



Thursday 9th January 2018

Term Dates 2017-2018

4 Sep - 20 Oct
30 Oct - 19 Dec
2 Jan - 16 Feb
26 Feb - 23 Mar
9 Apr - 25 May
4 Jun - 20 Jul

INSET DAYS

4.9.17
30.10.17
2.1.18
9.4.18
20.7.18

Public Holiday

May Day - Monday 7th May

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Newsletter

"We care about each other"

Welcome Back and Happy New Year.

E-safety

We understand that as our children grow it becomes increasingly difficult to keep up with the ways our children are using new and ever changing technologies. Our children are immersed in a society that has become dependent on powerful computers, including smart phones, tablets, interactive games and virtual communities.

National reports show that most incidents of misuse of social media sites happen at home, after school hours when children have access to websites that have been blocked at school. With this in mind, we'd like to remind parents of the 'parental control settings' information on our website. Parents might also find the information on: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> helpful. As always, please speak to school staff if you have any concerns or would like any advice.

Before School Club

A recent questionnaire sent out by the Explorers' committee showed an interest in a club for children before school.

We are currently in discussions with the Chris Hill sports provider about the possibility of setting up a sports club from 8:00 until 8:45 for a daily charge in the region of £3 to £4. This club would not provide breakfast but children would be welcome to bring a cereal bar or healthy snack to eat at the club. Please complete the attached slip to indicate whether you would use a Before School Sports Club.

Start of the School Day

We have always welcomed parents into school at the beginning of the school day. This is a valuable time in the morning to settle our younger children and to speak to

school staff. We have no intention of stopping this practice. However, in light of the current congestion of traffic on School Lane and the difficulties with parking, and the congestion in the corridor in the mornings; I would like to remind parents, especially of junior children, that parents do not have to stay in school until 8:45. Children are supervised in the playground from 8:35. We would encourage parents to drop their children off in the playground or at the door when this is appropriate. We hope that if enough parents do this some days each week, this will alleviate the current congestion.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for parking considerately, especially during the bad weather. We appreciate that this isn't always easy.

Book at Bedtime

Please remember to return your 'Book at Bedtime' form by Monday. Children will need to bring a mug with them for hot chocolate. There is no cost to this event.

Reading at Home

Numerous research shows that learning to read, and enjoying reading, is directly linked to a child's success in school and beyond. In school, our children read daily. We teach reading through our daily English lessons and our weekly 'guided reading' sessions. In order for our children to excel, however, they must read at home. From tomorrow onwards, all children will be given a 'reading chart' each week. We expect all our children to read at least 5 times a week and for an adult at home to sign or initial one box for each day they have read. Of course, parents are still encouraged to write comments in the journals.

Diary Dates

(For a complete and up-to-date list of events please check the calendar section of the website)

11.1.18, 18.1.18 and 25.1.18 - Year 1 and Reception children taking part in Derbyshire's balanceability training sessions

17.1.18 - Whole school Yoga taster sessions - postponed

18.1.18 - Book at Bedtime

26.1.18 - Family Worship led by class 3

31.1.18 - Change for Life event for year 5

2.2.18 - Family Worship led by class 2

7.2.18 - MAST assembly

9.2.18 - Family Worship led by class 1

15.2.18 - Cluster Junior Cross Country Event (at Taddington) - all day

16.2.18 - Break up for February half term

1.3.18 - World Book Day

8.3.18 - International women's day

15.3.18 - India afternoon

20.3.18 - Parents' Evening (3:20-6:00)

21.3.18 - Parents' Evening (6:00 - 8:00)

23.3.18 - Easter Service (9:30)

23.3.18 - Egg Rolling pm

23.3.18 - Break up for Easter

9.4.18 - INSET day

10.4.18 - children return to school

My child/ren _____ would be interested in using a **Before School Sports Club**.

We would use the club on the following days (tick all applicable):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Signed _____

