



July 2020



Newsletter

It has been a strange spring and summer term for us all. My thanks goes to all staff, pupils, parents, carers and the wider community for helping to keep us all safe and well. To those parents who are key workers, thank you especially and to those children who have been able to return to school and follow the new rules, really well done – let's hope that everything will soon return to normal.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Thanks to Marcus Rashford for persuading the government to make a u-turn about the provision of Free School Meal vouchers during the summer holidays.

It has been confirmed that pupils, in all year groups, who are entitled to FSM will receive one voucher for £90 to cover the whole of the summer holiday period.

The voucher will be delivered electronically, in the first week of the holidays. Where families do not have access to emails they will be printed and posted.

Any questions about this need to be discussed with your Family Officer.

School Reports



The School reports are being finalised as we write this and will be sent via first class post to parents on Friday

3rd July. Please read these with your child and if you need to discuss anything further, there is information on each report about how and when to contact your child's class teacher.

We are currently updating our school systems and we might be asking you to confirm your contact details and addresses that we hold on our system.

This is essential so that we can get in touch with you in an emergency.

Food Banks

A comprehensive list of food banks in Derby City can be found at:

<https://derbycitylifelinks.org.uk/food-banks-derby/>

Thank you to all parents and carers for their continued support during these unprecedented times.

It's been good to hear about all the success you've achieved with home learning both with the school work packs and via online sites that you've researched. Other websites to look at are:

<https://www.teachertoolkit.co.uk/2020/03/21/home-learning/>

<https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/free-home-learning-activities>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/home-early-years/home-early-years-home-learning>

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/fun-learning-activities-kids-at-home-3128960>
<https://www.offschool.org.uk>

Welcome!

Congratulations to Mr Day, Teaching Assistant in Class 2, who has become a father for the first time.

Baby Florence arrived safely on Monday 15th June weighing a very healthy 7lb 3oz.



Return to School in September and Dates for your Diary



As we look ahead to the new school year, we can confirm that things will be a little different to start with.

The first day of school will be Thursday 3rd September and we are awaiting government guidance about how exactly this will look. Please be prepared to send your child back on this day. This will not be for a full day but only a half-day (either a morning or an afternoon timetable) until we are sure that it is safe and right to make further changes.

Every child will be expected to wear school uniform please and be ready for the new school year. Some children will be moving classes but this will be communicated to you all before the end of term. The last day of this term will be Thursday 23rd July.

The school will be closed for INSET days on:

Wednesday 2 September
Monday 23 November
Friday 18 December

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you need any help or if you'd like to talk things through but in the meantime, we hope that you all enjoy the summer holidays and have some rest and happy times before we return in September.

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