



# October Newsletter

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Our motto is **'Safe, Smile, Succeed'** and there has been SO MUCH excellent learning over the last few weeks along with some big smiles. Everyone has had so much fun too this week.

Year 3 have been adding percussion to their class songs in Music. In Art, Goodall have made Egyptian cartouches and Anning have painted feluccas on the River Nile!

Year 4 had their 'Sustainability Day' where they recycled old t-shirts using tie dye and thought about the local environment designing and making bird houses to encourage wildlife into school. They also wrote letters to the world as part of the 'Reading is Magic Festival'.

Year 5 have been writing reports based upon animal migration and they've been improving stamina in PE. They are learning so much too about volcanoes in their Geography learning challenge.

And as for Year 6? If the pictures Miss Lenthall sent me are anything to go by you've had a fantastic time adventuring outdoors on residential at White Hall.

As the term continues do know there is much curriculum information for each subject and year group on our website.

<https://www.brockwell-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk/curriculum/>



## White Hall

Special mention to all of our BRILLIANT, COURAGEOUS, DETERMINED and FANTASTIC year 6 children. You impressed the grown-ups so much. I know you'll have made lasting memories that you'll reflect on for a long time to come.

### Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are due to take place in the week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October. We'll be in touch about how to book these on-site visits.

### INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Tempest will be in school taking individual photos (no sibling groups) on 12<sup>th</sup> October. Please send your child in school uniform on this day.

### Year 6 RIVERS FIELDWORK VISIT HOLMEBROOK VALLEY

Just a reminder that Nightingale Class with Miss Brown go to Holmebrook Valley for their Rivers field study on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October followed by Darwin Class with Mr Power on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>. Please find all the information in the letter sent home and contact us if you have any questions. If your child has free school meals and you would prefer a school packed lunch, please let us know by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October. This is an important part of their geography curriculum building on the geography fieldwork in year 4 so I know they will learn lots outdoors to complement their learning in class.

### School Councillors

Children across the school have been thinking about what they may be able to offer as a School Councillor. Many are children who set a great example to others modelling respect and responsibility. Lots have ideas that they will suggest and work with staff in school to realise. One example of this is the request to further develop our outdoor adventure play areas. Class elections are taking place. Once elected, their first task is to review our anti-bullying charter, promote friendship and plan our 'Friendship (anti-bullying) Week' 2021.

### Clubs

Jumping Clay – Tuesday – all year groups to 4.30pm [www.jumpingclay.co.uk](http://www.jumpingclay.co.uk)  
Before / After School Club – daily to 5.30pm  
Handball by Premier Y3 & Y4 Wednesdays to 4.30pm  
Handball by Premier Y5 & Y6 Mondays to 4.30pm  
Football Y6 with Mr Allan or Mr Power – weekly now running.

#### Dates for your diary:

6N Rivers 4<sup>th</sup> Oct

6D Rivers 7<sup>th</sup> October

6<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Assembly in school for children

12<sup>th</sup> October Individual Photographs

19<sup>th</sup> October – Coffee Afternoon by the PFA

w/b 18<sup>th</sup> Oct Parent Consultations AND

Scholastic Book Fair will be in school

School Closes Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 3.25pm.  
Children return Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.



[www.onceaweektakeapeek.com](http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com) has some great advice on head lice management. Watch the animation that's available and parents can go to [www.facebook.com/onceaweektakeapeek](https://www.facebook.com/onceaweektakeapeek) for more information.

### Online Resources Reminder & Home Support

Getting the amount of 'homework' right is always debateable with some parents wanting more and some wanting less. We aim to provide a range of suggestions for learning at home but appreciate children take different amounts of time to complete tasks. Do talk to us if you'd like any advice or help with homework. Here's a summary of some of the options available.

**Seesaw** – Class App to access activities and Family App for parents to see what children are posting. Teachers will post homework and some classwork activities on here. In time it becomes a wonderful portfolio of your child's learning and you can see their progress as they post work.

**Abacus Mathematics and Wordsmith** interactive reading books. Individual letters and log on details will be sent home IF YOUR CHILD's CLASS decides to use this resource. The school code is pr93. You may need to turn Pop Ups off in your settings to enable the games. There may be a compatibility problem between some browsers and Active Learn. Please get in touch if you need to discuss this.

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

A super resource on which you can set up a home account: ebooks, maths games and lots more.

[www.readtheory.org](http://www.readtheory.org) This is an excellent option for reading if your child enjoys non-fiction. Once you have completed the first few quizzes, it responds to your child's reading progress.

**TTROCKSTARS – Currently Year 4** Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. Each week concentrates on a different times table, with a recommended consolidation week for rehearsing the tables that have recently been practised every third week or so. There's a competitive element too. The average score for our school can be compared with other schools taking part.

[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) and **Digital Parenting** – there are many online safety links on our website and an electronic copy of the 'Digital Parenting' magazine. Copies are available in the hall for you to collect during parent consultations if you are interested. You can sign up to National Online safety by associating yourself with our school subscription for loads of guides, webinars and lots more support.

**Spellings** – Specific spellings for each year group in our national curriculum are listed in the learning pages of the school website. If you'd like to practise some of these statutory spelling words, please find them in our year group learning pages/ English area of our curriculum pages. All classes are using **SPELLING SHED** and an app called '**Squeebles**' is excellent for motivating children to learn downloadable lists and lists you can create yourself.

