

29TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated food and other items to our Harvest collection. The Padley Centre were overwhelmed by your generosity, as always, when they collected from us today!



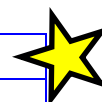
The school football team played its first fixture this week in a cup game against St. Werburgh's Primary School in Spondon. The game went all the way to extra time and penalties, with Kai scoring the winning penalty for Gayton—well done everyone and thanks to Mr Chapman, Mr Butler and Ms Hallam for giving up their time after school to get the team to the fixture and to parents for your support!

Class Attendances—Week beginning 25th September 2023

Our current overall attendance for the term is **95.6%**. Thank you for your support with promoting good attendance in school, it is much appreciated so far.

Class 1	96.4%
Class 2	96%
Class 3	97.3%
Class 4	97.2%
Class 5	96.9%
Class 6	95.4%

Class 7	97.6%
Class 8	96.9%
Class 9	97.3%
Class 10	96%
Class 11	93.6%
Class 12	86.8%



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

Inclusion Coffee Mornings

Don't forget that our next Coffee Morning is next week, on Wednesday 4th October: doors open at 9am for tea and coffee ready for a 9:30am start. Guest visitors next week are the team from Bridge The Gap, who will be on hand to talk about children's mental health and emotional wellbeing. Please come along and join us.





Experiences for Writing

Following the success of last year's pilot project, we are continuing with our Experience for Writing programme this year in school. The aim of the programme is to provide termly trips for the children linked to their topic or other curriculum areas of learning that will also provide them with rich experiences to come back into school to write about afterwards.

Mr Kettle, our writing lead, asked staff and children to complete a questionnaire at the end of last year to help find out how successful they felt the programme had been in improving the quality of children's writing and also looked at some book work to support this, finding that, in most cases, written work completed following trips included a greater quantity of writing standards than previous pieces of written work.

Bearing this in mind, despite working with a much tighter budget this year, we have still prioritised putting aside funding to ensure these trips can be accessible to all, and to support parents by reducing the cost of these experiences as much as we can by covering the cost of transport.

Writing remains a focus for school improvement work across the federation, as an area which is still feeling the impact of the COVID pandemic.

How Can I Support My Child at Home?



- Practice weekly spellings
- Set an example—make sure your child sees you write!
- Give your child opportunities to write with a purpose—e.g. shopping lists, letters, messages on post-it notes, etc.
- Read books to, and with them, that are at a higher level than their own reading ability to expose them to ambitious vocabulary and complex sentence structure.
- Read the beginning of a story and make up the ending together, verbally or in writing.
- Encourage talking and drawing as part of planning writing. Spellings don't have to be accurate when drafting.
- Encourage them to read through their work to check for clarity and accuracy.
- Help them to reflect on their writing, particularly the effect they hoped to have on the reader.
- Have a go at different forms of writing—not just stories!

Autumn Warmer Menu

Our catering team are putting on a special Autumn Warmer Menu on Thursday 5th October as it is our school census day. This is a collection point for school data that is used to calculate the school budget for the following year. One of the questions asked is how many children have a school dinner on the day, so they are putting on a special menu to encourage as much take up as possible.

You can see the menu in full on the last page of this newsletter—anyone can order a dinner on the day, children just need to let their teacher know in the morning and place an order for their preferred option.

The rest of next week we will be on Week 2 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 2 Menu](#)

Parent Guides to Online Safety



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



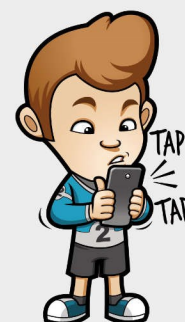
A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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2023-24 DATES		
Wednesday 4th October	9am-11am	Inclusion Coffee Morning — All welcome
Thursday 5th October	8:30am for family photos	Individual & Family Photos (main entrance)
Thursday 5th October	Lunchtime	Autumn Warmer Menu— See Flyer
Thursday 5th October	5:00—7:30pm	Year 6 Open Evening —Derby Moor Spencer Academy
Thursday 12th October	5:00—7:00pm	Open Evening—Littleover Community School
Friday 20th October	All Day	Year 5 Trip to Creswell Crags—See Letter
Friday 27th October	All Day	Reward Day —non-uniform for all pupils
Friday 27th October	3:30pm	End of Autumn 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
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
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
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
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
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
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
HALF TERM		
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



Breakfast

This week we have provide breakfast to **88** children who needed it each morning. Children can come to the hall when doors open to collect a breakfast bar if they

breakfast
fuel for learning

AUTUMN WARMER



MENU



Thursday 5th October

Pork Sausage Hotdog served
with Potato Wedges and Mushy
Peas or Sweetcorn

Veggie Hotdog served with
Potato Wedges and Mushy Peas
or Sweetcorn

Jacket Potato with Tuna
Mayonnaise & Salad

Toffee Apple Cookie



To find out more visit nottinghamcity.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

Ingredients and allergens are available - please ask a member of staff.

