



Last week, we threw our doors open on Thursday afternoon for our Macmillan coffee afternoon – thank you for your support of this event. We will be opening our doors again this week for parents' evening. Please do take up this opportunity to see your child's class teacher to continue to support the home-school partnership.

You may be forgiven for thinking that we had been invaded on Friday or indeed, that you were in a time tunnel! Neither of these were the case but Y4s were celebrating their hook day and enjoying a day as a Viking or Anglo Saxon. They all looked amazing – a big thank you to the Y4 parents, I do appreciate that these costumes take some thought! The hook day certainly brought the topic alive, I'm sure they will remember the day in years to come.

This week sees us celebrate UK Parliament Week in school where children will learn about Parliament and democracy. Activities will **engage** children in the work of the UK Parliament and MPs. They will have opportunities to **explore** the history of the UK Parliament and think about its role in democracy. They will be **empowered** make their voices heard about issues that matter to them. A huge thank you to Mrs Genders who has organised Parliament Week in school.

Book in a Box – there were some amazing, imaginative creations for Book in a Box. Well done to all who took part. Mrs Walker and Mrs Crookes, two of our Midday Meals Supervisors will be judging the competition. The winners will be announced in Friday's assembly and will be on next week's newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Ford for organising this.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – Thank you so much for donating cakes and biscuits for our Macmillan coffee afternoon. There was a myriad of delights, which were eagerly consumed. Also, a big thank you again for supporting the event, which was a huge success. And finally, a big thank you to Mrs Ford and the Charity Group for organising and coordinating the event.

Parent Consultations this week – you should have received confirmation of your appointment date and time.

Y3 visit to The Deep Tuesday 3 October – Please ensure your child is in school by 8am to enable the coaches to depart promptly at 8.15am. Your child will need to wear their school uniform and bring a packed lunch with a snack and a drink. Your child can bring £5 to spend in the shop – please send this money in a named purse or a sealed, named envelope. Please do not send fizzy drinks, glass bottles or sweets. We aim to return to school by 4.15pm (we will text parents if the trip will be significantly delayed).

No Pens Day Wednesday – Wednesday 4 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.

Individual Photographs – If you wish to purchase your child's photograph, please return the payment to school by **Friday 6th October.**

Y6 Bikeability – if you are a Y6 parent, you should have received an email regarding an opportunity for your child to take part in the bikeability programme, which will include cycling on the road. Attached to email sent, was a

consent form to book a place. If your child wishes to take part, please return the consent form by **Wednesday 4th October**. We have to confirm places with the bikeability company and they allocate instructors accordingly; they have a strict number of participants per instructor due to health and safety. It will, therefore, **not** be possible to book a place after Wednesday. Please remind your child to hand their form into their teacher. Paper copies of the form are available from Mrs Cooper or Mrs Myers, in the office or can be downloaded from the communication section of your ParentPay Account.

Homework – please ensure you know when your child’s year group sends out homework. We would greatly appreciate your support with homework. Homework is usually an opportunity for your child to practise what they have been taught in school that week. Please see your child’s class teacher if you wish to discuss homework. It is an expectation that all children complete their homework. I believe building good habits regarding homework at primary school age provides an excellent foundation for tackling homework at Secondary School.

Sponsored Walk – Following the event, we would grateful appreciate it if you could pay in your sponsor money through ParentPay. Thank you very much in advance. We are going to put the money raised towards repairing and renewing the Adventure Playground so it regularly benefits all the children.

Clubs Cancellation – Please note that there will be **NO teacher run** clubs (film club, running club, drama club, craft club and football) this week due to parent consultations. Street Dancing, Table Tennis, Disco Dancing and Rugger Eds will run as normal.

PE Kit – please can you ensure your child has their full PE kit in school on the days they do PE. As the weather starts to get colder, they will need trainers, jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt. Classes will go out for PE in all but severe weather conditions.

Head Lice – please can you ensure that you check your child’s hair regularly and treat if required.

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 2017. **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

School Lane - For the safety of our children, please do not drop off or pick up outside the school gates. We operate a drop off zone in a morning outside the bungalows on School Lane. We also operate a voluntary one-way system going down School Lane during the morning and after school rush hour times. Anyone parked on white zigzag lines is liable for a fine. The traffic officers are out regularly at the request of the schools. Please can I ask that you park carefully for the safety of our children and considerately to the residents in our vicinity.

Y6 Visit to France October 2017 – Please ensure that your child’s passport, EHIC Card and pocket money, labeled as suggested, are in school by **Wednesday 4 October**.

Dates for your Diary (There will be many more dates to add!)
2017

Our Inset Days for the academic year 2017-2018 are:

Monday 4th September 2017, Monday 30th October 2017, Tuesday 2nd January 2018, Wednesday 3rd January 2018 and Monday 4th June 2018.

w/c 2 October – Parent Consultations Week

4 October – No Pens Day Wednesday

10 October – Y6 France residential to depart
13 October – Y6 France residential to return
20 October – Break up for half term
30 October – INSET Day
31 October – School re-opens
6 November – Open evening for Y2 parents 6-7.30pm
9 November – Y6 'Buckinghamshire' residential departs
10 November - Y6 'Buckinghamshire' residential returns
12 December Bags2School Collection
19 December – School closes for Christmas Holiday

2018

2 January – INSET day
3 January – INSET day
4 January – School starts
6 February – Safer Internet Day
16 February – School closes for half term
26 February – School re-opens
1 March – World Book Day
w/c 5 March – Parent Consultation week
19 March – Bags2School Collection
23 March – School closes for Easter Holidays
9 April – School re-opens
w/c 14 May – SATs Week
23 May – Provisional sports days at English Institute of Sport (EIS) to be confirmed in December 2017
25 May – School closes for half term
4 June – INSET day
5 June – School re-opens
10 July – Bags2School Collection
20 July – School closes for summer holiday

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