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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Staffing News

New CEO – DDAT

Please find attached the letter from the new CEO, Sarah Clark who has recently joined DDAT.

Acting Deputy Headteacher

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Owen, the current Year 4 teacher has been appointed as Acting Deputy Headteacher for the remainder of this academic year.

Class Photographs

Class and Sports Team Photographs are scheduled for **Wednesday 24th May**, so please ensure your child has smart, clean uniform on this day.

School Uniform

As the weather turns warmer, may I draw your attention to our school uniform policy summer options.

Girls may wear a blue gingham dress, which is the only option: shorts and culottes are not allowed. Dresses can be worn with a navy cardigan and white knee or ankle socks. Coloured tights and coloured socks are not allowed with school dresses.

Open toed or open heeled sandals are NOT permissible.

Boys may wear grey short trousers, with plain dark socks and the usual shirt and tie.

Summer Fayre – Diary Date

We look forward to welcoming you to the Summer Fayre on Friday 16th June, and hope as many family members and friends of the school as possible will support the event. The Fayre will be open from 5.00-7.00pm. Contributions from the PTA fundraising event to the school budget provide much needed support which will benefit all pupils. This is everyone's PTA, and I know that Mrs Macdonald greatly needs the support of as many volunteers as possible to make this event successful.

Your support and contributions to this annual event would be much appreciated.

AVSSP – Tough Rower Event

Amber Valley Schools Sports Partnership will be visiting school on Wednesday 7th June. All children, from Reception to Year 6 will get to take part. This activity is enjoyed by all the children, and follows on from a school team winning Gold at a recent competition! Children will change into their PE kits for this activity, so nothing else is required from home and is funded by the school.

KS1 & KS2 Sports Day

Weather permitting Key Stage 1 Sports Day is scheduled for Monday 12th June (reserve date 19th June) and Key Stage 2 Sports Day is scheduled for Tuesday 13th June (reserve date 20th June). Both events will be held on Gray's Recreational field beginning at 1.30 p.m. We warmly welcome parents and friends of the school to be spectators. Please bring your chairs and picnic baskets.

Children will wear their normal PE kit with plimsolls/trainers and we will provide coloured bibs to represent the team colours. Please send your child with a full water bottle and a sun hat. If the forecast is good, please ensure that your child has had an application of sun cream before they come to school.

Children will be dismissed from the field at normal home time 3.20/3.30 p.m. Please ensure your child is clear about their going home arrangements. If the weather is inclement we will send a text to notify you that the afternoon is postponed.

Parent gifts for Father's Day

The PTA will be in school selling gifts on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th June. Further details to follow.

PTA AGM

The PTA AGM meeting will take place in school on Friday 30th June at 2.15pm. All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.

Wrap Around Care Update

From September there will be two options for parents to use and choose from for their before/after school childcare provision.

Option 1

'Schools Out Club' run by Amanda Hudson's team at Emmanuel Church on Chapel Street in Duffield. A link to express interest was sent to parents in our last Newsletter. If you would like further information please contact Amanda on 07984 908836 or the school office.

As promised in my last Newsletter, there will be an Open Evening on Wednesday 7th June from 3.00-5.30pm, where you can meet the team, see the facilities and ask any questions you may have.

Option 2

Mrs Novak Lemmings, Headteacher at Meadows Primary School has written to her parents this week providing them with an update regarding Duffield Schools Out Club, which will be closing at the end of this academic year.

Although not confirmed, it seems from her letter that there are discussions taking place with Duffield Pre-School. Their aim is to expand their provision to include wrap around care for 3-11 year olds between the hours of 7.30am and 6.00pm. If the discussions are successful, this provision will be available to William Gilbert pupils.

To gain a better understanding of what parents would like to see they are gathering information with a survey via the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/FET0P68tki>

If you do not need access to this provision, there is no requirement for you to complete the form.

Dog Faeces

Following a number of recent complaints, can I please politely remind any parents that walk their dogs up the jitty between King Street and Holloway Road, to clean up any mess left by their pet. This is an ongoing problem, and we know that Duffield Parish Council are also discussing the issue at their next meeting.

We have had a couple of occasions when children have arrived in school with dog faeces on their shoes. Within a matter of minutes it was all over the carpet, and a pungent aroma permeated the room.

We have an ever growing collection of William Gilbert puppies and dogs at the school gate, and whilst I would not want to accuse any of them of leaving a deposit on Vicarage Lane, or the surrounding area, I would ask you to:-

- Be mindful of deposits of dog faeces as you guide your child to school
- If your child inadvertently arrives at school with dog faeces on their shoe, either let us know that you are taking them home again, or inform us, so that we can bag their shoes and put their plimsolls on
- Model best practice by cleaning up after your dog
- Report anyone who does not take their dog ownership responsibility seriously

Half Term

School closes for the half term holiday on Friday 26th May, and re-opens to pupils on Monday 5th June.

I hope the sun continues to shine and that you enjoy the Bank Holiday.

Yours sincerely

E H Britten
Headteacher