

Term Six Year 6 Transition Term

In order to help our older children to be as prepared as possible for secondary school I have had discussions with some parents about particular concerns they and their children have about the transition and, with this in mind, we intend to use the final half-term as a 'Transition Term' for Year 6—daily work tasks, lists of things to bring in to school and an introduction to the French language. I will send out a questionnaire regarding specific content/activities later in the year.

Selected Key Dates



Mon 10th Jan Return to School
 Mon 17th Jan Futsal at Belper Leisure Centre
 Mon 17th Jan Governors School Improvement Committee
 Thurs 27th Jan Girls Futsal at Alfreton Leisure Centre
 Mon 31st Jan Key Stage 1 Dodgeball Belper Leisure Centre
 Weds 2nd Feb Full Governing Body Meeting



Fri 4th Feb Tough Rower Sports Challenge
 Mon 7th Feb Y3/4 Dodgeball Belper Leisure Centre
 Tues 8th Feb Safer Internet Day
 Thurs 17th Feb Whole school walk at Cromford Canal
 Fri 18th Feb End of term Church Service 2.30pm



Mon 28th Feb Return to school
 Thurs 3rd March World Book Day
 Mon 7th March Governors Resources Committee
 WC 14th March Science/STEM Week
 Mon 14th March Key Stage 1 gymnastics Alfreton Leisure Centre
 Tues 15th March Y3/4 gymnastics Alfreton Leisure Centre
 Weds 23rd March Full Governing Body Budget Meeting



Weds 23rd March Table Tennis Belper Leisure Centre
 Weds 30th March Cross Country Eyes Meadow
 Fri 8th April End of term Church Service 2.30pm
 Mon 25th April Return to school



Mon May 2nd Bank Holiday
 WC 9th May Year 6 SATS Assessment Week
 Mon 9th May Governors School Improvement Committee
 Weds 25th May Full Governing Body Meeting
 Fri 27th May End of term Church Service



Mon 6th June Return to school
 Fri 1st July INSET
 Mon 4th July INSET
 Fri 22nd July Leavers' Service 2pm



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January 2022 Newsletter



A Happy New Year to all of our families—let's hope 2022 is a smoother year than 2021 was. I am delighted that school closures have not been forced on us and I am optimistic that we will be able to enjoy a more 'normal' school year, if there is such a thing!

On behalf of all staff, I would like to thank you for the unbelievably generous Christmas gifts and the donations which we will put towards an epic 'Infant Team vs Junior Team' Escape Room battle. I know who my money's on.....

We have much to look forward to in 2022. We intend to take the children to Cadburys World as part of our 'Inspirational Inventions' Big Idea and visit the Blists Hill Victorian Town to learn more about life 150 years ago. In addition, the juniors have the re-arranged Young Voices concert on 28th April and intend to visit Cromford Canal and walk to the Arkwright Mills. Mr Wraith and I are excited for the return of inter-school sporting fixtures as the weather improves.

Our Year 6 children have begun the run-up to their SATs assessments in May and I have great confidence in them because of their tremendous attitude to work and the progress they have already made this year.

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New School Website

Our new website has had lots of traffic (thank you if you've found time to have a look) and I am working hard to keep it up-to-date and detailed with helpful information and links.

Learning

This term, our Big Idea is 'Inspirational Inventions'. The children will learn about life in the Victorian period and **the Juniors** will read *Gaslight* (chosen after a class vote!) and *Hetty Feather*. In maths, we will begin by reading and drawing line graphs before looking at other ways of presenting data. In art & DT we will learn about and create impressionist paintings and become 'chocolatiers' designing and making a chocolate box and then creating our own delicious chocolates to present to the class. In science we will learn about materials and use IMotion to create our own animations in Computing. We hope to visit Pugin's church in Derby as part of our RE work and Mr Wraith is looking forward to delivering hockey lessons to all children.

