



NEWSLETTER

NEWSLETTER EIGHT – 19TH January 2024

Welcome back.....

What a fantastic start to our new term; pupils have come in happy, refreshed and ready to learn! This term our aim is for all pupils to be in school by 8.45am. Please remember school gates and classroom doors are locked at 8.45am. After this time your child will be required to enter through the office. If your child comes in late they not only disrupt the other learners in class but they also miss out on valuable learning time. Please make every effort to be punctual.

Value of the week.....

This week we have been focussing on how to think bigger. We have been putting this into practice in a number of different ways such as problem solving, showing imagination and taking risks in a controlled way. I want to encourage our pupils to become aspirational in their thinking and learning and know anything is possible if you think bigger! We learned about Louis Braille this week as an important figure who changed history. He was instrumental in making it possible for the integration of blind people into society.

Say Hello.....

We welcome a new member of staff to the Meadow Farm team.... Miss Bunting has joined us in Year 4 and Nursery. Please make her feel welcome if you see her around school.

Pupil absence.....

If your child is absent please ring the office and use the voicemail to leave an answerphone (Option 1). A dojo to your child's class teacher can be missed when they are teaching so please make sure you are ringing through to the office also.

Breakfast club.....

In case you were not aware we run a breakfast club every day from 7.30am. It costs £3.75 per day and includes options such as toast, various cereals, fruit juice or milk. Please contact the school office to book on in advance.

Inset day.....

Our next inset day will be on 16th February. School will be closed to pupils while staff undertake training on how to support our pupils to have good mental health. This will be led by 'Bridge the Gap' who are an emotional literacy based service.

Derby county community trust.....

We are once again working closely with DCCT to deliver an active schools programme to our pupils. Year 3 and Year 4 are taking part with Resilient Rammie and Year 5 are taking part in the Joy of moving. DCCT will also be delivering an after school football club this half term. They are also delivering the active schools programme.

Bicycles and scooters.....

It is great to see so many children choosing healthy travel to and from school but please can you remind your child to dismount their bicycles and scooters before entering the playground. Bicycles and scooters can be parked up in our bike shed opposite the reception class room. Thank you for your support.

Attendance.....

Well done to Year 5 who achieved 100% attendance last week. Year 4 were close behind with 97.14%.

Parent pay.....

This term we will be moving over to Parent Pay. You will be able to pay for your child's dinner money, school trips and nursery fees on the parent pay website. We are hoping for a smooth transition as we move over to the cashless system. More information will be released as we move forward so please look out for that.

Nursery spaces.....

We know from our attainment data that children who attend our school nursery make better progress and achieve better results in their first year at school. If you have a child who is 3 or younger and you are interested in them attending nursery in the future, please ask the school office for an application form. This will help school plan for numbers and ensure your child secures a place. If you would like to look around nursery, please ask and nursery staff will be happy to talk to you and answer any questions. If you know anyone with young children who are interested in our school, please pass on this message. Thank you.

DATES	
22.01.24	Police officer visit EYFS
22.01.24	Year 6 I can I will workshop
24.01.24	Dental survey
29.01.24	Year 1 Chaddesden Park Geography trip
31.01.24	Year 3 trip to Shardlow River
02.02.24	NSPCC number day
06.02.24	UK safer internet day
12.02.24	Coffee morning – Maths
12.02.24	School health team to see Year 6 – Wellbeing questionnaire
13.02.24	Year 5 trip to Bennerley Viaduct
13.02.24/15.02.24	Parent's evening
15.02.24	Year 6 trip to Derby Gaol
16.02.24	Inset day
19.02.24 – 23.02.24	Half term