



Thursday 6th April 2017

Term Dates 2016-2017

5 Sep- 21 Oct
 31 Oct - 20 Dec
 3 Jan - 10 Feb
 20 Feb - 7 Apr
 24 Apr - 26 May
 5 Jun - 21 Jul

INSET DAYS

5.9.16
 21.10.16
 3.1.17
 20.2.17
 5.6.17

Public Holiday

May Day - Monday 1st May

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Newsletter

"We care about each other"

Easter Gardens

What a lovely selection of Easter gardens we have seen this term. Many thanks to the children (and their families) for their hard work. The winning gardens will be taken to church to display on Friday where the winners will be announced.

Musical Communities

This year we have been fortunate to be part of Derbyshire Music Partnership's "Musical Communities" project. This has involved fortnightly sessions for our infant children and training for staff. We would like to remind parents of younger children that there is also the Musical Gems Toddler Group each fortnight. Next term this will begin 25.04.17 and take place at the Institute at 9am.

Easter Service

Just a reminder that tomorrow's Easter Service starts at 2pm, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt (thank you to the PFA for organising this). Children who are at Explorers on Friday night (inc. Hockey) will walk back to school. Everyone else should be collected from church after the service.

Easter PFA Event

Another reminder of the PFA Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet Parade on Saturday 8th April from 10am to noon. Donations of cakes are welcome tomorrow or on the day.

School Uniform

We have set up an online uniform ordering system with 2 suppliers - Andrew Hyde Ltd (our current supplier) and F&F (Tesco). The website links are:

<http://www.ahyde.co.uk/>

<http://www.ff-ues.com/>

We do still have some stock in school which we would like to sell so please do check with us if you can.

Hall Update

We would like to express our huge thanks to all our children, parents and carers for bearing with us while we have been experiencing difficulties with our school hall floor. There will need to be some significant repair works to the floor over the coming weeks and months and the hall will remain out of action for much of the summer term.

We have booked the Institute Hall for 2 mornings each week during the summer term. We will continue to make use of our outdoor areas for PE sessions during the drier weather and will also be joining in with cluster sporting events wherever appropriate.

Family Worship

Although we are unable to have our usual weekly family worship, we have booked the Institute Friday 19th May and Friday 9th June. More details to follow. Should the weather remain dry next term we are planning some outdoor worship and will invite parents wherever possible. Again we thank you for your patience.

Sports Day

This year's Sports Day will take place (weather permitting) on Wednesday 24th May from 1.30pm onwards.

Parking

Can we remind parents, yet again, that the zigzag lines outside school should be left clear. We have already spoken to and text a number of parents who continue to park in this area.

On-Line Safety

Childline have recently released a new app for children. This app is aimed at young people over 12 and we are recommending that parents consider installing and setting up this app for children after transition to secondary school. It is full of useful information as well as a point of contact to childline.



Diary Dates

- 7.4.17 - Easter service and Easter Egg hunt
- 8.4.17 - Easter Egg Hunt -PFA event
- 25.04.17 - Musical Gems - Toddler Group 9am
- 9.05.17 - Musical Gems - Toddler Group 9am
- 24.05.17 - Sports Day 1.30pm

Assessment dates

- Throughout May - Year 2 SATs tests
- Week beginning 8.5.17- Year 6 SATs week
- Week beginning 12.6.17 - Year 1 phonics screen check

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Staffing changes in September

I am writing to inform you of changes to staffing which will affect infant children next year.

Mrs Gallagher has announced her intention to retire at the end of the summer term. She is a long standing, and much loved, member of our school team. Although Mrs Gallagher will be greatly missed by us all, I am sure that you will join with us in wishing her all the best for the future. Personally I would like to thank Mrs Gallagher for her hard work, enthusiasm and kindness over the 3 years we have worked together.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Chapman is expecting her second baby in September and will be starting her maternity leave from the end of the summer term.

We are currently starting the process of advertising for an infant teacher and will update parents as soon as a suitable teacher has been appointed.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K O'Connor
Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to invite you to our school on Friday 5th May at 9:00.

At that time, your child(ren) will join in Project ACES (All

Children Exercising Simultaneously). This is the world's largest exercise class. Our school is participating along with thousands of schools around the world. Millions of other students will be taking part in their own Project ACES Day programme.

Our Project ACES Day programme is organised to:

- Teach our children to be fit for life, encouraging quality daily exercise for everyone.
- Demonstrate our school's commitment to health education, including fitness and good nutrition.
- Stimulate physical fitness and good health habits among all the families and individuals in our school community. It's not just for children and young people.

We are also promoting PACES (Parents & Children Exercise Simultaneously). You are invited to attend our ACES event and then join in with any of the PACES events every Saturday afterwards. You can register for PACES on line, so your family is recognized as participating with the millions worldwide. IT'S FREE! Sign up at:

<http://www.lensaunders.com/paces/signup.php>.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. O'Connor'.

Mrs Karen O'Connor

Headteacher

