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# March 2024 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely half term break. We have a short 5 week half term ahead of us, breaking up on Thursday 28th March for Easter. We will be running an Easter Sports Camp for 3 days on the 9th-11th April, further information is below.

Just a quick reminder to please ensure all uniform and lunch boxes are named so we can return them to their owners.

We have some exciting events coming up this half term including the Reception trip to Matlock Farm Park, the Reception and Year 2 Qualitas dance festival, Year 3 swimming lessons, the Year 5 residential to Lea Green, STEM week and not forgetting a variety of sporting fixtures.

**World Book Day**

To celebrate the love of reading we are celebrating World Book Day by dressing up in our pyjamas and snuggling up to a story time with hot chocolate. Please come wearing your pyjamas and school shoes and bring suitable coats for the weather. There is no charge for this event. This has also tied in with the launch of the 'Golden Tickets'. There is a small number of golden tickets hidden in the libraries in school. If your child comes home with a book and finds a ticket hidden inside, once they have read the book, they can visit Mrs Key in Year 6. Mrs Key has some questions for them to check the book has been read and the lucky recipient will win their own book to keep. So far in the last few weeks we had one confirmed winner and a few pupils trying their luck.

Thank you to everyone who purchased books at the book fair. We receive a commission on all purchases, and this has enabled the School Council to choose some books to be added to their class libraries.

### **Breakfast and afterschool club charges**

With the increased costs of food and wages and to ensure we break even to continue running, we need to make some changes to our pricing structure. **From September 2024** we will be removing the partial breakfast club option and the reduced rate for booking both the breakfast and afterschool club option.

Therefore, costs will be:

- Breakfast Club £5, no entry after 8.30am and anyone attending after 8.15am will not receive food.
- Afterschool club will be £5 for the first hour and £10 for the full club, times are from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

To ensure we can maintain the relevant staffing ratios, you need to book on more than 4 days in advance. ParentPay will not let you book on within the 4 days (e.g. Friday to Monday). Should you need places at short notice, you can ring the Office who will be happy to check availability and book you on.

### **Assessments**

**Year 2** end of key stage assessments (SATs) are no longer statutory to undertake. Schools can opt out and run our own assessments. We are still required to report pupil attainment to the local authority and Governors. We have decided that we may use aspects of the end of key stage assessments, but these will not need to follow the strict timeframe as experienced in previous years.

**Year 6** end of key stage assessments (SATs) will take place the week commencing 13th May. There is a parents information session on Tuesday 27th February at 4.30pm in the Year 6 classroom.

**Year 4 and Year 1** will undertake their multiplication check and phonics screening assessments in June.

### **ClassDojo messages**

Teachers are unable to respond to dojo messages during teaching time and therefore messages about being collected early or appointments will need to go through the office please. Teachers are asked to

check for messages on a weekly basis and therefore time sensitive messages will need to go through the office also.

Kindest regards

Mrs Kavanagh

[Friends of Park House Disco](#)





The Friends of Park House are holding their next disco on Friday 1st March. **We are in need of helpers and cake donations.**

If you are able to help out with preparations behind the scenes or even on the day, please either let Mrs Kavanagh or the Friends of Park House know.

If you can help with cake donations, please bring these to the baking kitchen on Friday morning.

Pupils in Year 5/6 who usually walk home will be able to change in their classrooms and wait for the disco start time, they will need to be collected at 6pm. All other pupils will need to be collected and then enter the disco at 4pm. Pupils in Reception will require an adult to attend with them.

Any Yr 5/6 mobile phones will need to be handed in and will be stored in the office during the disco.

School Photographer - Wednesday 28th February



On Wednesday 28th February, we have the school photographers in during the morning to take class photos and also groups/teams. Please can all pupils come wearing their school uniform. The football teams will need to bring their team kit to change into, we will arrange kit for the netball team. School Council. iVengers and Playground Buddies will all have group shots taken too.

