



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back.....

Pupils have returned to school well rested and ready to learn. We hope you have all had an enjoyable Easter break.

We have lots of exciting events happening over the summer term so please keep checking in the newsletters or on our website for further information.

Value of the week.....

This week our focus has been how to care for our environment. To celebrate World Earth Day we held a whole school assembly to discuss ways in which we can preserve and protect our environment. Pupils thought of many great suggestions such as picking up rubbish and turning lights off.

Our school leadership groups have since held a meeting to discuss ways in which we can help care for our environment while at school such as checking laptops and computers are switched off at the end of the day. Each group have a focus for the rest of the term.

Bikeability.....

Year 5 and Reception both took part in a bikeability workshop last week. Year 5 focussed on honing their bike skills, building on their core strength and concentrating on their balance when riding a bike. Reception class began their class on balance bikes, once that was mastered, some children moved onto trying with pedal bikes. Both classes worked very hard.

PSCO walk around.....

Pupils enjoyed the chance to speak to Officer Shaw and Officer Potter during lunch time. Children got the chance to ask lots of questions. They were very polite and each pupil waited their turn, well done.

Fitness is fun.....

On Wednesday, Year 3 and some Year 4s participated in DCCT 'Fitness is Fun' event at Derby Tennis Centre. The children took part in numerous activities that focused on their fitness and learning about their heart.

They began with long distance running while counting the number of laps they had ran. Pupils then practised how to take their pulse and observed how it changed when they went from resting to taking part in exercise. They all could feel that their heart beats became quicker the more active they had been. As the morning went on, the children continued to develop their fitness skills as they competed against each other in different relay races and finally they completed a circuit of different exercises to build up their fitness, including star jumps, planks, mountain climbs and burpees. The children had a great time at the event and it was clear that they had all worked very hard.

Year 5 taster day.....

Year 5 began their taster day with a tour of West Park, led by Mrs Hardy. Pupils were surprised at how much bigger it is than Meadow Farm, with lots of floors and rooms. Following the tour, pupils took part in both a Geography and French lesson. Pupils had lots of opportunities to ask any questions they had and there was lots of information shared on the day.

At the end of the day pupils had the chance to meet Mr McGregor the Headteacher. Mr McGregor reported that the class had received great feedback from all staff and that they were a pleasure to have at West Park.

Year 5 all agreed it was a fantastic day which was very informative. Hopefully this taster day has given the children an insight into secondary school and alleviated any worries about starting Year 7.

Reminders.....

As we return from half term please remember the following information –

- We are now a cashless school and all payments for snack, dinner money and trips should be made through parent pay. If you are unsure or need any help please speak to the office team.
- Children should not bring mobile phones, games consoles or other items from home to school. Please make sure your child is not bringing any unwanted items to school.
- School doors open at 8.40am ready to begin learning at 8.45am. Please make every effort to be on time.
- Please dismount any bicycles or scooters before entering school grounds. Children may leave their items safely in our bicycle shed during school hours.
- Please make sure children with long hair have it tied in a bobble.
- Parking has continued to be an issue this past term, with many of our neighbours complaining about inconsiderate and dangerous parking and speeding. Please think twice before you leave your car blocking driveways, double parked or creating tight spaces and reduce your speed. If a fire engine/ambulance cannot fit through do not leave your car.
- Inset days – We have now booked in two inset days on Friday 24th May and Monday 1st July.

DATES	EVENT
15.04.24	Bikeability Year 5
16.04.24	Bikeability Reception
16.04.24	PCSO lunch time walk around
17.04.24	Fitness is fun event Year 3/Year 4
24.04.24	Compass workshop Year 2/Year 6
26.04.24	Year 5 West Park taster day
26.04.24	Mixed tri golf Year 4
29.04.24	Bent Farm and Tissington Hall Year 5
02.05.24	Cricket event Year 1/Year 2
06.05.24	Bank holiday
13.05.24 - 17.05.24	Mental Health awareness week
21.05.24	Museum of magnitude Year 4
24.05.24	Inset day
27.05.24 – 31.05.24	Half term
03.06.24 – 07.06.24	Multiplication check Year 4
07.06.24	Celebration of dance
17.06.24 – 21.06.24	Sports week
18.06.24	EYFS/KS1 sports day
19.03.24	KS2 Sports day
20.06.24	Photographers in school – class photos/Year 6 leavers
21.06.24	Sports for school athlete visit
24.06.24 – 28.06.24	World wellbeing week
25.06.24	Compass transition workshop Year 6
26.06..24	Halle concert Year 5
01.07.24	Inset day