



‘A School Where Every Child Can Shine.’

30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What amazing weather we have at the moment. Spring 2025 has been full of sunny days and blossom – long may it last. Although we are in a short half-term, it is a busy one.

Our **Sun Safe** information has been updated by Derbyshire LA and is now on our website.

Children need to bring a water bottle each day and in the sunny weather a hat and sunglasses are also extra protection.

Sunscreen needs to be applied at home and the 6 to 8 hour protection is recommended.

**Bank Holiday:**

School will be closed on the Bank Holiday: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

**Key Stage 1 and 2 Assessments:**

Our Year 2 pupils will be undertaking their assessments in Reading, Writing and Maths across the next few weeks. Our Upper Key Stage 2 pupils also have their assessment week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

Our website has support for Parents and Carers who may wish to look through past papers for Reading, Grammar Punctuation and Spelling, Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning. This can be found in the Parent area of the website and Mark schemes are included.

**Remembrance: 80 Years since the end of WW2 in Europe.**

As a school, we will be marking the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe as this has historical significance, as well as, honouring the soldiers and civilians who lost their lives. Remembering VE Day pays tribute to their sacrifices and ensures future generations do not forget.

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025, children can come to school wearing any combination of the colours – red, white and blue.

Each child will need to bring a small 'picnic' (of their own choice) to eat around 2pm, as part of our afternoon VE Day style party on our field. All children will have lunch as normal at 12pm. Staff will set up the tables and decorate them on the field and all classes will sit together for their 'party' tea in the afternoon.

Please remember that when packing up a snack box we are a 'Nut Free' schools.

The children will be involved in 1940s style Games and Music.

At 3.15pm children will be dismissed as normal. After School Club and Home Learning Club will also still be available on this day.

### **Sports' Day 2025:**

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2025, we will be having our annual Sports' Day on our school field at 1.30pm.

Following on from the very successful Pancake Race, Parents, Family and Friends will be able to watch the events from the bottom end of the field where our PTA can serve refreshments again, donations of cakes can be brought to school on that morning.

A larger area will be roped off so people can bring chairs or blankets to sit on if they wish.

Children will come to school dressed in their PE kits.

### **School Uniform: Polite reminder of our school uniform policy**

School Uniform can be purchased from Uniform Direct, Babbington Lane, Derby and consists of:

Bottle green jumper, cardigan or slip-over. The white polo shirt with our school badge will be worn beneath it. Trousers, skirts and shorts will be black only. Children are allowed to wear Non School Logo items. These should be plain and in the school colours Socks and tights will be plain white, grey or black.

School shoes will be black and any sandals must not be open-toed for safety around the school and field area. **Training shoes should not be worn for school.** During the summer term pupils can wear a green gingham dress.

### **Safeguarding:**

Our Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills have been very successful over the last Term. As we are now in the summer term these practices will continue.

Our PCSO (Police Community Support Officer.), Mr Mark Worell, did raise some concerns regarding children's inappropriate access to Social Media, Gaming and Mobile Phone use when he visited all classes before Easter.

We advise parents to set age-appropriate rules for mobile phone and social media use, educate children about online risks, and use parental controls to monitor usage.

Open communication with children about these topics and limiting screen time are also recommended, along with encouraging healthy habits and modelling responsible technology use.

We are dedicated to supporting both families and children to keep safe online. Our local Secondary Schools are also trying hard to raise awareness of the impact, misuse can have on mental health, friendships and the community.

### **Forthcoming Dates:**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bluebell Dairy – Reception children

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May – VE Day

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May- Dino Workshop – Reception Children

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Derby Museum – Year 3 & 4

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Balance Bikes – Year 1

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Sports Day

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Seaside Day -Year 1 and 2

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Skipping Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Euro Football Festival

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Derby Museum – Year 1 & 2

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June- Cadbury World – Year 5/6

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Tough Rider

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Orienteering

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July – New intake Meeting

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Tough Runner/Reports out

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Open Afternoon from 2 p.m.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Leaver's Service 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Children Break up for Summer

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July – INSET DAYS – school closed to children

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September – INSET DAYS – school closed to children

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September – children return to school.

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