## Premier Sports Camps - Easter Holidays



We are running an Easter Sports Camp on **Tuesday 9th April to Thursday 11th April for £13 per day.**

- Sports Camps are open to pupils aged 5 years and over on the date of the camps.
- You will be able to sign up and pay via ParentPay from Monday 4th March.
- Places are limited to 30 pupils per day.
- Pupils attending will need to bring a packed lunch, drinks and snack.
- The day runs from 9am to 3pm from the school hall. If your child does not attend once booked, unfortunately no refunds will be possible.
- Due to the unpredictable nature of the UK weather, pupils should wear sports clothes and layers suitable for the weather. No crop top style sports wear is allowed.
- Jewellery should be removed and hair tied back that reaches the shoulders.
- Pupils should be dropped off and collected from the pedestrian entrance near the crossing.

We will be running a Summer Sports Camp at the end of July into the beginning of August.

## Key Dates For Your Diary



### **2023/2024 Academic year Inset days will be:**

- Monday 4th September - Completed
  - Tuesday 5th September - Completed
  - Friday 22nd December - Completed
  - Friday 24th May
  - Wednesday 26th June

### **Term Dates 2023/2024**

#### **Spring Term**

**8.1.24 School Back**

**16.02.24 last day of half term**

**26.02.24 School starts back**

26.2.24 Yr 3 Swimming starts

28.2.24 School Photographers - classes and teams

1.3.24 Disco 4pm-6pm

1.3.24 Non-uniform day for Year 1 for winning Numbots competition

1.3.24 Qualitas Netball Tournament

5.3.24 Yr 5 Lea Green parents meeting 3.40pm in the hall

5.3.24 & 7.3.24 Rescheduled Yr1 parents evening.

7.3.24 Yr 6 Sheffield Lyceum trip (pm) school uniform please

7.3.24 World Book Day - PJ's and hot chocolate (come wearing your pyjama's to school)

7.3.24 Full Governing Body meeting

8.3.24 Non-uniform day for chocolate donations for Friends of Park House chocolate raffle.

W/C 11.3.24 Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) week

14.3.24 Qualitas Dance Festival **Yr 2 and Reception**

21.3.24 Yr 2 and Yr 4 Experience Easter sessions at St Mary's Church.

22.3.24 Qualitas Yr 5/6 Football Team Tournament

25.3.24 Reception Trip to Matlock Farm Park

26.3.24 Yr 3 & Yr 4 Easter Concert @ St Mary's Church tbc

27.3.24-28.3.24 Yr 5 Residential Trip to Lea Green

**28.03.24 Last day of term**

**Easter Sports Camp - 9.4.24-11.4.24**

**Summer Term**

**15.4.24 School starts back**

16.4.24 Yr 1 Trip to Sudbury Children's Museum

25.4.24 Yr 4 Tag Rugby Event TBC

26.4.24 Yr 5 and Yr 6 Lego Facilitator Event at St Mary's Church.

**2.5.24 Polling Station - School Closed**

3.5.24 School open

**6.5.24 Bank Holiday - School Closed**

W/C 13.5.24 End of KS2 Assessments (SATs)

17.5.24 Disco

**23.5.24 last day of half term**

**24.5.24 Inset day**

### **27.5.24 Bank Holiday - School Closed**

### **3.6.24 School starts back**

3.6.24 Yr 1 Gymnastics Event TBC

During June will be the Phonics Screening Check in Yr 1 and the Multiplication Check in Yr 4.

20.6.24 Yr 6 Tupton Transition Day

24.6.24 – 27.6.24 Yr 6 Tibshelf Transition Week

### **26.6.24 Inset day**

26.6.24 Yr 5 Halle Orchestra performance tbc

27.6.24 Yr 6 Tupton Transition Day

4.7.24 Yr 6 Tupton Transition Day

5.7.24 Yr 2/Yr 6 Qualitas Sports Day at the EIS

11.7.24 Yr 6 Tupton Transition Day

12.7.24 Sports Day (1pm)

18.7.24 Reserve Sports Day (in case of poor weather)

### **23.7.24 Last day of term**