

Friday 27th September 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Whitehall

I went to see everyone at Whitehall yesterday teatime. The children were buzzing with their adventures. Almost all have abseiled several times, been caving and solving problems in teams. It truly is a character building experience. Manners at dinner were exceptional. We enjoyed a roast dinner and chocolate mousse in traditional family dining style. The children have taken turns at jobs and are working together so well. I know they will return home ready for a rest, quiet and early night. Well done to everyone and a HUGE thank you to the staff who really were amazing with the children. The care, encouragement and support for each individual was evident. Thank you all so much.

### Theatre Visit Pinocchio

Here in school this afternoon the stage is set for our visiting theatre Pinocchio. There are many themes within the story to draw on including friendship, kindness and honesty (two of our school values of course). Thank you to the PFA for funding this experience.

**PFA** – If your child has completed a design for Christmas, he/she will be bringing the design home along with a covering letter, order form and flyer. This is likely to be on Friday next week – the 4<sup>th</sup> October. The PFA had a meeting last week and have issued their accounts along with planned activities this year. This will be shared at the Governor meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**Year 6 Fieldwork Visit to Holmebrook** – This letter has now been sent home. Please let us know if you have not received a copy. Nightingale go on 8<sup>th</sup> October and Darwin on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

### Message to Year 6 Parents / Carers

Now is the time to apply for a place at secondary school for your child. Applications are made via Derbyshire County Council at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk). The closing date for applications is MIDNIGHT on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

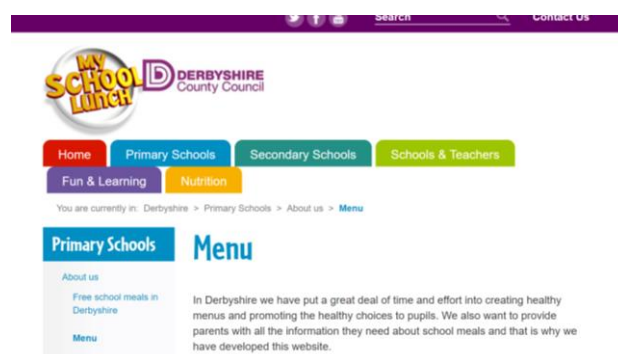
**Individual Photographs** These are due to take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

### HARVEST – COLLECTION FOR CHESTERFIELD FOOD BANK

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will be holding a harvest assembly where children are invited to bring in food item(s) from home. Once again, we have decided to donate all collected items to Chesterfield Food Bank. The Foodbank have said they are short of a number of items: long-life juice, long-life milk, tinned fish and meat, tinned fruit and tinned rice pudding, but that they are extremely grateful of any food donations. Please don't send in fresh food. Please ensure that all items are in date. Items can be sent in any day until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, when they will be collected by the Foodbank. Thank you.

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

Mrs Wagstaff, the School Cook, has invited parents of year 3 children to come in and sample a dinner during lunchtime in the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November. The menu is always available on the Derbyshire Website. Please do call if you would like to book to sample a dinner.



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## **INFORMATION REGARDING HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME**

In September 2013, the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 came into force. These regulations make it clear that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. These regulations also state that holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively. Any requests should be on an official school absence request form (on our website or in the office) and handed into the school office for consideration prior to any holiday/leave arrangements being made and in any event at least 14 days before the requested dates. You may be issued with a Penalty Notice should leave be taken which is not authorised. If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996. Where a child is absent with no reason provided and the Headteacher has grounds to believe that the child is on holiday, then the absence will be challenged and a penalty notice may be issued.



The poster features a central graphic of a sports kit with the text 'ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS' and the slogan 'Get together | Get collecting | Get active'. Below this, it says 'We're collecting Team GB stickers with Aldi's Kit for Schools.' and 'Help us collect 300 stickers to complete our poster and we'll receive an exclusive sports kit plus a chance to win £20,000!'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'GET SET eat to fresh', 'TEAM GB', and 'ALDI'.

## **FRIENDS OF MONKEY PARK EXCITING UPDATE**

You may remember a message about the Friends of Monkey Park raising funds to develop the park area near Chester Street. Good News... They have successfully got through the first phase of the application process and are now applying for phase 2.

They'd like to gather further support from parents by sharing their online petition which can be found at <http://chnng.it/kvwZDPLxy> and encouraging letters of support for the project (which need to be addressed to whom it may concern), and pictures from children of what they would like their new park to look like. All letters and pictures submitted will be entered into a prize draw (by FOMP) to win tickets to White Post Farm. They really need any letters /drawings by 6 October so will collect from school any you send in on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Further details of the project can be found at [www.friendsmonkeypark.org.uk](http://www.friendsmonkeypark.org.uk) or [www.facebook.com/friendsofmonkeypark](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofmonkeypark)

We really hope that you are able to help them with this. We know there is huge community support out there for this project and they would really appreciate ours.

## **HOME LEARNING – PRIMARY GAMES**

We have a community licence to use

[www.interactive-resources.co.uk](http://www.interactive-resources.co.uk)

On here you'll find loads of maths games and resources at many different levels.

The password is brockwell and the user name is brockwell. Our calculations policy and support is also on our website in Learning@brockwell pages.



Best wishes,  
Catherine Holmes

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