 5—Wareesha  
Year 6—Husna



## Class Attendances—Week beginning 26th February 2024

Our attendance for this half term is 95.5%. Thank you for your support with promoting good attendance in school, it is much appreciated. **It can sometimes be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school**, so the NHS have produced [this helpful webpage](#) as guidance for parents and carers.

Class 1	92.7%
Class 2	96.7%
Class 3	98.1%
Class 4	98.4%
Class 5	95%
Class 6	93.6%



Class 7	97.7%
Class 8	92%
Class 9	94%
Class 10	98.1%
Class 11	96.8%
Class 12	92.1%

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 running our new Spring/Summer Week 2 menu for the first time. Please remember that school dinners cost £2.40 and **MUST** be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE.**

[View Menu](#)

### 2023-24 DATES

Monday 4th March— Friday 8th March	All Week	Book Week
Monday 4th March - Wednesday 6th March	3:30—6:30pm	Parents' Evening Meetings
Wednesday 6th March	9.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning
Thursday 7th March	All Day	World Book Day—Dress up as a book character
Friday 15th March	All Day	Comic Relief—Red Nose Day—wear something red
Thursday 28th March	3:30pm	End of Spring 2 Term—BREAK UP FOR EASTER
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 15th April	8:55am	Summer 1 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Monday 6th May	All Day	May Day Bank Holiday—School Closed
Monday 13th—Thursday 16th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 24th May	3:30pm	End of Summer 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
HALF TERM		
Monday 3rd June	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 4th June	8:55am	Summer 2 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 23rd July	3:30pm	End of Summer 2 Term—BREAK UP FOR SUMMER

#### Paving Slabs

**Does anyone have any old paving slabs going spare they could donate to school please?** Mr O'Donnell is looking to create bases for two new resource sheds so would be grateful for as many slabs, in any size, that you would be able to donate please. If you are able to help, please let him know by contacting the school office or by emailing [dodonnell@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk](mailto:dodonnell@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk)

#### Comic Relief—Red Nose Day—Friday 15th March 2024

We will be selling red noses in the hall ahead of Red Nose Day **from Monday 11th March** when doors open at 8:45am. Noses cost £2 each and there are 5 different designs this year.

As usual, we are inviting the children to wear a **splash of red** (e.g. red nose, t-shirt, hairband, socks or Comic Relief merchandise) along with their school uniform on the day for a donation (no jeans or football shirts please).



#### Breakfast

This week we have provided breakfast to 45 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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