



UPCOMING DATES
FOR THE DIARY...

6th November

Term starts

9th/10th November

Y6 L2 Bikeability

13th November

Y4/5 L1 Bikeability

Fencing Competition

14th November

PTA Meeting

16th November

Basketball Competition

22nd November

Reception 2024 Open
Morning

23rd November

Reception 2024 Open
Afternoon

27th November

Dodgeball Competition

Friday 1st December

Christmas Fayre

6th December

Balanceability for R/Y1

11th December

Goalball Competition

13th December

Christmas Nativity @ Church

21st December

Pantomime @ Derby Arena

22nd December

Celebration Assembly

Christmas Holiday

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Allotment Harvest



We have had a lot of fun recently harvesting from the school allotment. The pupils have been busy collecting potatoes, onions, carrots and pumpkins



Open Centre

KS2 pupils visited Derby Open Centre on October 9th as part of their RE topic. They had an amazing time learning about different faiths and religious buildings. The staff have also praised the children for their impeccable behaviour. We are incredibly proud of them all.

Harvest Festival

The rain did not dampen our spirits for our Harvest Service last week. The children showed off their work and sang harvest songs. A huge thankyou to everyone who attended, including Reverend Stella for her story and prayer.



Boccia

On October 3rd, our KS2 pupils took part in a Boccia competition at Greenback Leisure Centre. We had 4 teams in total and all of them really enjoyed playing a brand new sport. One of our teams narrowly missed reaching the semi-finals. We will run a Boccia after-school club in the Spring term and have another opportunity to enter a competition too.



Coffee Morning

Our MacMillan Coffee morning on Monday 16th October and was a great success. Pupils from Mr Banister's class had a great time helping to serve cake, clear away plates/cups and chatting. They were rewarded with a delicious slice of cake too. Overall, this raised £207.86 for Cancer Research. We would like to thank everyone who attended.



Attendance

You will have recently received a breakdown of your child's attendance so far this year. Please do contact school if you have any questions regarding this.

Remember—anything over 95% is considered good. 91%-94% is a cause for concern and 90% or below is classed as 'Persistent Absenteeism' by Derbyshire County Council.

Burton Albion FC Visit



As part of Black History Month and No Room for Racism Month in the Premier League, Laura from Burton Albion FC visited on Monday to deliver some workshops linked to discrimination in sport. The children showed great interest

and developed a really good understanding of the importance of having an ally in life to call upon for support.



Online Safety

With the new release of this popular game, we are attaching some useful information for parents and carers linked to playing the game safely online.



Halloween Disco

Yesterday, we had our Halloween Disco. It was really well attended and the children had a lot of fun dancing, face painting and playing games. I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Farrow, our Chair of Governors for sorting out the light and sound system as well as all of the members of the PTA for organising the event.

Join the PTA!



Fencing Club

Our fencing club has proved to be a great success and I know that the children have really enjoyed themselves. We are entering a competition in November and I will let you know how we get on in the next newsletter.



A little bit extra...

A good night's sleep...

We are attaching information about this wonderful free resource that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Sleep is essential to brain function - by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school.



Half Term Fun



Some free cycling sessions are taking place at Cadley Park in Swadlincote on Tuesday 31st October. The sessions are booking only, and the links for each are provided below:

- 10-10.45am - [Balance Bike](#)
- 11-12pm - [Ready Steady Pedallers](#)
- 12.30-1.30pm - [BMX Skills \(8+\)](#)
- 2-3pm - [BMX Skills \(10+\)](#)

Free School Meals

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Pssst

Did you know that all reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils are entitled to receive a free meal at lunchtime regardless of family income?

And if your child is in year 3 or above, they may also be eligible, if you receive one of the qualifying benefits.

Just log into the new speedy free school meal checker system to see if your child is eligible. Scan the QR code and it will take you straight there.

SCAN ME

If school meals are free for reception, year 1 and year 2 - why do I still need to apply?

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 get free school meals, but if you receive one of the qualifying benefits you may also get help with:

- the cost of residential school trips
- travel costs to school
- school uniform costs
- music lessons at school

For every child registered for free school meals, schools receive a pupil premium payment each year. This will be used to help your child achieve their best at school.

Use the QR code overleaf to access the portal and check your eligibility.

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