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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Annual Pupil School Reports

Your child's annual report has been sent home with your child today. If you have collected your child early due to the heat or illness, the report will be kept safe until tomorrow. Please follow the link or scan the QR code to confirm the safe receipt of the report by Thursday 21st July.

Staffing for next Academic Year 2022/2023

The staffing for next academic year has been approved by the Governors. The children have been informed, and will be visiting their next classroom tomorrow. If you can tolerate the heat, you are welcome to visit your child's new classroom at the previously advertised Open Afternoon tomorrow between 3.30 and 4.30pm. It is not compulsory to attend, and all the children will have been reassured and will know where to go in September. We have some changes to staffing from September as detailed below.

Reception	Miss Whiting
Year 1	Mrs Reed
Year 2	Miss Rice
Year 3	Miss Glenny/Mrs Britten until Christmas Mrs Davies/Mrs Britten from January 2023
Year 4	Mrs Owen
Year 5	Mrs Tipping
Year 6	Mrs Marshall

Instrumental Lessons

Children in Year 3 to Year 6 are invited to learn to play a musical instrument during their time in Key Stage 2. This week, the children are listening to some of the instrumental pupils perform.

The children have already seen the Violin pupils perform, and have Piano, Brass and Clarinet pupils to see perform this week. As some of our Year 6 pupils move on, the various peripatetic teachers have limited spaces available. If your child would like to learn to play a woodwind, brass, string instrument, or classical guitar, please complete the on-line form following the link below. These details will then be passed onto the relevant teacher, who will be back in contact in September.

[Music Lessons](#)

Please note that the Piano teacher will NOT be taking on any new students next academic year, and will be working through her current waiting list.

Please note that priority is given by the Teachers to the upper KS2 children so Year 3 may not get a chance to learn an instrument straight away.

Further to correspondence last week, please remember parents of pupils playing an instrument are warmly invited to attend school on the following dates:-

Tuesday 19th July, 9.30am - Woodwind (Clarinet)

Wednesday 20th July, 9.30 am - Brass

Wednesday 20th July, 2.30pm – Piano

Nursery

As detailed in the annual events, may I remind Nursery parents and carers that Nursery closes Thursday 21st July 2022.

Prize Giving

The last formal occasion for Year 6 takes place on **Friday 22nd July** in the Annual Prize Giving Service which starts at 9.30 a.m. Parents and friends of the school are warmly invited to attend, especially those of Year 6 pupils, and parents contacted by the school to inform them that their child is to be awarded a prize.

School Vacation

School closes at normal time on Friday 22nd July at 3.30 p.m. Year 6 pupils leave William Gilbert for the last time, and we wish each and every one of them happiness and success in the next phase of their education. Year 3-5 will be forming a walkway for Year 6 to leave school on the junior playground. Please come and wave them goodbye. Year 6 parents are welcome to be on the drive/playground to take photographs.

Uniform Sales

Please note that as per previous text messages, no uniform sales will be processed after tomorrow (Tuesday 19th July). The PTA will also be selling used uniform at the Open Afternoon tomorrow, between 3.30 and 4.30pm.

Outstanding Payments

Could you please check your child's Scopay account and ensure all outstanding payments are made by Thursday 21st July.

KS2 Concert – DVD

Reminder - please order the 'Matilda' DVD via your child's Scopay account by Thursday 21st July.

End of Term Gifts

If parents wish to make a group presentation, please ensure you have made an appointment with me or the office so that I can adhere to safeguarding arrangements. Please remember a card with a few words is always greatly appreciated and no parent needs to feel obliged to contribute to an individual or group gift.

Keeping safe over the summer

Sun Safety

Sun damage when you're young could lead to skin cancer developing in later life. Whether you're heading to the beach, playing in the park or out in your own garden, it's important to think about sun protection for all the family – especially young children.

Sun safety tips

Spend time in the shade when the sun is strongest. In the UK, this is between 11am and 3pm from March to October.

Make sure you:

- spend time in the shade between 11am and 3pm
- never burn

- cover up with suitable clothing and sunglasses
- take extra care with children
- use at least factor 15 sunscreen

The following website has more information and fun activities that you can share with your children to keep them safe over the summer holidays

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/sun-safety-for-kids>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

Water Safety

The Royal Life Saving Society UK report that drowning is the third highest cause of accidental death of children in the UK and that a person can drown in as little as 2cm of water. Hot weather can make rivers, lakes and paddling pools more appealing for children and families – make sure you know how to teach your child to be safe when cooling off and playing this summer.

The water safety code

Water may look safe, but it can be dangerous. Learn to spot and keep away from dangers. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean that you will be able to swim in cold water.

The dangers of water include:

- it is very cold
- there may be hidden currents
- it can be difficult to get out (steep slimy banks)
- it can be deep
- there may be hidden rubbish, for example shopping trolleys, broken glass
- there are no lifeguards
- it is difficult to estimate depth
- it may be polluted and may make you ill

Please visit the following websites to help inform your family and keep them safe

<https://rnli.org/safety/beach-safety>

<https://www.rospa.com/leisure-water-safety/water/advice/water-safety-code>

Road Safety

During the school holidays children are out and about around the local area and close to roads. During our weekly assemblies and bikeability sessions we have discussed road safety. Ask your child what they can remember and use this as a starting point to remind them about keeping safe when crossing or playing near roads. Take a look at these useful resources and websites to remind children of the key safety messages.

<https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

<https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Moving on

With the end of term rapidly approaching our year 6 pupils are preparing for their next adventure, secondary school. We're sure there are a lot of different emotions about this new start. We hope the prevailing emotion is excitement- about all the new experiences to be had, new friends to be made and new goals to be achieved. That said, it's natural and normal to feel a little apprehensive and maybe even anxious also (both parents and children alike!)

Independence but with boundaries

The move to secondary school often signals a shift in the levels of freedom and independence our older pupils are given by parents. Our duty to safeguard these pupils remains. We feel it is important to share information that will support parents in keeping children safe when they are away from their caregivers. We are aware of groups of teenagers from a range of secondary schools in the area gathering in groups within Duffield.

Younger pupils can be drawn into these groups through ‘peer pressure’ and take part in unsafe and sometimes anti-social behaviours. With light nights and warmer weather children may be granted the opportunity to play/hang out at the park or within the village. We would urge parents to set clear boundaries to keep them safe. These could include giving a time that they must return; going to and from the agreed place, e.g. the park (as they earn your trust and demonstrate they can keep themselves safe the places they go can grow; that they keep in contact with you through their phone, if they have one, and discuss what to do if something happens to make them feel worried or unsafe.

Childnet have devised some useful videos. These can be used to develop awareness in parents of the challenges ahead but also as useful discussion points with your child.

Childnet.com <https://www.childnet.com/resources/moving-on-up/>

For further information regarding keeping safe over the summer please refer to our safeguarding newsletter on our school website or scan the QR code below

Safeguarding Newsletter – Issue 1 July 2022



School re-opens to pupils at 8.40 a.m. on Monday 5th September 2022

From September we will continue our ‘soft drop off’ from 8.40am, but children will need to be in school ready to start their day as detailed below.

Reception	–	8.50am – 3.20pm
Year 1 & 2	-	8.55am – 3.25pm
Year 3, 4, 5, 6	-	8.55am – 3.30pm

Please be on time to collect your child at the end of the day, particularly those parents who need to collect from both playgrounds.

On behalf of the Governors and staff may I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and sunny vacation.

Yours sincerely

S J Whyld
Headteacher