

Welcome Back

Welcome back to another exciting year. We hope that all our families have enjoyed a relaxing and fun summer break. Staff have spent time over the summer preparing and planning for an exciting and engaging range of learning opportunities for the year ahead.

Year 6

Previous

I am delighted to hear that our year 6 children from last year have all settled in well to secondary school life as year 7's and we wish them all the luck for the year ahead.

Current

We know our current year 6 are going to love the challenge of being the oldest children in school and will carry out their range of jobs in an enthusiastic and responsible way.

Newest members of our family

Reception children and families

We would like to welcome our new families to school. It has been wonderful to see the new reception children settle in so quickly into the school routine.

New member of staff

We would like to welcome Amiee Slysz to our family team. Amiee is running breakfast club and assisting Hayley in the school office. Look out for Amiee in the mornings, the children and staff have made her feel very welcome.

Congratulations

This month Mrs Richardson has worked at the school for 30 years. What a fantastic achievement! We celebrated in collective worship Mrs Richardson's individual light and learnt she has taught several generations including parents who have children who attend the school now. We feel incredibly proud to have had Mrs Richardson be part of our school family for so long.



Our school Vision

We spent the final summer term reviewing our vision with children.

"We inspire all children to flourish by sharing their individual light during a life of fullness within God's love of all."

The children decided that this vision sits nicely with our already embedded values. Our older children already have a clear understanding of both our vision and values that we are currently sharing with our reception children.

We are having our Section 48 church inspection on 19th September 23. The inspector will be looking at seven strands and will make a judgement based on his findings. The Church of England has reviewed the framework and schools are either judgement 1 the inspection findings indicate that the school is living up to its foundation as a church school, and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish or judgement 2 The inspection findings indicate that the school has strengths, but that there are also issues that leaders need to address as a matter of priority.

Our school Ethos and values

Each year we ask our staff, children and parents/grandparents to sign up to our school Ethos and values. This document can be found on the back of your child's reading record.

School will:

Value each child as an individual. Provide a safe happy environment. Provide a curriculum which meets students' holistic needs and interests to develop them as individuals. Ensure children receive quality teaching which will encourage them to become lifelong learners. Help your child to develop a sense of responsibility. Keep a robust line of communication with you about your child's journey in school. Be open and welcoming at all times.

Families should:

Ensure children come to school regularly and on time. Keep school informed of any problems or concerns. Support our child with learning at home. Attend parents evening. Support school policies and rules. Encourage our child to be independent. Uphold and live out our school vision and values. Ensure the school is informed of any absences by 9:15am on the first day of absence.

Pupils will:

Come to school every day on time. Bring the things I need every day. Look after everything I use carefully. Work hard and try my best. Be polite and helpful. Live out the school vision and values in and out of school.



Harvest Festival Church Service

Our harvest festival will be held in church on Monday 25th September at 9:30. However, we would like children to bring in their donations on Friday 22nd September so that we can create the display for the Sunday service. All items will be on display for the Sunday service in church then will be taken to the food bank on Monday 25th September after our school service. All our families, friends and the local community are welcome to join us.

Communication

We have a range of methods to communicate with our parents and carers:

- Parent hub
- Class emails
- Admin email
- Twitter
- school website

There is always a member of staff at the gate each night and morning. If your concern is urgent or sensitive, we can invite you into school for a chat.

The school website is updated at least twice a week with changing dates and new information. Please check there if you need to know something, especially in terms of term dates. Please reach out to the office if there are any questions or queries that you may have. All information about attendance should be emailed to the school office.

We continue to monitor all our children for their wellbeing therefore it is important to share with school anything significant that might have an effect on your child. We have recently updated our resources on different themes such as families, bereavement and emotions. Please contact us if you would like to borrow these resources to use at home.

Attendance

Attendance is vital and we actively encourage all children to be in school each day. On the occasion where your child is unwell, please seek medical support from your GP or pharmacy. Currently we have one child off with Covid and we continue to monitor the different variants. At the minute the symptoms appear to be high temperature, cough and snotty nose. If you are unsure, please test. We

Danger

I have been asked by Keith, our local milkman, to remind parents that children should not be playing on the drive. Last term there was a near miss when children had gone all the way down his drive, and there was nearly an accident because he was unaware. There have also been incidents of broken bottles from the delivery and Keith would not want any child to get hurt. Please can you make sure that children do not go down the drive or climb on the gate for their own safety.

have been donated a large number of Covid tests and will be sending a pack for each family to have.

PE

PE kit must be kept in school at all times. If a child attends an after-school club, they will be sent home in PE kit, but it needs to be returned to school the next day.