In the Infants the children will continue with their fantastic phonics and read *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* as our main text. In Maths we will focus on the four number operations before revisiting fractions and shape. In science we will learn about humans and other living creatures and about what keeps us healthy and makes a healthy lifestyle.

1-1 Tutoring

Mrs Bennett and Miss Beresford have done an excellent job delivering additional teaching sessions to selected children. The impact of their hard work on the children's academic progress is clear to see. For this half term, Miss Beresford is away completing her final teaching placement before achieving Qualified Teacher Status. I am grateful that Mrs Bennett has agreed to take on some extra sessions whilst Miss Beresford is unavailable. To repeat, please do not be concerned if your child is or is not selected for 1-1 tutoring. These are 'bonus' targeted sessions aimed at children across the academic spectrum.

Knowledge Organisers

A challenge for all schools is to develop a meaningful method of assessing pupil-progress in subjects other than maths, English and science. We see the use of knowledge organisers—a single or double-side of A4 which outlines exactly what is to be taught in the unit as a potential means of solving this challenge. The children will bring home copies of the knowledge organisers for key subjects, which will also be uploaded to the school website. At the beginning and end of each unit, children will be asked 6 open-ended questions and these answers alongside their work in class will be used to track their progress and attainment.

Playground Refurbishment

The difficulties we have experienced finding builders willing and able to quote and complete our playground refurbishment was one of my biggest frustrations of 2021. We do have a company visiting the playground to quote on January 20th and I can assure you that Mrs Horobin and I will do everything we can to secure a completion date for the new playground as quickly as possible.

Young Voices Concert

I am delighted that the Young Voices concert has not been cancelled but postponed. We will now take part in the concert on Thursday 28th April. If you have been to a Young Voices concert in the past you will know what a special experience it is. The children are given a range of songs to learn and join around 7000 others at Sheffield Arena in January. More details, including ticket information for parents who may want to attend the concert are available on the YV website.

Mugginton Mile

The Mugginton Mile will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays—we had 19 children attend the first session last Tuesday. We will run at 11.40am to avoid any lesson-disruption and have the staff necessary to support all children who wish to join the run to take part. We ask that children come to school in their normal uniform on running days in case bad weather prevents us going.

Sports at Mugginton

A key PE aim is that every child from Years 2—6 has the opportunity to represent our school in a sporting event each year. This term, we hope to enter a Futsal tournament as well as gymnastics, table tennis and cross country. I have no doubt that Mrs Wallen will be determined to defend our Key Stage 1 Handball championship which is always a highlight. I am very much looking forward to the return of the junior football league too and will send out fixture-dates when I have them.

Friends of Mugginton School (FOMS)

I would like to thank all members of FOMS for working so hard to re-start things after such a period of disruption. We enjoyed the Christmas Gift Shop and the Christmas Fayre was terrific fun for everybody. Thank you parents who helped your children prepare the stalls and prizes. Despite having no adult visitors for the Fayre, we still managed to raise almost £100!

Appointment of New LA Governor

I am delighted that our vacancy for a Local Authority governor has been filled pending final authorisation by the county council. Mr Andrew Hill is an experienced primary school teacher and leader at a school in Basford in Nottingham. I am sure his experience and ideas will be an excellent addition to our governing body team.

Safer Internet Day

The national Safer Internet Day will be held on Tuesday 8th February this year. We use the day to work with the children to develop and emphasise key messages around Internet safety. There is a lot of information on the school website for anybody requiring support in this area.

Faith Council & Eco Committee

Our Faith Council made a great start to their work last term—it was a great shame that their Talent Show and trip to Waterstones could not go ahead. We will re-schedule these events at our third meeting this month. An off-shoot of the Faith Council is the Eco-Committee who are working hard to achieve our 'Green Flag' Eco Award by completing a school environmental review and designing and implementing an action plan to raise our school's awareness of key environmental issues. I will update you on their progress in our next newsletter.