



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> May

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# Newsletter

*"We care about each other"*

### Harvest

Many thanks to all those parents who brought produce to this year's Harvest festival and those who attended class 2's soup sharing and service.

This year's Harvest celebration raised £47.80 for our linked schools in Kolkata (India). This will be sent to Derby Diocese to support their project raising money for Kolkata schools. Last year Derby Diocese school raised a total of £8,991 to support their work with schools in deprived areas of India.

Infant children  
delivering Harvest  
produce.

Class 2 children



celebrating Harvest  
and sharing God's  
bountiful gifts.

### School Council

This year's school council is:

Lan, Archie, Jack L, Esme, Maisie, Ronnie, Ruby G, Cairon,  
Grace, William

They have been meeting every fortnight.

### Black History Month

We are taking part in National Black History Month again this year as part of a co-ordinated 'diversity' project with our cluster of small schools. We look forward to sharing this work with children from other schools. Junior children should return their projects by 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## **Attendance**

This year we are focusing on the attendance of children at school. For a number of years the overall school attendance for our school has been below the national average. This year we will continue to inform parents with children whose attendance is below 90%. We will now be asking parents of children whose attendance is either below 90% (or persistently below 95%) to attend an attendance review meeting with school and welfare staff in order to assist families in improving attendance rates.

We will, of course, continue to recognise the excellent attendance of a number of our children through the 100% attendance awards each term.

## **Explorers' sports sessions**

A reminder that Explorers are again running sessions paid for through the school sports funding. Next term these will be dance sessions. They are open to all children (Reception through to year 6). Please return your form if your child(ren) would like to take part.

## **On-Line Safety**

Our children have been thinking this term about how to stay safe online with a focus on who they would talk to if they found online content that they didn't like (whether this is inappropriate images, language or on-line bullying). We ask parents to talk about this with their children. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns about online safety.

## **FSM**

A reminder that free school meals are available for those families who are eligible. If you believe you might be eligible, please contact Derbyshire County Council to make an application.

## **Sports Award**

During the summer we received confirmation that we had again won the School Games Silver Award for our work developing and sustaining PE, sports and physical activity.

## **Mrs Chapman**

Great news- Mrs Chapman has had a baby boy! I am sure that you will all join us in sending the Chapman family our congratulations.

## **Diary Dates**

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

18.10.17 and 19.10.17 - Parents' evenings (more details to follow)

**30.10.17 - INSET day (children not in school)**

8.11.17 - Flu vaccines for Rec to year 4 children

10.11.17 - School remembrance worship (2:30)

13.11.17-17.11.17- Anti-Bullying Week

1.12.17 - Advent story telling day

13.12.17 - Christmas production (pm and evening) - to be led by infant children

14.12.17 - Christmas dinner

15.12.17 - Christmas party

18.12.17 - Christmas craft day

19.12.17 - Christmas carol service (2:15)