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School Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2024

It is hard to think we are getting towards the end of the first term of the year. It has been a great start to the year with lots to report on.

Good To be Green

I wanted to explain again about one of the tools we use for behaviour management in school. We believe that as well as coming to school to learn about academic subjects, we need to support children by teaching them how to behave. One of the strategies we have to help us with this is called *Good to be Green*. When children make a choice in their behaviour that we don't approve of, they are given a verbal explanation about why it is not appropriate. If the behaviour continues they would get a *Stop and Think*. *Stop and Think* is a chance for children to reflect and modify their behaviour. If their behaviour continues, they would get a *warning*, meaning they need to spend some time with an adult in class to discuss their choices. The next step is a *consequence* in which children have a discussion with the head teacher.

Stop and Think's should not be seen as a big deal – instead, they should be seen as a chance for your child improve their behaviour further when they are in school. We will not inform parents and carers when they are given. We will only

communicate with parents and carers when we think we need to work in partnership with them about more significant issues.

This year, we have removed the physical cards that children were expected to move. This is to avoid shaming children in to behaving.

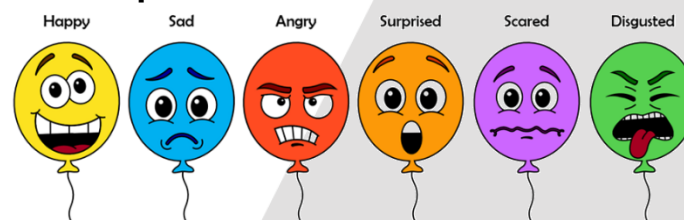
Please support us at home by not making a big deal about *Stop and Thinks*. If you could reinforce the message that school is an opportunity to learn from mistakes, that would be much appreciated.

Attendance

Thank you so much for supporting us with your child's attendance this year so far. The school attendance figure since September is 97.75% - significantly above both our Trust and the National Average!



PSHE Topic this term



In PSHE this half term, children are completing a topic called 'Exploring Emotions'. Children in lower school will learn to name different feelings,

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recognise that not everyone feels the same about the same things and will start to identify ways to manage big feelings. Class 3 and 4 will learn about how feelings can impact on people's mental wellbeing. They will learn that feelings can develop over time and will start to explore how to reframe unhelpful thinking to help them overcome certain feelings.

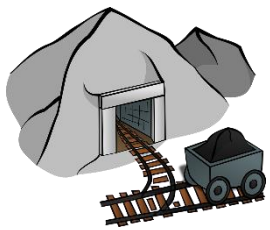
School Council

Our school council have been busy drawing up plans they hope to carry out this year. I have asked them to pull together some information about what they want to achieve and have added this to the school website. Please click on the link to see what they have planned:

<https://www.scarcliffe.derbyshire.sch.uk/school-council>

Trips planning

Earlier this week you should have received a letter about trips planning. This included an overview of all the trips (and costings) we have planned for this academic year.



Already, our oldest children have been out of school to visit the National Mining Museum to support the learning in their topic.

Thank you for continuing to support us by financing the trips which we believe are a vital part of our curriculum offer!

Staff Recruitment

We are aware that some parents and carers will be starting to wonder what the plans will be in terms of headteacher recruitment and the plans to cover Mrs Swift's maternity leave. We are making good progress in relation to these issues

and will be in a position to update parents and carers soon about what the plans involve. Clearly, our priority is to ensure that children continue to enjoy coming to school and that standards of teaching and learning are at least maintained.

Spooky Disco and PTA Update



Thank you to all the people who have already returned their child's permission slips for the spooky disco in November. We are sure the children who attend

will have a brilliant time and look forward to seeing their costumes on 5th November. As a reminder, the lower school disco (for Classes 1 and 2) will start straight after school and will finish at 4:45pm. The upper school disco will start at 5:00pm and will finish at 6:30pm. As well as providing children with food, we will have a stall open where children will be able to buy a range of items – including sweets.

A couple of parents have spoken to me about advertising for new members of the PTA. I have taken the decision to postpone recruiting anyone else to the PTA at the moment. I believe the new headteacher will have their own ideas for how they want this to run and they will be able to share more information when they are in post.

Sports Events



We have already competed in two football tournaments this year with our Y5/6 team finishing second and our Y3/4 team finishing in 5th.

We were so proud of both teams and thought they represented the school and supported each other perfectly.

Dates for 2024-25

15th October – Progress Review Evening (3:45 – 6:30pm)

17th October – Progress Review Evening (3:45 – 5:30pm)

25th October – Children’s last day of the term

25th October - End of Term 1

4th November - Start of Term 2

5th November – PTA – Spooky Disco (Lower School – 3:30 – 5:00pm, Upper School – 5:00 – 6:30pm)

15th November – Children in Need Day

6th December – Class 3 and 4 rehearsal day at The Bolsover School

10th December – Christmas Dinner Day

11th December – KS2 Christmas Play (6:00pm – 7:30pm) – The Bolsover School

12th December - Class 1 and 2 Nativity (9:30am and 2:00pm) - Performance 1 and 2

13th December – Class 1 and 2 Nativity (9:30am) - Performance 3.

17th December – Pantomime at Mansfield (Afternoon)

19th December - Christmas Party Food Dinner

19th December – Christmas Parties

19th December – Children’s last day of term

20th December – School Closed – INSET DAY

6th January - Start of Term 3

6th January – INSET Training – School Closed

14th February - End of Term 3

24th February - Start of Term 4

w/b 24th Feb – Order Leaver’s Hoodies

6th March – World Book Day

4th March – Progress Review Evening (3:45 – 6:30pm)

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4th April - End of Term 4

21st April – Easter Monday – School Closed

22nd April - Start of Term 5

24th April – Year 5 at Pleasley Vale – Session 1

30th April – Class Photos

1st May – Year 5 at Pleasley Vale – Session 2

5th May – Bank Holiday Monday

w/b 12th May – Year 6 SATs Week

23rd May - End of Term 5

2nd June - Start of Term 6

10th June – Sports Day – FIRST CHOICE (1:30pm – 3:00pm)

17th June – Sports Day – BACK-UP Date (As above)

25th June – New to FS2 parent meeting (5:30 – 6:30pm)

27th June – INSET Training – School Closed

2nd July – Stay and Play for New FS2 children (1:30 – 2:30pm)

9th July – Transition Day – All year groups move up

9th July – Stay and Play 2 for new FS2 children (9:30 – 11:30am)

11th July – End of Year reports sent home

15th July – Open evening to discuss reports and see books (6:00 – 7:30pm)

18th July – Y6 Treat Day

21st July – Class Dojo Treat Afternoon (Non-uniform day)

22nd July - Y6 Leavers Assembly (6:00pm)

23rd July - End of Term 6

24th July – INSET Day – School Closed

INSET DAYS FOR 2024-25

Monday 4th September 2024

Friday 20th December 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday 27th June 2025

Thursday 24th July 2025