

Term Six Year 6 Transition Term

The final half-term will be used 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, as well as transition activities with their new schools. Mrs Alaina Duncan, a secondary school languages teacher, has agreed to run some French lessons and support us to plan and deliver additional French activities to the children. Parents, please look out for a brief questionnaire about what exactly we should include in our transition term activities.



Selected Key Dates

Mon 9th May	Year 6 SATs Assessment Week
Fri 13th May	Young Voices at Sheffield Arena
Mon 16th May	Beginning of the Mugginton Jubilee Bake-Off
Thurs 19th May	Bake-Off cakes in school & after-school cake sale
Fri 20th May	Key Stage 2 Cricket Festival Riddings CC
Mon 23rd May	Key Stage 1 Football Belper School Trip-Arrangements presentation 3.30pm
Tues 24th May	Trip-Arrangements presentation 4.30pm
Weds 25th May & Thurs 26th	Ecclesbourne Induction Evenings
Thurs 26th May	Bake-Off Final!
Thurs 26th May	End of Term Service 2.30pm
Fri 27th May	School Closed in lieu Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Weds 8th June	Golf Ormonde Fields GC
Fri 10th June	Juniors trip to London
Mon 13th June	Bikeability Week
Weds 15th June	Kwik Cricket
Fri 17th June	Juniors cycling around Carsington
Mon 20th June	Infant trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Mon 20th June	Swimming Gala 9.30—11am
Fri 1st July & Mon 4th July	INSET school closed to pupils INSET school closed to pupils (Anthony Gell & Ecclesbourne Induction Day 1)
Weds 6th July	Junior Play 6.30pm
Thurs 7th July	Junior Play 1.30pm
Weds 13th - Fri 15th July	Junior Mount Cook Residential
Fri 22nd July	Leavers' Service
Thurs 1st Sept	INSET school closed to pupils
Fri 2nd Sept	INSET school closed to pupils
Mon 5th Sept	First day of 2022-2023 term



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We have had a super start to the summer term—the weather definitely helps! Our children are working very hard in the run-up to end of key stage assessments and there is a really purposeful and positive atmosphere across the school. Next week, our Year Six children will sit their SATS tests and Year Two children will sit tests in a less formal manner during the following week. In June Year One children complete the Phonics Screening Check and Year Four children complete the Multiplication Tables Check. I know the children will do what they always do—give us their best, which they know is always enough.

The summer term is always full of fun. We have junior trips to the Young Voices concert; London and the Residential at Mount Cook to look forward to. The infants have sporting fixtures and a trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park which promises to be a great day. Alongside the trips, we have the juniors production, Honk, Sports Day and the opportunity to welcome our new starters for September. Finally, we have plenty of sporting fixtures and a Tough Mudder booked—if you remember the last one we did in the Summer of 2019 you will know how much fun this is.

We continue to work hard to improve our school website. Please do check it for updates, letters and photographs when you have time. Thank you.

Learning

Our Big Idea is 'What a Wonderful World'. The juniors have made a super start to our unit on the Ancient Greeks—we have read several of the Greek myths and we all know what an archipelago is already! . In the infants, there is great excitement as they have received some baby caterpillars to look after. You guessed it, they are reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar!

1-1 Tutoring

Mrs Bennett and Miss Beresford continue to do an excellent job delivering additional teaching sessions to selected children. This will continue because we have seen a positive impact on the children's academic progress and self-confidence. 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.

Playground Refurbishment

We are down to two quotes! I expect to be in a position to place an order by the end of this month which is very exciting!

PE Sessions at the University of Derby

I hope the junior children have told you about their trips to the University of Derby on Tuesday afternoons. The facilities are fantastic and I am grateful to parents who have been kind enough to help us transport children to and from the venue. We are still considering how best to use this great resource. Two immediate focuses will be training next years Mugginton football and tag-rugby teams for glory and planning some whole-school afternoons there.

Bikeability

The Big on Bikes team will be in school in the week beginning June 13th to help children improve their bike-riding and road safety awareness. On Friday 17th, Year 5 & 6 children will have the opportunity to use their skills to cycle around Carsington Reservoir.

Sports at Mugginton

As you know, 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. Key Stage 1 has a football competition at Belper on the 23rd of May. The cross country, which was cancelled last term, has been rescheduled for Thursday 19th May. We have signed up for junior cricket at Riddings Cricket Club (20/5), golf (8/6), Kwik Cricket (15/6), and the swimming gala (20/6) through the Amber Valley Sports Partnership in addition to our continuing participation in a tag rugby and football league. The Mugginton Mile continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please can children come to school in their normal uniform on running days in case bad weather prevents us going.

Wrap-Around Care

Thank you to those of you who have given me feedback on the potential return of wrap-around care in September. With so many of you travelling a long way to bring your child to school, I think it right that we offer after-school care. Final arrangements will be shared with you when they are complete.

Young Voices Concert

Juniors, not long now! Please remember information is available on the school website so children can practise the songs and dance moves. On the 13th, children need to come to school in uniform and bring either their Young Voices t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt. Please make sure to complete the form letting us know if you are collecting your child from school or from Sheffield. Thank you.

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 have a cake-sale on Thursday the 19th May as part of our Bake-off. There is a Fathers Day Gift Shop on Friday the 17th June.

Faith Council & Eco Committee

Our Faith Council have been busy! They have helped me to complete pupil voice questionnaires with younger children; led collective worship and the Eco-Committee are working hard to achieve our 'Green Flag' Eco Award by implementing our action plan to raise awareness of key environmental issues. I will update you on their progress in our next newsletter!

Trips! Infants to Yorkshire Wildlife Park and Juniors to London and Residential at Mount Cook

Big ones! As part of our 'It's a Wonderful World' unit, we plan to take the juniors to London to visit the British Museum and Westminster. We love these trips because they create special memories for our children.

As I emailed to you all earlier in the week, I appreciate that considerable time has passed since we last did trips as ambitious as London (2016) and a residential (2019). To reassure you, the risk-assessment work is substantial (we will require 10 adults for London, children in groups of 3 or 4 and detailed plans for the day for it to be safe to go ahead) - it certainly is in another league to a whole school dog walk!

I would like to invite all parents to a short afternoon presentation about the trip-arrangements on either Monday 23rd May at 3.30pm or Tuesday 24th May at 4.30pm in the junior classroom. I

will go through our planning and risk assessments, including the contingencies we have in place and will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the trips.

New Starters

We have six new Reception-starters for September 2022, which is very exciting. Mrs Wallen has contacted the families to invite our new children in for some stay-and-play sessions each Friday morning before the 'official' taster mornings start in the final half-term.

Church Services

I hope you enjoyed our Easter Service as much as I did. We love to use the church for our Services and it is a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their speaking and listening skills. The church, obviously, is an extremely old building and I am aware that a toddler burnt their hand on an open radiator during the Easter Service. Please do take care when we are in Church—we have discussed the incident with the Parish Council.