



Thursday 10th November 2016

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"

Our children have been very busy this term so far. We have to say thank you to many parents and members of our school community.

Science Day

WOW! What an inspirational day we had at the end of last half term when Mike and Paul came to visit us as part of the STEM project to share a wide range of science knowledge and, of course, share the Virtual Reality head-sets.

Music Events

We have been invited to take part in 2 separate musical events this year.

The first is a selection of singing workshops for year 3 and 4 children which are being run by Derbyshire's Music Partnership. Our children have 3 sessions in school in November and then a final workshop, joining with 3 other local schools. More information will follow.

The second event is an ongoing music project which will take place all year. This is for our Infant children who will be working with a group of children from Earl Sterndale. Alongside this is a parent and toddler music session and is open to all parents from school or the local community. Both of these run on alternate Tuesdays and started this week. (Dates and times are available on the calendar page of the school website).

ipads

Our PFA have very generously donated 3 new ipads to school. These arrived in school last week and are being used in class. We are very grateful for this up-to-date resource.

Crosses

Following another generous donation from the committee of the Taddington Wells Dressing Festival, we have purchased new crosses for use in our collective worship. These were very gratefully received as many of the old crosses have become worn and broken.

Safeguarding - Anti-Bullying week

Next week is Anti-Bullying week and this is an opportunity for our children to review our Anti-Bullying procedures. We will be asking school council to think about what improvements we could make. The children will also be working together during the week to think about our similarities and differences.

Sports

Having listened to the ideas of a number of parents and to requests from our children we have allocated some of our Sports Funding this year to developing 3 different things:

1. PE lessons with a sports coach (Chris Hill). These will be taking place at intervals throughout this year and began this week with gymnastics for the junior classes.
2. Improve the activities available at playtimes (Peak Active Sport - PAS). These sessions run on one lunch-time each week and promote health, fitness and sportsmanship and enable our older children to learn some coaching skills by teaching our infant children.
3. Improve access to a wider range of sports - Explorers led dodgeball sessions (see letter dated 8.11.16)

Cross Country - Well done to Libby, Jack and Emily for taking part in the Buxton Area Cross Country competition in October. All 3 children ran fantastically (despite the terrible weather).

Football - Our team has already played a number of friendly matches with Peak Dale Primary School and Buxton Junior School. We now wish them lots of luck for their upcoming matches at The Arc.

Assessment Events

Just a reminder about the assessment evenings this term. (These will be particularly interesting to parents with children in years 2 and 6.)

Each event will take place during the school day and be repeated with an evening event (no need to come to both - they will be identical).

Year 6 meeting - Wednesday 16th November at 6:30
(repeated Friday 18th November at 2pm)

Year 2 meeting - Wednesday 23rd November at 6:30
(repeated Friday 25th November at 2pm)

Headlice

Unfortunately we have had a few cases of headlice reported to school. Please can I ask parents to be vigilant in checking your child/ren's heads regularly. We have a small selection of head lice combs in school if you would like one.

School Fund

Please remember that school fund costs £14 for the terms from September to December. This money pays for fruit for junior children and is collected to pay for our school trips and visitors. This means that we don't have to ask for larger amounts of money each time that we take our children out.

Diary Dates

11.11.16 - Class 1 leading collective worship

13.11.16 - Church Remembrance service (10am)

14.11.16 - 18.11.16 - Anti-Bullying week

2.12.16 - Advent Story Telling day

2.12.16 - PFA Christmas Fair

15.12.16 - 2pm and 6:30pm - Christmas play

16.12.16 - Christmas craft day and Christmas lunch

19.12.16 - Children's Christmas party

20.12.16 - 2:15pm Christmas service in Church

20.12.16 - Finish for Christmas

Christmas Break

3.1.17 - INSET day

4.1.17 - Children return after the Christmas Break