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Newsletter—Week 8

6TH NOVEMBER 2026

Thank you to everyone who came to our first Bingo night last night—we had a great night and are really looking forward to holding the event again soon. Please remember to get in touch with Mrs Clarke if you are able to help re-establish our PTA this year so that the group can raise much needed funds for resources for the children. The School Council keep coming up with fantastic ideas of things they would like to spend money on and a group of parents and friends of the school with some fresh fund-raising ideas to work with them would be amazing!

We have noticed a few children—particularly our older children in Year 6—wearing jewellery in school this week and in the run up to the holiday. Please ask them to keep this for wearing at home as it is not part of the agreed uniform policy and we would hate to see items get lost or broken in school. A reminder: children may wear earrings for PE if they have rubber or flat backs that do not come loose easily and cannot dig into their ears or necks when playing contact sports. Children can also wear ONE bracelet for religious or SEN regions.

I have been made aware by a concerned parent about a confrontation that happened outside school between the Lower School and Upper School discos before the end of term. The incident occurred following a near miss between two cars and the parents involved were approached by another angry parent (not involved in the incident). There were a number of children around the area at the time who will have witnessed the altercation. Please remember that, when parking near to school, the roads do get incredibly busy, which is why we continue to ask you to park further away to avoid incidents like this and also please be mindful of being respectful to each other when there are children listening.

We have a number of children who are regularly arriving late in the mornings. Please remember that school starts at 8:55am and arriving late into the classroom impacts your child if the children have already begun their morning tasks. Dinners are ordered at 9:30am with the kitchen. We cannot place orders for dinners if your child arrives after 9:30 unless you have phoned the office to tell us they will be late or sent a message via the app.

Well done to the Girls' football team, who won their cup match away against Duffield Meadows Primary School 5-0 on Wednesday evening!

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

Children in Need 2026—Friday 13th November

Next Friday, we will be inviting children to **wear a splash of yellow along with their school uniform on Friday 13th November.** Children can wear official Children in Need merchandise or any other item of yellow clothing **along with their uniform—NO JEANS please.**



As usual, we will be creating a large Pudsey Bear outline somewhere in school to fill with any donations you wish to make for the charity.

DIARY DATES 2026-27		
Friday 13th November	All Day	Children in Need—wear a splash of yellow
Friday 13th November	Time TBC	Flu Vaccinations—Please see text message/email
Monday 16th November	All Day	Odd Socks Day—see below
Friday 27th November	All Day	INSET 3
Friday 18th December	3:30pm	End of Autumn 2 Term—break up for Christmas
Monday 4th January	8:55am	Spring 1 Term begins
Friday 12th February	3:30pm	End of Spring 1 Term—break up for half term
Monday 22nd February	8:55am	Spring 2 Term begins
Thursday 25th March	3:30pm	End of Spring 2 Term—break up for Easter break
Monday 12th April	8:55am	Summer 1 Term begins
Monday 3rd May	All Day	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Monday 10th May— Friday 14th May	All Week	Year 6 SATs—no authorised absences this week
Friday 28th May	3:30pm	End of Summer 1 Term—break up for half term
Monday 7th June	All Day	INSET 4
Tuesday 8th June	8:55am	Summer 2 Term begins
Friday 23rd July	3:30pm	End of Summer 2 Term—break up for Summer
Monday 26th July	All Day	INSET 5

Odd Socks Day—Monday 16th November



As usual, we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day, which marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week 2026 on **Monday 16th November**! We would like to invite the children to wear odd socks to school for the day to help raise awareness of the anti-bullying message which children will also hear in assemblies during the week.

In addition to this, as part of our revamped PSHE curriculum, all four year groups will be completing 'Bullying Matters' units in their PSHE lessons over the half term, with Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day a great way to begin their new units of work!

School Dinners

Next week, we will be on our **new** Week 2 Menu! Dinners cost £2.90 and can be ordered by your child in class each morning. Please pay for all meals in advance using your School Money account to save office staff from having to chase outstanding payments.

Remembrance

INVITATION

Your child has taken part in decorating 1 of 300 bespoke poppies as part of a project with local community group Carlisle Against Crime and Derby Museum of Making.

Carlisle Against Crime create a fantastic Remembrance display at the bottom of Carlisle Avenue each year.

This year, they worked with Derby Museum of Making to create 300 wooden poppies that will form part of the display and your child has played a part in creating the display.

Carlisle Against Crime would like to invite your child and family to their Remembrance event on

Saturday 7th November at 10:15am,

where you will be able to see the wonderful display and your child's contribution.

Bottom of Carlisle Avenue
DE23 3ET

We hope to see you there.

