

### Newsletter-Week 5

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Our Year 5 classes have all had a wonderful week taking part in our Stone Age to Iron Age workshops with Mr O'Donnell and Mr Costema. We are so lucky to have such amazing resources in school for the children to take part in hands-on learning and I really enjoyed spending time in the hall with each class this week and seeing how much they were enjoying their learning this week. Thank you to everyone who popped in after school to see what they had been getting up to!

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in donations for this year's harvest collection. As a reminder, we are collecting for The Padley Centre again this year (please see the flyer on page 3 for a list of items we are collecting). **Please send any donations** into school with your child by Wednesday 15th October.





Thank you to everyone for your support of our wearing yellow for World Mental Health Day today: we raised £150.70 for Young Minds to help the charity continue the work they do to support parents, carers and young people with mental health and wellbeing.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire, Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts has sent this short video out to schools this week and asked me to share it with parents to remind you of the law surrounding e-scooters in the run up to Christmas. Please remember that it is illegal to ride an e-scooter unless you are on private land. Some e-scooters were seized by police outside school last year.

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 / Hill

#### Safequarding Information

We have been made aware that the Spy Dogs, Spy Pup and Spy Cat series of books by Andrew Cope contain a web link at the back of the book which no longer directs readers to information about the books. Instead, worryingly, the link now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material containing pornographic content with no age restrictions. We have taken steps to remove any copies from our bookshelves; however, these books are published by Scholastic so it may be that your child has one at home that they have purchased at a school Book Fair.

Below are images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify whether your child has the book at home. If you have your own copies of the book at home and are concerned, please contact us at school. **Please return any that may be property of the school.** 



2025/26 DATES		
Monday 20th October	All Day	Diwali Day
Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd October	3:30-6:30pm	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 23rd October	3:30-5:15pm	Halloween Movie Night—see below
Friday 24th October	All Day	Reward Day—non-uniform for all children
Friday 24th October	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Friday 31st October	Midnight	Deadline for secondary school applications for 2026
Monday 3rd November	All Day	INSET 3
Tuesday 4th November	8:55am	Autumn Term 2 Begins
Friday 19th December	3:30рт	Break up for Christmas Holiday
Monday 5th January 2026	8:55am	Spring Term 1 Begins
Thursday 12th February 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Friday 13th February 2026	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 23rd February 2026	8:55am	Spring Term 2 Begins
Friday 27th March 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 13th April 2026	8:55am	Summer Term 1 Begins
Friday 15th—Sunday 17th May 2026	ТВС	Year 6 PGL Residential
Friday 22nd May 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Monday 1st June 2026	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	8:55am	Summer Term 2 Begins
Thursday 23rd July 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday

#### School Dinners

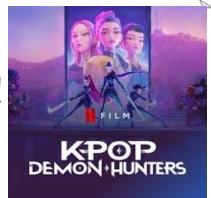
Next week, we will be back to our Week 3 menu. Please remember that school dinners cost £2.80 and MUST be paid for, ONLINE, IN ADVANCE. Week 3 Menu



#### Halloween Movie Night—Thursday 23rd October

We will be showing K-Pop Demon Hunters for our Halloween Movie Night on Thursday 23rd October (as requested by the School Council). Tickets can be purchased in person in the hall from Monday 20th October before school or online via your School Money accounts from the same day (tickets paid for online will be issued to children in class). Tickets cost £3 per child and must be purchased in advance.

We will have small ready made sweet bags available for £1 if children wish to purchase them on the night (children may bring their own snacks if they wish). All children MUST be collected by an adult at 5:10pm.



# **Our Harvest Wishlist:**

☐ Instant noodles/noodle pot ☐ Rice pots ☐ Microwave rice ☐ Tuna snack pots ☐ Tinned tuna ☐ Cereal (up to 700g boxes) ☐ Coffee ☐ UHT milk ☐ Sugar ☐ Custard ☐ Tinned fruit ☐ Baked beans ☐ Tinned vegetables	Tinned potatoes Tinned tomatoes Brown sauce Tinned meat meals Tinned soup Cooking sauces (jars) Snack pot porridge Kitchen roll Toilet roll Washing powder / gel Eggs Self-raising flour Golden syrup	
(carrots, peas, sweetcorn)  There are some items we don't need / cannot accept		
<ul><li>K Fresh veg</li><li>K Bags of Dry Pasta</li><li>K Bags of Dry Rice</li><li>K Household cleaning products</li></ul>	<ul><li>Medical products</li><li>Tinned lentils and pulses</li><li>Used toiletries</li></ul>	

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