Newsletter—Week 32

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A warm welcome back to our final term of the school year! Remember to keep an eye on our diary page for reminders of things we have coming up this half term.

Thanks to an incredibly generous donation last term, we are pleased to have been able to finally get our long-awaited sensory garden up and running. A huge thank you also to Mr O'Donnell who spent a number of days working hard to turn the 'wilderness' outside Class 2 into this new amazing space for the children to enjoy at break times. He has already set up a little "Gardening Gang" of willing volunteers to help him keep everything watered and in good condition, having chosen a range of plants that smell fantastic when children brush past them or get up close enough for a full sensory experience.

BEFORE

AFTER

Please remember to keep an eye on our diary page throughout this half term so that you don't miss any important school events. We have sports days, the summer fair, our sponsored event, transition days, Year 6 productions and several trips coming up as well as a couple of different dinner days to plan for along the way.

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

Sun Safety

Please remember to send your child to school with a sun hat and water bottle on sunny days. Please also make sure you apply sun cream to your child before they leave home. Children may bring sun cream in to apply to themselves if they are able to if they have fair skin that burns easily and requires an additional application during the day. **Please label any bottles that you send in, make their class teacher or TA aware on the door in the morning and make sure that your child knows not to share their sun cream with anyone else.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! At the request of the School Council, on hotter days, we will continue to sell Freeze Pops after school outside the main entrance on the grass for 50p!

2025/26 DATES		
Monday 8th June	**Morning**	**Year 4 Multiplication Check**
Wednesday 10th June	All Day	Year 4 Peak Wildlife Trip
Week beginning Monday 15th June—dates TBC	All Day	Year 5 Tudor Workshops—more to follow
Tuesday 23rd June	All Day	Year 3 Matlock Farm Park Visit
Wednesday 24th June	12:15pm	Picnic Day—Lunch on the field!
Thursday 25th June	9:15am-12:00pm	Lower School Sports Day
Friday 26th June	9:15am-12:00pm	Upper School Sports Day
Tuesday 30th June	2:50-3:20pm	Year 4 Ukulele Concert to Parents
Wednesday 1st July	8:00am-7:00pm	Year 5 Seaside Trip
Thursday 2nd July	9:15am-12:00pm	Lower School Sports Day—RESERVE (in case of bad weather)
Friday 3rd July	9:15am-12:00pm	Upper School Sports Day—RESERVE (in case of bad weather)
Tuesday 7th July- Thursday 9th July	All Day	City-wide Transition Days Year 6 children will attend their new secondary schools and Year 2 children will move to Gayton
Wednesday 8th July	6pm	Induction Evening for new Y3 Parents
Friday 10th July	3:30-5:00pm	Summer Fair
Thursday 23rd July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday
2026/27 INSETS		
Friday 4th September	All Day	INSET 1
Monday 7th September	All Day	INSET 2
Friday 27th November	All Day	INSET 3
Monday 7th June	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 26th July	All Day	INSET 5

Fidgets

Please **do not** send fidgets into school with your child unless you have already discussed this with Mrs Costema, our SENCO, or your child's class teacher or Teaching Assistant. A number of children have been bringing fidgets into school who do not need them to help them with their learning and these can become a distraction in the classroom—they can also get lost or broken easily. School are able to provide fidgets for children, unless something specific is required. I am also aware, as a parent, how expensive some are, especially the new craze for Nee Dohs!

School Dinners

School dinners MUST be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE** using your School Money account. Dinners cost **£2.90 per day (£14.50 for a full week).** Next week, we will be back on the new Week 2 menu.

SUPPORTING FAMILIES WITH SLEEP

Online Parent Carer Workshop

DERBYSHIRE PARENT CARER VOICE

Tuesday 30th June
12pm – 2pm
Online session

What the session will cover:

- Understanding how sleep impacts wellbeing, behaviour and mental health
- Exploring common sleep challenges
- The link between sleep, anxiety and emotional regulation
- Practical, gentle strategies to support better sleep

What you'll gain:

- Realistic and achievable ideas for home
- Tools to support calmer routines
- Increased confidence in supporting your child's sleep and wellbeing

A supportive space for parent carers
Because we know sleep struggles can affect the whole family

For more information and to book you place please visit
https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/