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October Newsletter 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy start to the term we have had. **Thank you** to everyone who has donated to the Clay Cross Food Bank as part of our Harvest assemblies. They will be collecting the items next week, so if there are any more donations due to come in, please can these come to the hall by **Friday 11th October**.

Year 3 have visited Brackenhurst to explore the Stone Age, both Year 2 and Year 3 have been to some sporting events held by Qualitas for multi sports and benchball. Year 4 will be We have three football teams, a Year 3/4 boys, Year 6 mixed and and Key Stage 2 girls football team. We are starting to arrange the friendlies but we have our first Year 6 tournament starting this week. After half term we will be holding the netball try-outs for our netball team. You may have spotted some new netball equipment, we have new bibs and goals. We are awaiting our new team kit.

Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 had a visit from the NSPCC to follow up on the assembly's each class has held. We are fortunate to have them come and deliver the Speak Out, Stay Safe programme. Year 2 and Year 6 have also had their sessions on fire safety from the Fire Brigade.

Mrs Ellis brought in her guinea pigs to meet some of classes, they were very well behaved and didn't try to escape.

The end of September saw us say goodbye to Mrs Parker (nee Miss Kirkland) and welcome back Miss Booker. Miss Booker is working in Reception and Year 6.

Year 5 have started their ukulele lessons and should have taken home a letter with details about bringing home the ukulele's. We usually hold two parent performances over the year and details of these will come out nearer the time.

Year 1 are holding a phonics information session afterschool on Monday 7th October, just pop to the classroom at pick up time.

Some families have asked for examples of snack ideas, please see the flyer attached.

Our pupils have been very receptive to learning Makaton signs in our assemblies. So far we have learnt hello, goodbye, good morning, good afternoon, yes, no, please, thank you, wait, sandwiches, dinners, banana, orange and apple. Has your child shown you the different signs?

Parents Evening links will be sent out later this week, to enable you to sign up to meet with your child's teacher. Please do not book back to back appointments with siblings in other classes in case sessions run over time. For separated families we have some additional appointments available. Should none of

the dates or times be suitable, you can contact your child's teacher to see if you can agree a mutually suitable alternative. We will be running the book fair in the hall, payments are electronic and we no longer accept cash. I will be in the hall for any parents wishing to speak to me.

Kindest regards

Mrs Kavanagh

PLAYTIME HEALTHY SNACK IDEAS

bread sticks
raisins
fruit
veg - like carrot batons
malt loaf
rice cakes (not choc covered)

cheese
yogurt pouches/tubes
fruit winders
healthier cereal bars
(no choc or nuts)

Please do not send:
crisps (including mini cheddars)
chocolate
cake
sweets
biscuits
products containing nuts
juice

Pupils may be asked to keep snacks in their drawers,
so please consider the size of packaging.

Applying for Secondary School and Reception in 2025



For our families in Year 6, the time to apply for secondary schools has arrived. Applications close on 31st October (half term).

Further information can be found here:

[Parents' guide to secondary admissions - Derbyshire County Council](#)

We have started running school tours for the next intake for our Reception class. If you would like to arrange for a tour with your child, please contact the office for dates. If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you should apply for their infant or primary school place by 15 January 2025. You'll be able to apply from 9am on 11 November 2024.

Here is a link for applying for Reception places:

[Apply for a school place - Derbyshire County Council](#)

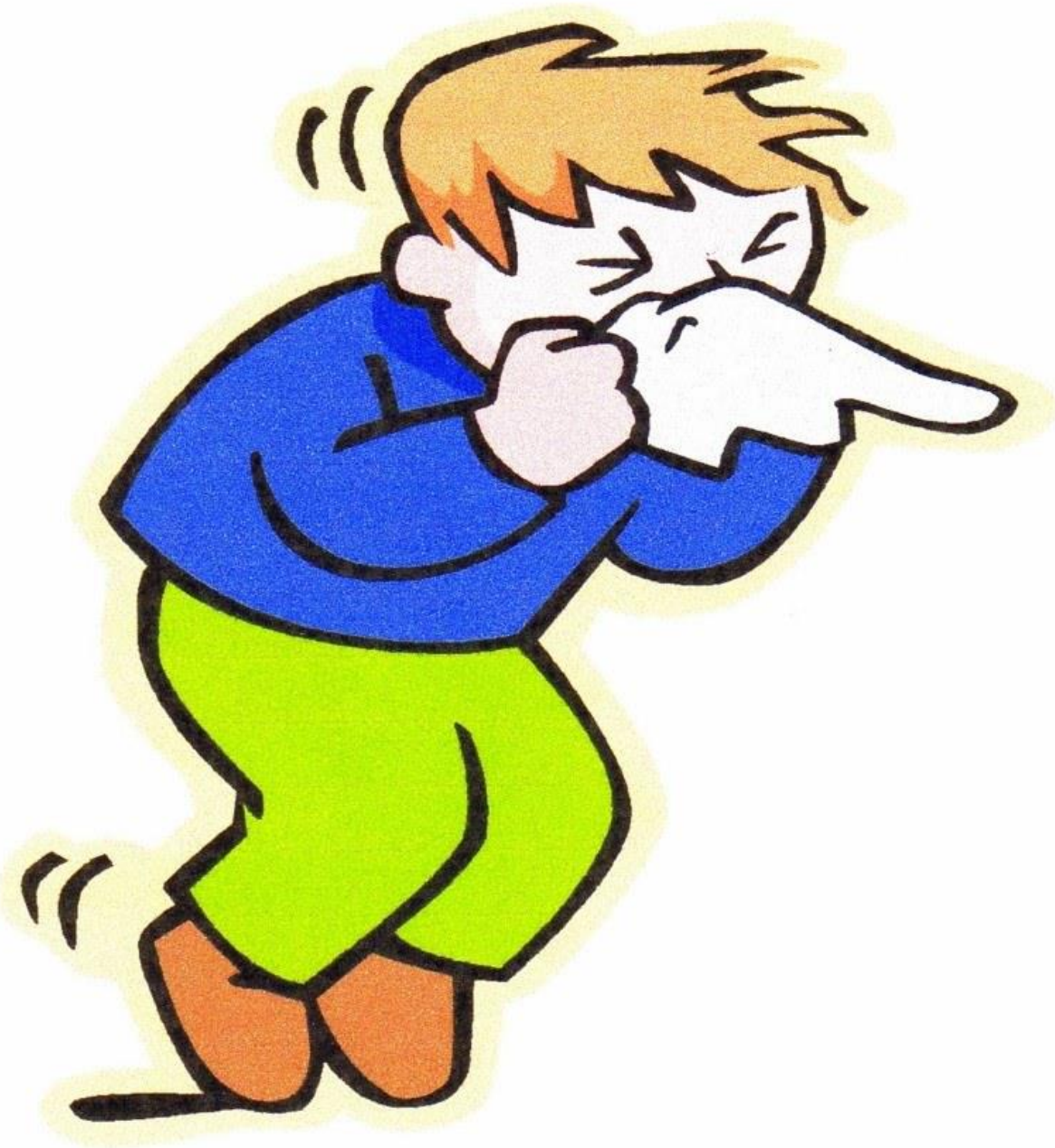
School Photographer - Individual and Sibling Photos



