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# NEWSLETTER

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## Dedication!



**“I am strong, I am confident.”**

These words have quietly rippled through the Y6 classroom over the last few weeks, as the children were led by one of our parent governors, Mrs Lomax, in daily relaxation exercises to support them for their end of year SATs. It wasn't just Y6 who were busy, but our Y2s also shone, as they showed Miss Powers all they had learned since being in Key Stage 1.

All of the children showed great focus and dedication: we are very proud of them! Our thanks also goes to the adults who have dedicated their time in support of the children - Miss Tomlinson, Mrs Stenson and Mrs Steele throughout the term and to Jean and Karen in the kitchen, as they have come in early to make breakfast for the Y6s each morning during SATs week.

And relax...

SATs week ended with the whole school having the chance to take part in dance workshops, which were led by a former member of STOMP. This enrichment activity was a great way to unwind for the Y2 & Y6 pupils especially. A group were selected by Peter Francis to showcase their work in a performance at the end of the afternoon. Y2 also celebrated by “camping out” for their end of topic WOW and Y6 had a “field party”: a great end to a busy week!

*Mrs Core*

## Sports Funding

We continue to use this national funding to provide:

- A range of after school clubs subsidised by the school
- Taster sports sessions - one afternoon a week in the summer term per class on Archery and Tri-Golf (led by Sports Coaches)
- A 30 minute Friday lunchtime sports club for all children in KS2 on the courts (led by sports coaches)
- Inter House Sports Competitions (Netball last term - Football and Rugby next ½ term)
- Professional development of staff in the teaching of PE

## Pupil Premium Funding

We continue to use this national funding to provide:

- A **teaching assistant** in every class to deliver interventions and support one-to-one or for small groups
- A **mid-day supervisor** for every class to support emotionally and socially
- **Cherry Tree Nurture** group at lunchtime for pupils to support socially and emotionally
- An outstanding teacher to deliver targeted **booster sessions** to close gaps that may widen in KS2
- **YogaBugs**-a physical literacy programme for all pupils in **Reception** for 30 weeks
- **Every Child a Reader** (ECAR) - a literacy “booster” programme delivered by a trained teacher for pupils in **Y1/2**
- ½ day **FOREST School** sessions at Shining Cliff Woods (led by trained Forest School leaders). From September, **all** children in **Y2** and again when in **Y5**, will be able to attend
- **Strings Musical instrument tuition** - **Y4** children will have a weekly lesson led by a music tutor on Wednesday afternoons
- Subsidising the outdoor adventure residential for **Y6** at **Lea Green**

## Gardening Club

Children from Y1-4 have enjoyed this club this term. They have planted potatoes, raspberries, gooseberries; sown seeds for peas, beans and beetroot, as well as sunflowers (donated by Mr Downer - thank you) and watched the frog spawn hatch and the tadpoles grow. A new group will have a chance to continue their good work after the half term holiday. Thank - you to Mrs Lemon for her dedication to this club.

## After School Clubs

These have continued to be popular, with Reception and KS1 enjoying Junky Monkey, Dance and Football and KS2 enjoying Football, Archery and Photography.

Next term's clubs will be: **Reception/KS1:** Athletics (Fri) and **KS2:** Tri-Golf (Wed).

## Assessing without levels/Reports

The Department for Education has removed the old system of awarding a level for children to assess them (previously it was expected that a Y2 child achieved a Level 2 and Y6 achieved a Level 4). This has been replaced with a description of what a child is expected to know and be able to do at the end of each year in school. We have already sent out a paper copy for the expectations for your child, if you need another copy, please look on the school website on your child's class page to find it. You will be given a new one in September for their next class.

As part of our preparations to assess without levels, we have redesigned our school report. The class teacher will give a numerical score (1-4) for quality of work and attitude to learning, as well as informing you whether your child is working at the new expected level, below it or above it. There is a tear off slip at the bottom for you to write a comment, as well as a section for your child to complete. In this section, we ask that you discuss their report with them and help them to list their strengths as well as three targets to focus on in September.

Please let us know what you think of the new format by posting a comment in the "Parent and Family Hub" post box outside the school office or via the school office.

## Dates for Next Term

- June 1:** Children back to school
- June 2:** Y6 photographs for their "Memory Book." This is a leavers' gift - if your child is absent, their photographs will not be included
- June 3:** Y7 Belper staff to visit Y6 for a lesson in school
- June 4:** Weekly cricket coaching for Y5 & 6 commences
- June 4:** Mrs Howell's class trip to Holmebrook Valley Park - River study
- June 8/10/15/17/22/24:** Cycling Proficiency for Y5 pupils
- June 10:** Inter-House Rugby Competition
- June 12:** Big First Aid Day - Y3-6 live video stream in the classes to train pupils
- June 15:** Y1 Phonics screening test - this will happen over the week. Pupils in Y2 who didn't pass it last year will also be re-tested
- June 17:** Mrs Howell's Class - Parent lunches
- June 22:** Welcome meeting for September 2015 Reception starters - 9:30-11:30 am with home visits by staff for Reception starters in the afternoon
- June 23:** Home visits by staff for Reception starters all day
- June 25:** Sports Day - Reception & KS1 - am and KS2 - pm
- June 27:** Summer Fair - volunteers needed to help run stalls, clear up etc - see FRIENDS group
- June 29:** INSET 5 - school closed to pupils
- June 30 & July 1:** Y6 transition days to Belper School and John Flamsteed - they make their own way there
- July 1:** "Big Move up Morning" - pupils visit their new class & new starters to visit Reception
- July 2:** Reserve Sport's Day
- July 6:** Inter-House Football competition
- July 7:** Y5 taster day at Belper School - all Y5 pupils to attend with staff (coach provided)
- July 7:** Family and Parent Hub to meet with Mrs Oliver - 2:15 pm
- July 10:** Trip for GOLD badge holders/Film & popcorn for SILVER/Toys and games for BRONZE
- July 10:** End of year reports sent home
- July 14:** Y6 Leavers' Performance -6 pm
- July 15:** Y6 Parent lunches
- July 17:** Y3/4 trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens
- July 21:** Y6 Chevin walk
- July 22:** Parents evening - 3:30 - 5 pm. Come and meet your child's next class teacher
- July 24:** Y6 Leavers' Assembly - morning (Y6 families only). Y5 parent volunteers needed to serve cake and coffee afterwards please
- July 24:** Last day of school: Clapping out of Y6 leavers by the whole school from the front entrance - families welcome to join in





**Congratulations to Amy, Bela, Luca, Esme, Amelia and Ella for their drama performances in the Derbyshire Arts Festival at The Guildhall in Derby. Between them they achieved Merits and Commendations!**



**Y5/6 girls competed in the Hi-5 Netball competition at Belper Leisure Centre. Well done to them all for achieving 3rd place!**

## **Young Footballers**

**B**argate Kestrels Football Club is looking at entering a new under 10s team in September and are looking for keen footballers, current Year 4, to join the club. Interested? Please contact Becky Salt 07792879466

## **Polite Reminder**

**R**eception and KS1 pupils and siblings should not climb on the walls or garden but should be supervised on the playground before and after school.

Thank - you for your support with this.

## **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Alex and her husband on the birth of James William Dann

