

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019



Dear Parents & Carers,

### **Summer Fair**

The children have told me they thought the Summer Fair was brilliant. What a wonderful, busy afternoon with so many stalls and games to play. There are so many people to thank. Thank you to all the PFA for all their time, thought and commitment. Special thanks to Amanda and Lindsay for all their time and great effort to make the PFA and Fair so enjoyable. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped design, run and clear away stalls. Thank you to all the staff for their help. Without you coming along to buy raffle tickets, visit stalls and have some fun we wouldn't raise funds that pay for the 'extras'. Huge thanks to you all for supporting the event.

### **Staffing and New Classes**

Children had a 'moving up' day today when they were greeted by their new teacher. Teachers are liaising closely to share important information about your child and ensure the transition is as smooth as possible.

Anning Class will be taught by Mrs Everitt in Sharman Class (4S)

Goodall Class will be taught by Mr Baker in Turing Class (4T)

Sharman Class will be taught by Miss Lenthall in Mandela Class (5M)

Turing Class will be taught by Miss Clarke (Mon – Weds) and Mrs. Davidson (Thurs & Fri) in Shakespeare Class (5S)

Mrs. Davidson joins our staff team from September. She is an experienced teacher who shares our values and will have high expectations for your children.

Mandela Class will be taught by Miss Brown in Nightingale Class (6N)

Shakespeare Class will be taught by Mr. Power in Darwin Class (6D)

School reports will be sent home on 12<sup>th</sup> July and we will include the Key Stage Two outcomes from statutory assessment at that time. If there are any aspects that you would like to discuss, please call and arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher.

### **Parent Surveys**

Thank you for your parent surveys. Your feedback is very important to us.

Giving us your feedback in this way is helpful and much appreciated. I would always encourage anyone who feels they cannot agree to one of these questions, at any point in a year, to come and talk to us as. We will work hard to understand and improve any situation to ensure every child is happy and is the best that they can be.

A couple of parents mentioned matters regarding school dinners. Derbyshire County Council currently provide our school dinners and accept responsibility for the service. Our Cook is very happy to discuss any points with parents and service managers are keen to hear your views through the DCC Catering Service pages on their website.

We have a new scheme of work for personal and social development including relationships that is absolutely brilliant, packed with numerous links to quality resources. Teachers are already planning sequences of learning from this ready for September.

We're looking at the best of what is currently out there to further develop science. We know you've said how much the children enjoyed the Science Fair and S.T.E.M. experiences. We'll look at building on this next year.

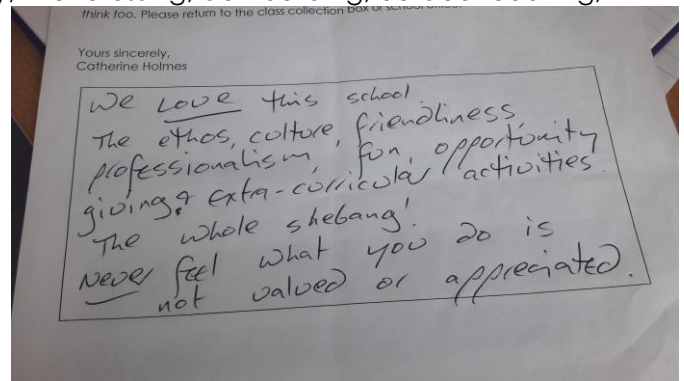
We are working closely with DCC to ensure the gate system that will enhance our security is reliable. We've had a period to identify any 'snagging' issues and have informed the authority of those identified.

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I cannot express to you how hard this fantastic team works. Just yesterday the Year 4 Explorer Day was beyond amazing (children did compass work, cartography, river crossing, den building, outdoor cooking, orienteering and performed a sea shanty song!). Year 6 are absorbed in their topic, despite interruptions going to new schools for transition days. Year 5 are busy planning their Space Day and Day at County Cricket, and year 3 are enjoying watching the development of their ten chickens!

The following comment was so very much appreciated and I am most thankful that we have so many wonderfully supportive parents who share our ethos and values of respect, kindness, honesty, determination and responsibility.



Parents and carers can give their views of our school at any time of the school year and at the time of a school inspection using an online questionnaire called Parent View.

When our school is notified of its next Ofsted inspection, parents will be invited to give their views about the school to inspectors using the Parent View online facility as this has replaced Ofsted's paper questionnaire. You can register with an email address and a password at <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Once your login has been activated, it only takes a few minutes to complete answers to 12 questions about aspects of school.

### **Year 6 Leaver Assembly**

Year Six, Nightingale and Darwin Classes, are also working together to prepare an end of year assembly. Parents and carers of Year Six children are invited to school on **Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**. There will be one dress rehearsal for Year Two on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm.

### **Musicians Assembly**

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, children learning an instrument are invited to perform in assembly at 2.15pm. Parents of these children are welcome to join us. Please check with Laura or Daryl prior to the date to be sure your child is performing.

**Whitehall Information Meeting** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 5.30pm in the school hall. If you have any concerns at all about your child and Whitehall, Miss Lenthall is more than happy to meet with you before the end of term.

### **Sporting Update**

Teams from all year groups represented Brockwell at the Chesterfield Lawn Tennis Centre. Three teams went through to the final and played brilliantly against other local school teams. Well done everyone. Thank you for your understanding in the rearranged Quad Kids. Being determined is one of our school values and indeed they were! Selected from their individual scores, five boys and five girls from Year 5 and 6 will be representing Chesterfield at the County Finals on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at Mount St. Mary's.

MP Toby Perkins appeared to have a wonderful time talking to children about activity and sport in school for National Sport Week, organized by Youth Sport Trust. He had a go at archery, speed stacking and cricket!

Huge thanks to the many parents that attend the events on and offsite. It really makes a difference and we do appreciate your time and support. The Sports Partnership reported a parental comment that was inappropriate. Please remember to emulate our school values whilst supporting the children.

Thank you for being so understanding about moving this event. It takes so much time to organise that I wanted you and the children to enjoy it – and it really was fabulous. Two field areas, two tracks, refreshments and a PA area take much planning and preparation. Thank you to everyone. Children, you were amazing. You showed the sporting values throughout and were so supportive and encouraging of each other. Well done Yellow Team this year. Well done to everyone.

The teachers, teaching assistants and support staff are absolutely fantastic and committed to delivering excellence. You are the experts of your child so please help us be too by keeping us informed of anything that may help us ensure your child succeeds.

Thank you all for your ongoing support, Catherine Holmes

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