

11TH OCTOBER 2024

Thank you for your support with our fundraising for Young Minds on World Mental Health Day on Tuesday this week: we are pleased to report that, as of this morning, we have raised a total of £107.25 to help them to provide vital support for young people across the UK.



We have had a really busy week in school: Years 4 and 6 have taken part in Flat Stan First Aid workshops as part of their 'Being Safe' PSHE topic and Mr O'Donnell has been busy in the hall delivering the first of our Make Your Own History Workshops of the year with our Year 5 classes, who have been learning all about the Stone Age to Iron Age, experiencing flint knapping, grinding wheat into flour, using primitive drills to make jewellery and building a large foam Stonehenge and a life-size Iron Age Roundhouse! We know we are incredibly lucky to have these resources in school and the children thoroughly enjoyed the workshops: our thanks to Mr O'Donnell for taking the time to learn how to run these workshops to deliver them so well to the children!

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

Halloween Discos

We will be holding our Halloween Discos again this year, as they continue to be a popular request of the School Council! There will be two discos—one for Lower School (years 3 and 4) and one for Upper School (years 5 and 6) on **Thursday 24th October**. Children are welcome to dress up if they wish! Children **MUST** be collected by an adult please as the nights will be dark by then.



The Lower School Disco will run from 5pm until 6:15pm and the Upper School Disco will run from 6:30 until 7:45pm. Tickets will go on sale (£2 per ticket) in the hall when doors open each morning from **Monday 21st October** and there will be enough tickets for everyone, so please don't worry. There will be a tuck shop open on the night where children can buy sweets and drinks if they wish—they will need no more than £1 for this!

School Dinners

Next week, we will be on our new Week 1 menu. Please remember that school dinners cost £2.60 and **MUST** be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE**. [Week 1 Menu](#)

2024/25 DATES

Tuesday 22nd October	9:15am	Pupil Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 24th October	Lower School 5:00—6:15pm Upper School 6:30-7:45pm	Halloween Discos
Friday 25th October	3:30pm	Break up for October Half Term
Thursday 31st October	Midnight	Deadline for Secondary School Applications for 2025
Monday 4th November	All Day	INSET 2
Tuesday 5th November	8:55am	Autumn 2 Term starts
Friday 20th December	3:30pm	Break up for Christmas Holiday
Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th January 2025	All Day	INSETS 3 & 4
Wednesday 8th January	8:55am	Spring 1 Term starts
Friday 14th February	3:30pm	Break up for February Half Term
Monday 24th February	8:55am	Spring 2 Term starts
Friday 4th April	3:30pm	Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 21st April	All Day	Easter Monday
Tuesday 22nd April	8:55am	Summer 1 Term starts
Monday 5th May	All Day	May Bank Holiday
Friday 23rd May	3:30pm	Break up for May Half Term
Monday 2nd June	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 3rd June	8:55am	Summer 2 Term starts
Thursday 24th July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday

Black History Month

This month, we are celebrating Black History month through our weekly assemblies. This year's theme is "**Reclaiming Narratives.**" That means we're going to learn about important people from history and how they told their own stories in their own way. This month is a chance for us to celebrate the amazing things Black people have done throughout history.



Over the course of the month, we will be sharing the stories of special people who did amazing things, including:

- **Linton Kwesi Johnson:** Johnson is a poet who writes poems mixed with music to talk about fairness and equality. His poems helped people understand the struggles of Black people in the UK.
- **Olive Morris:** Olive was a brave woman who helped people in her community get homes and fought for equal treatment for Black women in the UK.
- **Benjamin Zephaniah:** Zephaniah was a famous poet and writer who used his words to fight against unfairness and racism. His poems are full of energy and make people think about how we can make the world better. His poetry is used in PSHE and Literacy units in Upper School.
- **Dr. George Africanus:** A long time ago, Dr. Africanus started one of the first job agencies in the UK, helping people find work. He showed that Black people could be successful in business, even when it was very hard for them to do so.

Your School Nursing Service

Someone you know and can trust...

Your School Nursing Service can work both in and out of School to help provide or find you support about:

Keeping Healthy

Immunisations

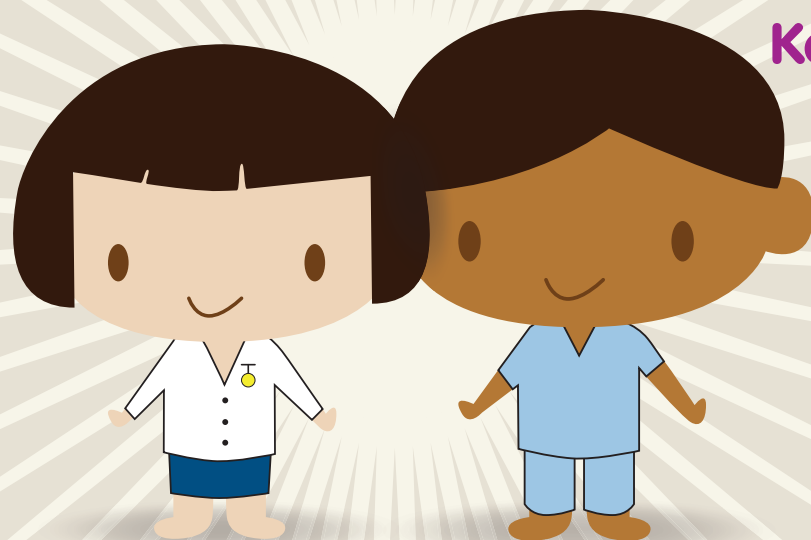
Emotional Health

Weight Management

Sexual Health

Drugs and Alcohol

Smoking



Anxiety

Day and night wetting

Self harm

Sleep

Anger

We are here to support children aged 5-19 and their families, across Derby City.

Confidential

We provide a confidential service.

You can discuss personal information in confidence.

Qualified

School Nurses or Specialist Community Public Health Nurses are qualified nurses or midwives with specific graduate level education, and work with a team to support you.

Non Judgemental

We are here to help, not to judge.

When and Where can I Access my School Nursing Service?

If you are a parent or carer for a child aged between 0-19 and want advice or have any worries **text the Parents and Carers ChatHealth Service on:**
07507 327754



You can now get confidential advice and support with any concerns such as hearing or vision, feeding problems, weaning, emotional wellbeing, and behaviour or general health queries.

Text us for confidential advice and support.