### Handwriting

*Year 3 teachers are asked to teach children how to join their writing. A cursive, joined script supports the fluency of writing and can help children present their work legibly if letters are formed and joined accurately. I've included some example sheets for you on the website to use at home should your child be asking for extra practice. Any child with an established, joined style will NOT be asked to change.*

## Safeguarding and Family Support

We have been providing support for children and families proudly working in partnership with you over the years. This may be nurture work, accessing other agencies or family liaison. Mrs Graham champions our Pupil Premium Children in school and will support you with attendance matters. All schools ensure they are providing Early Help Support for families. Early Help support covers a wide range of areas such as child anxiety, self-esteem, bereavement, relationships, parenting support and attendance – and many more. In addition to our ongoing work, we continue to have Sarah Wilson working in school on Fridays as a Family Support Worker.

The Local Authority still has a statutory responsibility for Safeguarding across the county. If we have concerns about a child, we refer to Starting Point which remains the same. Sarah will work very closely with parents and school staff to ensure she supports children and families in our school community as required. Sarah is around school on Fridays at pick up, so she can chat with you if this may be something you think may best support you. To contact Sarah please call the school office.

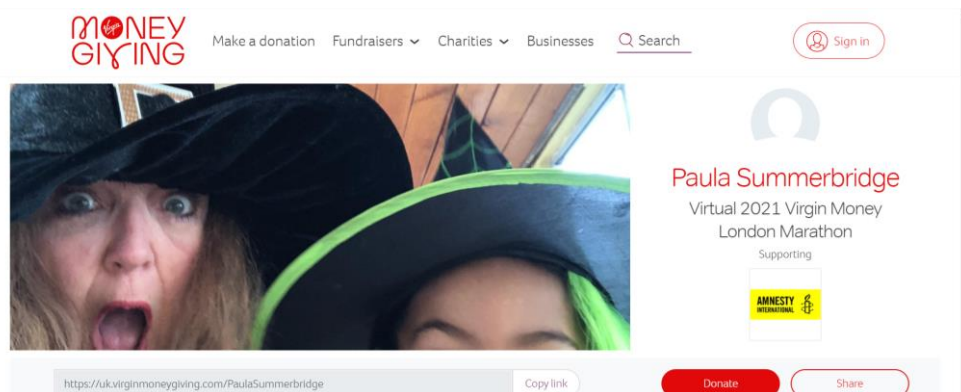
## MRS SUMMERBRIDGE TO DO A MARATHON!

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PaulaSummerbridge>

On Sunday Mrs Summerbridge, our wonderful teacher who retired in July, is doing the Virtual 2021 Virgin Money London Marathon.

***"You'll know this is a huge challenge for me, which is why I've left it until the last minute to ask for donations...in case I couldn't attempt the distance required. I'm going for it! I've chosen Amnesty in memory of my brother, who worked for them in their Middle Eastern section. His journey was sadly never finished. I hope I finish this one for him."***

If you'd like to support Paula, please access the link above.



**PLEASE SEND IN ANY DONATIONS FOR HARVEST FROM MONDAY 4th OCTOBER. WE ARE ONCE AGAIN SUPPORTING THE LOCAL FOODBANK.**

This Harvest we're asking you to help feed local people in crisis by collecting tinned and dried food for Chesterfield Foodbank. We are asking everyone to rally round to give items such as Fruit Juice (long life), tinned meat, tinned fish, UHT milk, rice pudding, small packets or tea and coffees.

1 in 5 people in the UK live in poverty; many families hit crisis and cannot afford food. More people are being referred to the food bank because they don't have enough money coming in to cover essential living costs. Rising food and fuel prices, static incomes, high unemployment and changes to benefits are causing many families to struggle to put food on the table but you can help be part of the solution by supporting Chesterfield Foodbank.

The food bank helps local individuals and families in crisis through the provision of emergency food supplies donated by churches, schools, businesses and the general public. The circumstances surrounding a crisis are unique to every individual, so the food bank partners with frontline care professionals, such as health visitors, social workers and other community-based support workers, who are able to identify people facing hunger and refer them to the food bank. As well as receiving nutritionally balanced 3 day food parcels, people are welcomed with a cup of tea, listened to and signposted to agencies that are able to help resolve the underlying cause of their crisis. Since the start of the pandemic Chesterfield Foodbank has issued over 82 tons of food. The vast majority of this has been distributed in over 7800 food parcels, sadly over a third of which has gone to families with children.

The demands on the food bank are as strong as ever and this is where we can help. Please join us by giving food so that local people in crisis don't go hungry. Thank you.

NB: Please make sure all food is unopened, non-perishable, in date, and undamaged. Thank you!

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF YEAR SIX CHILDREN**

**REMINDER**

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR YOUR CHILD'S SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE BY 31st OCTOBER at**

**[www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk)**

**HARVEST APPEAL** 

HELP BY DONATING AN ITEM OR TWO FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST TO ENSURE WE CAN PROVIDE FOOD TO PEOPLE IN CRISIS.

**SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS**

- Long life fruit juice
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned fish
- Tinned meat
- Long life milk
- Small packs - tea bags
- Small - coffees
- Tinned rice pudding
- Chocolate
- Soup

Don't forget...  
You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.

 [www.chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk)  
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