



Newsletter—Week 37

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5TH JULY 2024

We have really enjoyed welcoming our new Year 3 children into school this week and getting to know them and their families. Everyone was able to spend three days with their new teachers and our Year 6 children were able to spend some time checking out their new schools this week too ahead of September.

Some of you will have noticed that there will be some small changes to our teaching team in September. I am incredibly sad to say that Mr Dawson is making a move to be nearer home for September after starting his teaching career here back in 2015. We will all miss him lots—he is the first teacher to 'fly the nest' since I became headteacher in 2018. There is plenty of time left to celebrate his time here with us before the end of term and I know you and your families will want to join me in wishing him well on the next stage of his teaching journey.

On a more positive note...! We are thrilled that Miss Byrd has completed her teaching qualification and will be staying with us—taking over in Class 12 as Mrs Gallagher has moved into an SEN Teacher roll across the whole school, supporting children with SEN and EHCPs.

And finally, we are pleased to welcome Mr Ward to our teaching team for September 2024. Mr Ward joins us from Ashcroft Primary Academy and becomes our second member of teaching staff to have been taught at Gayton! Mr Ward was able to join us this week as our children met their new teachers and class teams:

Class 1 will be moving to Class 4 with Mr Ward, supported by Mrs George & Mrs Cooney
Class 2 will be moving to Class 5 with Mrs Aujla, supported by Mr Costema & Mr Reed
Class 3 will be moving to Class 6 with Ms Hallam, supported by Mrs Lowndes & Mrs Ward
Class 4 will be moving to Class 8 with Mr Evans, supported by Mr Kempster
Class 5 will be moving to Class 9 with Mrs Oliver & Mrs Hicks, supported by Mr Chapman & Mrs Gillum
Class 6 will be moving to Class 7 with Mr Kettle, supported by Mr Gopu
Class 7 will be moving to Class 11 with Mr Chapman, supported by Mr Butler
Class 8 will be moving to Class 10 with Mrs O'Donnell, supported by Mrs Lim
Class 9 will be moving to Class 12 with Miss Byrd, supported by Mrs Tomlinson

Class Attendances—Week beginning 1st July 2024

Our attendance for this week is **96.7%**. Thank you for your support with promoting good attendance in school, it is much appreciated.

Class 1	96.6%
Class 2	97.3%
Class 3	99.1%
Class 4	99%
Class 5	94.1%
Class 6	98.6%

Class 7	99%
Class 8	99.4%
Class 9	94.3%
Class 10	96.5%
Class 11	91.6%
Class 12	95%

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. Holiday forms can be completed on the school app or by clicking [here](#).

Kind regards,
Mrs J Hill

V2023-24 DATES

Wednesday 10th July	9:30-11:30am	Coffee Morning
Thursday 11th July	9:15am-12:15pm	Lower School Sports Day
Friday 12th July	9:15am-12:15pm	Upper School Sports Day
Friday 12th July	3:30-5:00pm	Summer Fair
Friday 12th July	TBC	Year 5 Camp—details to follow
Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th July	6:00pm	Year 6 Production to Parents—High School Musical
Monday 22nd July	5:30-7:30pm	Year 6 Leavers' Party—details to follow
Tuesday 23rd July	3:30pm	End of Summer 2 Term—BREAK UP FOR SUMMER

Next Week's Diary

Our next Coffee Morning—next week on Wednesday 10th July—will be a market place. Mrs Clarke has invited in a number of different services to talk to parents about the range of work they do across the city to support children—and parents—in and out of school! Please come along to find out more. Our regulars, Julie Fearn (Autism Derby), Coral Schloss (Behaviour Support Derby) and Fearn Roseblade (First Look SEN) will be in attendance, along with Derbyshire Police, Fire Service, Family Hubs and many more.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our **Sports Days** on Thursday 11th (Years 3 and 4) and on Friday 12th July (Years 5 and 6)—weather permitting, of course! As we will be mostly on the field, please enter via the field gate at the bottom of the car park, which will be open from 9:10am. **We do ask that, for safeguarding reasons, parents do not share photographs of events on social media please.** We anticipate that each Sports Day will finish by around 12pm.

Our Summer Fair will be held after school on Friday 12th July. Please come along to support us.



School Dinners

A big THANK YOU to everyone who has brought in their sponsorship money by today's deadline. Our current fundraising total stands at over a whopping £4000 and we have been thoroughly overwhelmed by the generosity of our Gayton families and friends. As always, the money raised goes towards providing enrichment activities and reward day events for the children in the coming year. There is still time to bring your sponsorship money into school if you haven't remembered yet!



School Dinners

Next week, we will be back to Week 2's menu. Please remember that school dinners cost £2.40 and **MUST** be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE.** [Week 2 Menu](#)



Breakfast

This week we have provided breakfast to **25** children. Children can come to the hall when doors open to collect a breakfast bar if they wish.



Free Family Fun Day



Activities

Climbing Wall
Bouncy Castles
Face Painter
Petting Zoo
Entertainer

Stilt Walker, Juggler and
Spiderman!



Food & Drink

Food served all day
from 12pm - 4pm in the
community centre



Where?

Sunnyhill Community Centre
Coleridge Street
Derby
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When?

**Saturday 27th July
2024
12pm - 4pm.**



Contact for more information.

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