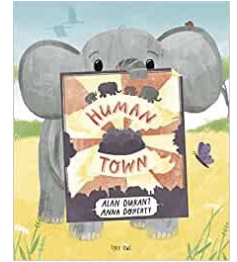


21ST APRIL 2023

Welcome back to a jam-packed summer term! As usual, we have a full diary for the last half term, so please keep your eyes peeled for letters and key dates.

You will remember that, at the end of last term, our Year 3 children were taking part in Derby Book Festival's Children's Picture Book Award. Over three weeks before the holidays, the children participated in reading, language and art activities based on the three shortlisted texts before finally taking part in a secret ballot to vote for their favourite books. On the last day of term, they joined children from other Derby City schools on Zoom to find out which book had won: congratulations to Alan Durant and Anna Doherty whose picture book, *Human Town*, won first prize!



Class Attendances—Week beginning 17th April 2023—Average attendance 91.5%

Attendance has dipped a little this week. We continue to aim for an overall attendance of 96% for the academic year. Please remember that I am still *unable* to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.

Class 1	92.9%
Class 2	92.7%
Class 3	91%
Class 4	88.7%
Class 5	86%
Class 6	93%

Class 7	90.7%
Class 8	89.3%
Class 9	92.7%
Class 10	94%
Class 11	93.6%
Class 12	93.3%



Best wishes,
Mrs J Hill

Attendance Policy

Our new Blagreaves Federation Attendance Policy, covering both Ridgeway and Gayton schools, was ratified by governors this week. There are no major changes, but the policy now reflects the most recent government guidance to schools on attendance following the COVID 19 pandemic. You can find the new policy on the school website by following the link below.



<https://gaytonj.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/BSF-Attendance-Policy-Autumn-2022.pdf>

School Dinners

Next week, we will be on Week 2's dinner menu. Dinners are £2.20 per day and children can switch between dinners and sandwiches from home daily if they wish.



<https://gaytonj.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Week-2-Menu-Spring-Summer-2023.pdf>

Gayton Avenue

Despite the incredible efforts from the whole school community in the run up to Easter, unfortunately, we are having to start the new term with another moan about parking and dropping off around the school gates in the mornings and after school.

Once again, we have witnessed a number of NEAR MISSES involving pedestrians—*adults and children*—approaching the school and fear it is only a matter of time before there is a serious incident on Gayton Avenue. I have, once again, alerted the local police to this issue and asked for their support.

1. Driving up to the school gates and performing a three-point-turn is **DANGEROUS** due to the high number of pedestrians in the area at this time. YOUNGER CHILDREN CANNOT BE SEEN OUT OF A REAR WINDSCREEN DUE TO BEING SMALL, MAKING THIS MANOEUVRE INCREDIBLY RISKY.
2. Please **STOP** BLOCKING THE DRIVES OF RESIDENTS WHO LIVE NEAR TO THE SCHOOL. This is INCONSIDERATE and wastes the time of our office staff who have to field complaints during the morning when the office is at its busiest.
3. Please **STOP** reversing out of Gayton Avenue onto the corner of Ridgeway Avenue before an accident happens. Drivers doing this are creating ADDITIONAL HAZARDS and distracting them from keeping alert to keeping OUR CHILDREN safe.

Thank you to parents who continue to promote walking to school or even parking further away to help us to keep the area around school safe. We do appreciate this very much.



Summer Term 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 and with their homework last half term has been exemplary:



Year 3—**Damir**
Year 4—**Disha**
Year 5—**Amelia K**
Year 6—**Robert**



Summer Diary

On the next page, you will note several trips planned for the summer term: please note these are only provisional at this stage and are dependent on being able to source buses and make bookings at destinations. Keep an eye out for letters home next term for more details!

DIARY DATES

Thursday 27th April	All Day	Strike Day—School Closed
Monday 1st May	All Day	May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	All Day	Strike Day
Monday 8th May	All Day	Additional Bank Holiday—School Closed to Children
Tuesday 9th—Tuesday 16th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Testing
Friday 12th—Sunday 14th May	All Weekend	Year 6 PGL Trip
Wednesday 17th May	9:30-11:00am	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Transition & Summer Support
Tuesday 23rd May	PM	Year 4 Ukulele Concert for Parents—Details to follow
Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th May	All Day	Arts Days
Friday 26th May	PM	Break up for Half Term
Friday 26th May	All Day	Reward Day—Non Uniform for All Children
MAY HALF TERM		
Monday 5th June	AM	Back to School—Summer Term 2
Wednesday 7th June	All Day	Year 6 Castleton Trip—Letter to follow
Friday 16th June	TBC	Y4 Derby Arena Halle Orchestra Event—Letter to follow
Tuesday 20th June—new date	All Day	Year 5 Seaside Trip—Letter to follow
Wednesday 28th June	9:30-11:00am	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Internet Safety & Mental Health
Monday 3rd July	All Day	Year 4 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Trip—Letter to follow
Tuesday 4th—Thursday 6th July	All Day	City-wide Transition Days
Monday 17th July	All Day	Year 3 Adventure Farm Trip—Letter to follow
Friday 21st July	All Day	Reward Day—Non Uniform for All Children
Friday 21st July	PM	Break up for Summer Holiday
2023-24 INSET DAYS		
Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023	All Day	INSETs 1 & 2
Monday 6th November 2023	All Day	INSET 3
Monday 8th January 2024	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 3rd June 2024	All Day	INSET 5

Breakfast

Numbers have risen this week and we were pleased to be able to provide breakfast to 44 children over the course of the week of breakfast provision **for those who need it.**

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