



Melbourne Infant School

April/May 2017 Newsletter

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 **This** year seems to be passing so quickly it hardly seems a few weeks since I was writing to you to introduce the teaching team for last September and now we are rapidly approaching the Summer term. The Summer term is always busy for us in school, school assessments take place, end of year reports are written and we have all the end of year celebrations for our Year 2 to name but a few. Have a lovely Easter and we are looking forward to continuing our work in the Summer Term
Mrs Gibbs



Home Time Safety of children

Please be patient and look out for your child when they are being dismissed, especially when it is another member of staff who is not usually in that class. Please do not knock on the window or allow younger siblings to come into the school. No child/parent must come back into the classroom until all children have been dismissed and without the permission of staff. Thank you



Assessments

Assessments for Year 2 children will take place between 4 to 24 May. Although the children are being assessed, we no longer refer to the tests being called SATs. We would like the children to feel relaxed during this period so please treat this period as any other time during the school year. We would appreciate your support with this relaxed approach at home during this time.
Thank you

Phonics Screening for Year 1 children will take place between 12 to 16 June. Any Year 2 children who did not meet the expected standard in Year 1 will re-sit phonics screening during this week.

The children have been working hard all year and you are encouraged to ensure all children attend school during the assessment period. Please avoid making medical appointments during this time unless absolutely necessary.



Attendance

Sept 2016 – March 2017

Authorised absence 2.79 %

Unauthorised attendance 0.08 %

Total attendance 97.13 %

Reminder ...

Any child arriving late (after 8.55 am) should come to the front entrance where parents will be asked to sign the late book. Arrivals after 9.05 am will be recorded in the class register as 'late after close of register' and this will generate an unauthorised absence on your child's record.



Weather Warning

As you will know, the weather cannot always be relied upon. Even though it may appear beautiful at the beginning of the day, the weather can change quickly. Parents are requested to ensure that the children always have a coat.

On the same theme ...

children will be learning outdoors, whenever the weather is suitable and therefore will need trainers (as part of their PE kit). Please also ensure that on hot days your child brings a sun hat and that sunscreen is applied before school. It would be preferable for parents to apply an 'all day' sun cream before school. **Sunscreens should be named and kept in a clear plastic bag to avoid any spillages.**

Water Bottles

We have recently had several children without water bottles in school. It is important your child brings a water bottle to school each day, especially with the weather getting warmer. Please ensure your child's bottle is clearly labelled with their name. Thank you

Charity Fund Raising

Red Nose/World Downs Syndrome

A fantastic amount of £258 was raised. We are delighted to be able to send £129.00 to each of the above charities. Thank you for your continued support.



Healthy Schools Day

On Wednesday 3 May as part of Healthy Schools Day we would like to invite parents to come into school to take part in exercising with your child's class. This will be during the afternoon.

Also on the 3 May, we would like to invite grandparents to come along and assist in planting in our wildlife garden. This will be the morning session.

More details to follow on both events.



Congratulations to Stella in Squirrel Class who has won our School Slogan competition. **'Be your best for MIS'**. We will be using this slogan for any future forthcoming PE or Sporting Events. Stella's prize is a paid club of her choice. **Well Done!**

Pupil Corner

The school council are keen to tell you some of the learning that has taken place this term:

Red Learning Team

(Niall, Benjamin, Charlotte, Edie)

We loved going to the zoo to see the meerkats. We enjoyed writing our own stories about Goldilocks and the Three Bears but changed the characters.

Green Learning Team

(Harriet, Felix, Max, Honor)

We have liked dressing up as princesses and knights in our topic. Holding the meerkats and feeding them the worms was the best part of the term.

Blue Learning Team

(Stella, Lucas, Isaac, Ava, Amelia, Elliott)

There was a beanstalk which broke through the playground and broke the CCTV. Mr Maguire spent his weekend chopping it down and fixing the playground. We have been setting traps for trolls and giants.

Safeguarding

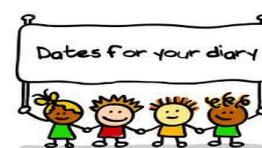
If you have a concern regarding child protection or safeguarding, please contact:

Head Child Protection Officer – Mrs C Gibbs

Child Protection Contact – Mrs Howell/Miss Pabla

Starting Point: 01629 533190

NSPCC Helpline: 0808 8005000



Summer Term 5

April

- 6 Easter Assembly 9.00 am
- 6 School Closes
- 7 **Inset (staff only)**
- 24 **Term begins for all children**

May

- 1 **May Day Bank Holiday**
- 3 Healthy Schools Day
- 3 (pm) PACES Afternoon (parents invited)
- 4-24 May Year 2 Assessments
- 9 Class Photographs (Wrates)
- 22-26 Science/Environmental Week
- 26 **School closes for children**



Term Dates 2017/2018

Derbyshire County Council Holiday pattern for 2017/18 academic year is available to view at www.derbyshire.gov.uk.

INSET Dates - 2017/18

- 4 September 2017
- 20 November 2017
- 2 January 2018
- 16 February 2018
- 25 May 2018