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NEWSLETTER

No. 601

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Dear Parents

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS – FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER

We are currently liaising with Hope for Belper, and their Food and Community Hub, and other local causes to support their food banks. Once we have established the items that would be of most benefit I will write to you again. In the meantime, if you could be thinking about preparing a plate, small box or basket, a carrier or gift bag with non-perishable items and/or toiletries – tins, packets, shampoo, soap etc, that would be appreciated.

Last year, Hope for Belper were very grateful to receive any donations, but their most needed items were:-

- Fray Bentos pies
- Tins of vegetables including potatoes and packet mash
- Long-life puddings, tinned fruit, steamed puddings, rice pudding, custard
- Toilet rolls, deodorant, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste

We are looking at the possibility of holding the service in church this year, to which parents will be invited. This will be communicated and details confirmed, as soon as possible.

DIARY OF EVENTS

Please find attached diary of events for this academic year. This includes details of term dates, but I have confirmed these below as well.

Academic Year 2023/2024

Monday 4th September – Friday 27th October
Monday 6th November – Friday 22nd December
Monday 8th January - Friday 16th February
Monday 26th February – Thursday 28th March
Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May
Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July

Please note that further to the two inset days already taken at the beginning of term, there are three further days when school is closed to pupils.

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July – school will be closed to pupils
The final inset date will be confirmed as soon as possible.

HEADWAY – CHARITY FOR BRAIN INJURY

Following fundraising throughout last academic year, I am pleased to confirm that a payment of £400 was made to Headway. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthwhile cause.

The chosen charity for this academic year will be the Air Ambulance and we thank you in advance for your support across all the upcoming events.

PTA REMINDER

To any parents, but especially parents new to the school in Nursery and Reception, please remember you are welcome to sign up to our school Parent/Teacher associated (PTA). For further details please contact Mrs Natalie Macdonald at williamgilbertpta@gmail.com

NURSERY

Applications for our Nursery January 2024 intake will be processed over the next couple of weeks. Please complete an application form, (available on the website), if your child will be 3 by 31st December 2023 and you would like them to attend our Nursery.

Please note the 2 closures on the attached Diary of Events for the Nursery so that the staff can join the rest of the school at the Christmas and Easter church services.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after school clubs will be re-starting week commencing Monday 25th September, some of which are run voluntarily by the staff.

Please note that following a change to the way the sports club were run last year, following feedback, Mrs Reed has decided to revert back to one club running throughout the year for different year groups. Each year group will access clubs across the year, but with only 4 days each week, there will be some year groups that will not have access to a sports club every half term. Each club will accommodate up to 20 children. Mrs Reed has spoken to all the children to explain the new arrangements and she will keep a tracker of attendance to ensure there is equity for all children.

Please be aware that the link below will only allow parents to register for sports clubs for the autumn term. Mrs Manners will circulate a link for parents to sign up for sports clubs for the spring term in due course, and similarly for the summer term.

It is important to remember that the clubs do not run for all 39 weeks of the school year. There may also be times when an individual club is cancelled due to staff illness, inclement weather or external competitions etc, so it is really important that you do not rely upon the clubs as child care.

In the event of cancellation, we will inform you using the text messaging service, and keep your child safe until you collect them. Children need to want to do the club and are expected to attend each session. It is important that we know who will be staying for clubs each week.

If you think your child is at school and we think they have walked home there is every chance that your child could be at risk. It is important that all pupils inform the club leader if they are unable to attend, **via a note with a parental signature, via the home/school liaison book, email the office or inform the parent liaison officer on the gate** so that the registers account for all club members. This will ensure both you and we, know exactly where your child is.

The staff will complete the register and follow up all absences before beginning their club. A missing child may lead to the club being late starting, so your support in informing us if your child is not attending will be greatly appreciated.

Listed below are the after school activities on offer this year. If your child is in the appropriate age category and would like to do any of the clubs please complete the on-line form using the link below by **Wednesday 20th September**, ready to start week commencing Monday 25th September. Please note that Mrs Manners will communicate with parents to confirm attendance at the club.

After School Clubs

Whenever there are insufficient places for every pupil wishing to join a particular club, priority will be given to the eldest pupils. Otherwise places are allocated on a first come first served basis. Children may be able to do two clubs at different times of the year, so put both clubs on the reply slip if your child would like to do both.

On-line forms returned after a club register is full will be put on a waiting list.