Our school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 9th October**.

For those who wish siblings who do not attend our school to have photos together, you can come at 8.30am - 9am. For those with siblings in school, we will arrange for them to have their photos taken together.

Flu Vaccinations



If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link. <https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/16f214a8>

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on Monday 4th November 2024. School just hosts the vaccinations, all consent and queries should be directed to the immunisation team.

The link will close on the 21st October 2024. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2024, please ignore this message.

If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 5.

Friends of Park House Primary School



In the next few weeks we will be holding the AGM for the Friends of Park House. If you are able to spare an hour of your time to attend, we would be very grateful.

The Friends of Park House raise money which reduces the costs of trips, funds gifts at Christmas and also the Leaver's hoodies for Year 6, they help fund the panto and also helps with bigger projects across school. In the last two years, they helped to fund the replacement summer house and money raised last year is going towards improving playtime activities.

After half term we have our first disco of the year. Without your help to set up and run the stalls, we are unable to run the discos as we do. If you are able to help, please let Mrs Kavanagh or the Friends of Park House know. We will put a sign up sheet in the baking kitchen, which you are also able to sign up on. Just pop in and add your name for when you are available.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Key Dates For Your Diary



2024/25 Term Dates

Autumn Term

- **4 September 2024 to 25 October 2024 (38 days)**
- **4 November 2024 to 20 December 2024 (35 days)**

4.9.24 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

5.9.24 Start of term for pupils.

9.9.24 Yr 3 and Yr 4 Football Team try-outs 3.30pm-4.30pm

12.9.24 Full Governors Meeting (FGB)

16.9.24 Yr 5 and Yr 6 Football Team try-outs 3.30pm-4.30pm

18.9.24 Yr 2 Qualitas Multi-skills event

23.9.24 Yr 3 Trip to Brackenhurst

1.10.24 NSPCC workshops for Yr 2, Yr 5 and Yr 6.

2.10.24 Yr 3 Qualitas Bench Ball event

2.10.24 Yr 2 and Yr 6 Fire Safety Workshops

9.10.24 School Photographer - individual pupils and siblings

15.10.24 Crack Pot Assembly

16.10.24 Yr 4 Qualitas Fencing event

22.10.24-24.10.24 Parents Evening (signing up will take place during the w/c 7.10.24)

25.10.24 Break up for half term.

4.11.24 School reopens

8.11.24 Disco (tbc)

14.11.24 Full Governors Meeting (FGB)

21.11.24 Yr 1 Qualitas Gymnastics event

2.12.24 Yr 3 swimming starts (every Monday until 3.3.25)

15.11.24 Children in Need - Mad Hair Day for a £1 donation.

21.11.24 Yr 1 Qualitas Gymnastics event

10.12.24 Rec/KS1 Nativity time tbc

11.12.24 Yr 5 Qualitas Dodgeball event

11.12.25 Rec/KS1 Nativity time tbc.

13.12.24 Panto

17.12.24 KS2 Carol Concert times tbc

18.12.24 Christmas Party Lunch

19.12.24 Christmas Dinner

20.12.24 Last day of term - break up for Christmas holidays.

Spring Term

- **6 January 2025 to 14 February 2025(30 days)**
- **24 February 2025 to 4 April 2025 (30 days)**

6.1.25 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

7.1.25 School reopens

14.2.25 last day of half term

4.4.25 last day of term - break up for Easter holidays

Summer Term

- **22 April 2025 to 23 May 2025 (5 May 2025 is a bank holiday) (23 days)**
- **2 June 2025 to 24 July 2025 (39 days)**

23.5.25 last day of half term

2.6.25 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

25.6.25 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

23.7.25 Last day of term - break up for summer holidays.

24.7.25 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

2024/25 Inset days:

- Wednesday 4th September 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025
- Friday 2nd June 2025
- Wednesday 25th June 2025
- Thursday 24th July 2025