



Having been at Mount Cook last week, it was great to do whole school assembly again on Friday. This is the only time we can gather together as a whole school and it is one of my favourite times of the week. It is a joy to celebrate with the children as they are commended for their achievements both in and out of school.

TTRockstars – congratulations to **India, William, Lola** and **Philip** who were awarded the TTRockstars trophies for amassing the most 'coins' on TTRockstars. When children go on TTRockstars, to support the learning of their multiplication tables, they earn 'coins' which they can spend on their avatar. We have found this website / app to be a motivating and engaging way to help children learn their multiplication facts.

Lost property - At the end of whole school assembly, I noticed some of our school jumpers on the stage. Each had a name inside and I was able to return all them to their rightful owners. How pleased I am to be able to say that! Thank you!

Free Style Dancing – we bid a fond goodbye to Michelle, our Free Style Dancing teacher, who conducted an after school dancing club on Mondays. We were very lucky to have Michelle teaching our dance class and to have kept her as long as we have, but she is now leaving us after securing a new job which is a full time post. On behalf of the whole school, I would like to say a huge thank you to Michelle for her commitment, energy and enthusiasm – a number of children have benefitted positively from her expertise and she will be greatly missed.

Y6 France Trip (9-12 October) – We will be holding a meeting for parents and children going on the residential to France on **Tuesday 25th September** at **6pm** in our school hall. Please bring your child's passport and E111 (EHIC) card to the meeting. You will be given a copy of the itinerary, but you may want to make notes. We expect the meeting to last about 40 minutes. Please ensure that signed copies of the consent form are returned to school by **Tuesday 25 September** and pocket money, labeled as suggested, by Wednesday 3 October.

School Photographs Wednesday 26th September – Children with pre-school siblings can have photographs taken from 8.30am in the Infant School Hall. Individual/sibling photographs will be taken during the school day. If your child has a sibling in the infant school, please can you let your child's class teacher know if you require them to have their photograph taken together?

European Day of Languages Wednesday 26 September – we would like to celebrate this in school by inviting any children who speak a language other than English at home (European or otherwise) or who have family members who do, to teach their class one or two simple words. They could even volunteer to take the register, and get their classmates to say 'hello/good morning' in the language. Any children who are confident and willing to have a go should let their class teacher know a day or two beforehand.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - Come and join us for our **Macmillan coffee afternoon** on **Thursday 27 September**. We'll be serving drinks and cake from 2.30pm, until all the cakes are sold, to raise money for Macmillan Cancer support. Enjoy a drink and cake before pick up and bring your children once school has ended. This is a great charity which aims to help those who have cancer not to have to face it alone, as well as supporting their friends and family. Our event at school last year was a resounding success and we want to raise even more this time! Additionally, **we need your help with cake**: please bring in cakes, buns, biscuits to the den in the morning for us to sell at the event. We look forward to seeing you all.

Parent Consultations week commencing 1 October – the booking system is now open for appointments. Please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and use event code **rbwvk** to book your appointment.

Y3 visit to The Deep Tuesday 2 October – information regarding this trip has been emailed to Parents of Y3 children. We ask parents to pay a voluntary contribution of £17 for this visit and would be grateful if you could pay this through ParentPay.

Book Fair 5-9 November – the Book Fair will be visiting school again between 5 – 9 November which will contain a great selection of books. Further information will be handed out nearer the time.

Sponsored Walk – We will be pleased to receive all sponsor money via ParentPay. If every child was able to collect £10 in sponsor money, we would raise £3700. We estimate that a new Adventure Playground will cost in the region of £20000, we are looking at other ways of raising money so that we can reach our target quickly. Thank you in advance. The payment item is now available on ParentPay – however, when setting this up, we are required to set a minimum payment (£1) and a maximum payment (£50) to create the item. Please ensure that you 'Choose Payment Amount' when making your payment to ensure you only pay your desired amount.

Photography/Video Consent – near the end of last term, we asked you to complete a form to provide consent for taking photos/video in school. If you completed one of these forms, we assume, unless you notify us otherwise, that the permissions you provided remain the same. A copy of the form will be given out to all new Y3 children and to anyone who did not complete one last year later this week. I would be grateful if you could complete this form and return it via your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Violin Lessons – we have a new violin teacher who has started with us. If your child is interested in having violin lessons, please leave your child's name and your contact details with Mrs Myers/Mrs Cooper in the office.

No Pens Day Wednesday – Wednesday 3 October. 'We are putting down our pens and picking up our language.' As a school we will be taking part in No Pens Day Wednesday, which is national event, where every lesson will be focused on learning through speaking and listening activities. A huge thank you to the year group teams for planning some great activities. Please talk to your child about what s/he has been involved in.

Secondary School – please can I remind all Y6 parents that they need to make an application to Derbyshire Council for a Secondary School place in September 2019. **The closing date for applications is 31 October.** You can do this online at https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school_places/default.asp

Mount St Mary's College Open Morning will be held on Saturday 6 October from 10am-1pm for Parents/children in Y6 looking for Secondary Schools. Please contact 01246 433388 for details or visit www.msmcollege.com.

Dates for your Diary (There will be many more dates to add!)

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25 September - Parents' and children's meeting regarding the France residential 6pm

26 September – School photographs (individuals and family groups).

w/c 1 October – Parent Consultations Week

2 October – Y3 Visit to The Deep

3 October – No Pens Day Wednesday

9 October – Y6 France residential to depart

12 October – Y6 France residential to return

19 October – Y4 Visit to Perlethorpe Education Centre

24 October – Break up for half term

25 October – INSET Day

26 October – INSET Day

31 October – Last date for applications for a Secondary School place

5 November – School re-opens
5-9 November – Travelling Book Fair
6 November – Open evening for Y2 parents 6-7.30pm
8 November – Y6 residential London Trip departs
9 November - Y6 residential London returns
12 November – Friendship Week
30 November – Y5 Hindu Temple visit
12 December Bags2School Collection
19 December – Christmas dinner
21 December – School closes for Christmas

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7 January – School starts
5 February – Safer Internet Day
15 February – School closes for half term
25 February – School re-opens
7 March – World Book Day
8 March – Y4 Hindu Temple visit
w/c 25 March – Parent Consultation week
3 April – Bags2School Collection
12 April – School closes for Easter Holidays
29 April – School re-opens
w/c 13 May – SATs Week
22 May – Provisional sports days at English Institute of Sport (EIS) to be confirmed in December 2018
24 May – School closes for half term
3 June – INSET day
4 June – School re-opens
9 July – Bags2School Collection
12 July – Last day at DJS for Y6 children transferring to DHFS
19 July – School closes for summer holiday

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