After school clubs finish promptly at **4.20pm**, other than cookery which finishes at 4.30pm. If you are unable to collect your child at this time then please do not sign them up for a club. Pupils may depart school after a club on the junior playground, eg football in their sports kit direct from the playground, providing a parent/carer is visible to collect them. All other clubs will depart via the main entrance and parents should wait on the KS1 slope.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



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SPORTS CLUBS

MONDAY

Autumn Term 1
Year 4 Football (Maximum 20)

Autumn Term 2
Year 5 Football (Maximum 20)

Spring Term 1
Year 6 Football (Maximum 20)

Spring Term 2
Year 3 Football (Maximum 20)

Summer Term 1
Year 4 Football (Maximum 20)

Summer Term 2
Year 5 (Maximum 20)

TUESDAY

Autumn Term 1
Year 1 Ball Skills (Maximum 20)

Autumn Term 2
Year 2 Ball Skills (Maximum 20)

Spring Term 1
Year 3 Ball Skills (Maximum 20)

Spring Term 2
Year 1 Ball Skills (Maximum 20)

Summer Term 1
Year 2 Ball Skills (Maximum 20)

Summer Term 2
Year 3 Ball Skills (Maximum 20)

COMMENCES

R S Coaching - Monday 25th September – 5 weeks
3.30 – 4.20pm

R S Coaching – Monday 6th November – 5 weeks
3.30 – 4.20pm

R S Coaching – Monday 8th January – 6 weeks
3.30 – 4.20pm

R S Coaching – Monday 26th February – 5 weeks
3.30 – 4.20pm

R S Coaching – Monday 15th April – 5 weeks
3.30 – 4.20pm

R S Coaching – Monday 3rd June – 5 weeks
3.30 – 4.20pm

R S Coaching – Tuesday 26th September – 5 weeks
3.30 – 4.20pm

R S Coaching – Tuesday 7th November – 5 weeks
3.30 – 4.20pm

R S Coaching – Tuesday 9th January – 6 weeks
3.30 – 4.20pm

R S Coaching – Tuesday 27th February – 5 weeks
3.30 – 4.20pm

R S Coaching – Tuesday 16th April – 6 weeks
3.30 – 4.20pm

R S Coaching – Tuesday 6th June – 5 weeks
3.30 – 4.20pm

WEDNESDAY

Autumn Term 1 Year 2 Football (Maximum 20)	R S Coaching – Wednesday 27 th September – 5 weeks 3.30 – 4.20pm
Autumn Term 2 Year 3 Football (Maximum 20)	R S Coaching – Wednesday 8 th November – 5 weeks 3.30 – 4.20pm
Spring Term 1 Year 2 Football (Maximum 20)	R S Coaching – Wednesday 11 th January – 6 weeks 3.30 – 4.20pm
Spring Term 2 Year 2 Football (Maximum 20)	R S Coaching – Wednesday 28 th February – 5 weeks 3.30 – 4.20pm
Summer Term 1 Year 1 Football (Maximum 20)	R S Coaching – Wednesday 17 th April – 6 weeks 3.30 – 4.20pm
Summer Term 2 Reception Football (Maximum 20)	R S Coaching – Wednesday 5 th June – 5 weeks 3.30 – 4.20pm

FRIDAY

Autumn Term 1 Year 5 Basketball (Maximum 20)	R S Coaching – Friday 29 th September – 4 weeks 3.30 – 4.20pm
Autumn Term 2 Year 6 Basketball (Maximum 20)	R S Coaching – Friday 4 th November – 4 weeks 3.30 – 4.20pm
Spring Term 1 Year 4 Basketball (Maximum 20)	R S Coaching – Friday 12 th January – 6 weeks 3.30 – 4.20pm
Spring Term 2 Year 5 Basketball (Maximum 20)	R S Coaching – Friday 1 st March – 4 weeks 3.30 – 4.20pm
Summer Term 1 Year 6 Basketball (Maximum 20)	R S Coaching – Friday 19 th April – 6 weeks 3.30 – 4.20pm
Summer Term 2 Year 4 Basketball (Maximum 20)	R S Coaching – Friday 7 th June – 5 weeks 3.30 – 4.20pm

**Please note there will a £1 per week charge (payable via Scopay) for all clubs run by
R S Coaching**

Please apply on-line via the link by Wednesday 20th September



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OTHER CLUBS

MONDAY

Gardening Club – Year 1 & 2

Children will be organised into groups and dependent upon demand, a rota will be established.

Computer Club – Year 3, 4, 5, 6

Children will be organised into groups and dependent upon demand, a rota will be established.

Please note Chess Club will run for the Autumn & Spring term only

Healthy Cookery Club – Year 3, 4, 5, 6

Children will be organised into groups and dependent upon demand, a rota will be established. Mrs Owen will inform you if there is a small charge to cover ingredients.

FRIDAY

Chess Club – Year 3, 4, 5, 6

(Maximum 26)

Rota will be established dependent upon demand

Please note Chess Club will run for the Autumn & Spring term only

Choir – Year 3, 4, 5, 6

(see previous letter)

COMMENCES

Miss Whiting & Mrs Smedley – Monday 2nd October
3.20 – 4.20 p.m.

Mrs Marshall & Miss Rice – Monday 2nd October
3.30 – 4.20 p.m.
(depart via main entrance)

Mrs Owen – Monday 2nd October
3.30 – 4.30 p.m.
(depart via main entrance)

Mrs Tipping – Friday 29th September
3.30 – 4.20pm
(depart via main entrance)

Mrs Owen – Friday 15th September
3.35 – 4.05 p.m.
(depart via main entrance)