

Plans for next year

First of all, I am delighted to announce that next year all our staff will remain the same and teachers will be staying with the same year groups. However, as part of our 'Recovery curriculum' Miss O'Shea will be increasing her hours to work all week in Haddon class whilst I will be working every morning to support individuals and classes to take part in our catch-up programme for the Autumn term ensuring that each class has the in class support that they need. Our recovery curriculum will have a two clear focuses, which are an extensive catch up programme for both English and Maths coupled with a dedicated programme to promote wellbeing and support good mental health for all our pupils.

Secondly, we are very aware of how important it is for the children to take part in some sort of transition if they are moving classrooms and teacher so with this in mind, all of the teachers are preparing a 'meet their new teacher' profile for all of these children, which will be posted directly to them. We hope that they enjoy hearing all about their new teacher and this helps them with any nerves they may have about returning to school in September.

Lastly, I am sure that you have all heard the Government's announcement yesterday regarding all children coming back to school in September and whereas we are hoping that school will return to being as normal as possible in September, we are still awaiting further guidance on this from Derbyshire County Council. Therefore, due to the forever changing situation that we are all finding ourselves in at the moment and further preparations that may need to be made before we welcome all the children back, we will be having an INSET day on the first day we are due back in September – Wednesday 2nd to make any final preparations for opening and will hopefully be welcoming all children back to school on **Thursday 3rd September**. Just a reminder that the last two days of this term are also planned INSET days so the school will be closed from **3.30pm on 17th July 2020**. Should there be any change in the planned return in September, we will of course let you know as soon as we do.

Goodbye Year 6s

Of course our Year 6s will be missing out on their normal Goodbye celebrations this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions on gatherings, so I know that Mrs Devonport is very busy trying to put together a special leavers' service for them and contacting the Loaf bakery and restaurant to arrange their special takeaway treat in order that they don't miss out completely and so their families can join in in some way, albeit remotely. So watch out for news of these events coming up on class dojo. Something that the Year 6s can look forward to is getting their leavers' hoodie – so don't forget to send through your payments for these to Mrs Smith as soon as possible.

End of Year Gifts

We have had several queries asking whether or not children can bring in end of year gifts for their teachers etc., and whereas there is no obligation to do this, we will put a covered box outside the gate on the last week if you want to come up to school to leave a present in it for your child's class teacher or other member of staff – please feel free to do so. Of course Year 6s and other children coming into school may bring their gifts into school if they wish and leave them either in the hall or in the classroom they are in, in both instances, in a box provided.

End of Year Reports

Your child's end of year report will be sent out to you by the end of next week. They will contain the normal comments from their class teacher and details of the teacher's assessments against age related expectations at the end of the Spring term. This year however, there will also be a teacher predicted level for the end of the school year, which is based on the presumption that your child would have continued the same rate of progress and learning if they had carried on at school for the summer term or as a result of following the set home learning.

After reading the report, should you want to comment on it or ask your teacher a question, please either send a message to your child's class teacher or request a telephone or teams meeting with them via class dojo.

Virtual Sports Day

Details of our virtual sports day went out on last Monday via Class Dojo – I hope everyone has seen these and has had fun taking part in some way either in their gardens or the local park. Please get all your results sent in by Monday 6th July so we can award the winning team their virtual medals. Good luck everyone!

Summer Holidays

During the summer break we are having some much needed work done in school for instance the long awaited infant toilet refurbishment, which is being paid for by a donation from the reservoir community fund; our boiler servicing and the installation of a new interactive T.V. in Haddon classroom – funded partly by our PTFA fundraising events. We are also looking at the possibility of hosting a summer sports club week in school as we know that many of our parents have to continue to work through most of the summer break and look for suitable childcare. This would be run by Premier Education who provide us with our sports coach all year - Mr Dean - and would be during the week commencing 27th July. There would need to be at least fifteen people interested for this to be viable so please contact us via text, class dojo or by ringing the school office during the next few days to express an interest. We will be in touch very soon to let everyone know if this is definitely going ahead.

Have your circumstances changed?

Finally, the present situation has been hard on everybody both emotionally and physically but for many it has also been very difficult financially and lots of parents financial circumstances have changed through no fault of their own. Therefore, if you feel, for whatever reason, that your financial situation has changed since your child was last at school, they may be eligible to receive free school meals. It is also worth mentioning here that the price of school meals is to increase in September for those parents who pay for meals to £2.20 per meal. Please follow the link below to check your eligibility. We are very pleased that the Government has extended the free school meals voucher scheme to include the summer holidays so our families will continue to receive their vouchers during this time.

<https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/formBuilder/free-school-meals/7471C40D-CA68-4B81-AA2D-32DCDA60CCCC>

Or call: 01629 536400 or 01629 536481.

We wish all a families and very happy and safe Summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

