

17th May 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Nightingale and Darwin Classes have been AMAZING this week, as always, and worked so hard impressing us all. Well done to all of you for trying your best in the end of key stage assessments – even with an invigilator from the Local Authority moving in and out of the classes. I know you'll continue to learn so much in the term ahead too. Assemblies this week have focused on developing a 'Growth Mind-set' and how to look after our mental health learning about food, exercise and sleep. Year 5 have showed how brilliant they are doing Bikeability throughout the week. Next week is very busy so you may appreciate some reminders.

PFA

Regarding the Sparkle race, I've had four replies stating parents are available to exercise with the child but no response to help on the day. If you are available to help on the day, please respond by 21st May. Without significant adult support we will move forward and plan a Sparkle Walk rather than Race (see previous letter now online).

The PFA would like to invite you to a wonderful social event on Wednesday 12th June at Phoenix Suite, Club Chesterfield at 7pm. Please see the flyer attached.

Gases All Around

Stem Ambassador Mr Dyson will be in school working with all classes on Monday 20th May. The workshops promise to be exciting and sometimes dramatic!

SENT INTO SPACE – Tuesday 21st May

Thank you for supporting this event. We have been informed that Tuesday looks promising weather-wise for the launch so have timetabled the event. We anticipate all classes having a chance to ask questions before the live space launch on our field near the end of the morning session. This will result in our work planned for cultural diversity running over two days rather than one.

Cultural Diversity Day 2019 21st May

The learning challenge question on this day is 'What do I know about my culture?'. Teachers will work with children using this theme, and we will share our learning in an assembly at the end of the day or the next day if we need more time. We've also got visitors in school to talk to the children. Two visitors from Derby Open Centre will be in school talking about traditional Sikh and Muslim clothing, and Reverend Harris is coming in to talk about how we respond to others (Loving our neighbour as ourselves) and also loving yourself, drawing on messages about positive body image within mental health awareness work.



Vashti Hardy Author Visit – Friday 24th May Year 4 and 5

Cineworld Visit – Friday 24th May Year 6 Please note Frederick's Ice Cream van will be on site on Friday afternoon for Year 6 once they return from the cinema. Sometimes the van remains on or nearby after the close of school time.



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Due to the busy timetable we are moving the class photographs which we aim to take on Friday 24th May. For several years now, these photographs have been taken and processed by school and sold to you at low cost. I hope you are satisfied with this. If you'd rather have the professional class photographs, please do let us know.

Travel Smart Week – 20th – 24th May

As part of Travel Smart campaign 2019, children will be encouraged to put their words in motion and choose more active and environmentally friendly ways to travel smart to school. As part of the week, children may follow some suggested themes for each day, such as a Two wheeled Tuesday where pupils can travel by any form of people powered wheels. Other suggestions include holding a "travel together" day to encourage children to make journeys with others – either by car sharing, on public transport or walking with their friends. Children may like to create calligrams to illustrate the different active ways you can make a journey to school and to share their ideas with Derbyshire County Council by asking an adult to send a photo or drawing either email: sustainable.travel@derbyshire.gov.uk or tweet @brockwelljunior or @Be_Travel_Smart using the hashtag #TravelSmart.

Miss Lenthall will be using the 'golden padlock' in school each day. She attaches it to a bike or scooter and the owner receives a prize each day in assembly. Please do respect the dismount at the school gates rule and of course anyone on a bike please have a helmet on too.

Vacancies

Our catering team is employed directly Derbyshire County Council. If you are interested in becoming a Relief Catering Assistant, please have a chat with our Cook in school, or apply using www.derbyshire.gov.uk/catering .

Learning Challenges – Children have been sharing some of their challenges in assembly. Do send any posters, models, homework in as it is completed. If you spot your child doing our focus skill this term – communicating well – do let us know. Maybe they have become more confident talking to someone on the telephone or maybe sent a card or note to a distant friend?

Best wishes,

Catherine Holmes

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SPARKLE RACE 21st June 2019 – times to be confirmed but morning is planned.

I am available to volunteer to help with the event and will not be running / walking with my child.

YES / NO

I would like to attend and exercise with my child (younger siblings not in school welcome as path will accommodate push chairs or wheel chairs).

YES / NO

Please let us know if you have any access requirements thank you.

Named volunteer(s).....

Named participant(s).....Class.....

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