In their PE bags, all children need:

- T-shirt
- Shorts
- Leggings/jogging bottoms
- Spare sweatshirt
- Spare socks
- Training shoes

Please label every item of clothing and the PE bag clearly.

Jewellery must not be worn in PE lessons; this includes smart watches. Hair must be tied up if it is long enough to do so and earrings removed.

Swimming

Maya Angelou Class are swimming on Thursday mornings, starting 21/10/23.

Towels and costumes must be labelled in a waterproof bag; goggles are permitted to be worn if the child wears them regularly.

Children with long hair need it to be tied up and wear a swimming cap.

Earrings are not allowed in the swimming pool.

An extra small towel or hair wrap is recommended for long hair.

FOSS

We have an active friends of Stanley (FOSS) that help to raise money for the extra special things in school. FOSS have raised money for new laptops, sand trays, teaching subscriptions and the year 6 leaving event. Organising a Christmas fair, summer fair and discos have been part of their role. These organised events and fundraising can only go ahead with the help of our wonderful parents, grandparents and friends.

Recruitment

We are currently recruiting new members as we need more help with the different roles to ensure that our children continue to have access to the extra things that the school budget cannot support. We will be holding our **Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 27th September at 8pm via Teams** to give all parents and grandparents the chance to attend. Everybody is welcome to join us so that we can draw up a list of volunteers to help run events throughout the year.

Homework

Last year we noticed when monitoring homework that many children did not complete the tasks set. The purpose of homework is to consolidate the learning in class and to give additional support in areas that children may find tricky. Along with this it is also preparing children for the next stage of their education. The school has invested in a number of homework packages to give a range of online and paper-based work to suit all families.

Homework expectations are as follows:

Reading

All children read to an adult at least four times each week. The reading record will be signed by a member of staff in school and the child will be issued with a raffle ticket. This year following feedback from children we have decided that all children who read four times a week at home will receive a small prize. It is therefore important that you listen to your child read and sign so that they do not miss out.

TT Rockstars – KS1 upwards

This package has been paid for by one of our families and again very few children have accessed this package. All children need to log into TT rock stars and play the games each week and we will be using this package in early morning work to encourage the competition and get children more familiar with how it works. So please ensure your child is in school at 8:45 to start this early morning activity sessions.

Spelling

Spelling is an area within writing that we are finding children are not transferring their skills, so Spelling Frame will be completed once a week within guided reading sessions and needs to be done at least once a week at home.

Reception and KS1:

Home learning will be given on a Tuesday and due the following Monday. Home learning will be in their purple home learning book or given via parent hub (if it is electronic home learning). Please ensure the purple home learning book is brought into school on a Monday morning so we can mark home learning and give new home learning.

KS2:

Maths

KS2 – Maths booklets will be handed out and will cover the whole half-terms maths topics

Writing

KS2 – Writing tasks will be set and children need to choose at least 4 tasks to complete across the half-term.

Topic

A creative piece of homework will also be given out and this is to be completed over a half-term. This task may be linked to history, geography or science based on the learning in the classroom. This piece of homework will be expected to be back in school at least a week before we break up so that it can be put on display in the final week. If children complete the homework tasks given, they will get the opportunity to have golden time in the final week of the half term where staff members will put on different workshops for children to choose from. Those children who have not completed the tasks will remain on the timetable.

School link

We continue to have strong links to our school Dumdum in Kolkata; staff are in regular contact with the class teacher Ranu. This year we will be supporting the school through sharing teaching materials and resources. One of the key focuses for the link is sharing speaking and listening activities. We will be making short videos to send across for Ranu to share with the children, in order to aid their language skills. We would love for our children to make videos of the sorts of things that they do at the weekend for example, Sunday roast dinner describing the different food on the plate and what it tastes like would be great, going for a walk in the countryside and spotting different aspects of nature...

Trips

We continue to plan trips for our children throughout the year with the focus on cost for families. We possible all trips will be planned in advance to ensure that families have sufficient time to pay a little each week or month. We possible we try to subsidies most trips and sporting events are always free. With this in mind there are some trips that we may request parents to drop off and pick up so that there is no cost to the school, when this is the case, we ask that parents talk to each other and try to car share.

School buildings

I am sure you have all heard the news regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC), used in construction. I can report that the Local authority landlady confirmed last year that we do not have any in our buildings.

Cost of living

The cost-of-living crisis remains at the forefront of our minds when planning events within school. We continue to support families as much as we can. The Council offers a range of living support so any family in financial hardship needs to communicate with us so that we can help find some additional support. A leaflet from Derbyshire County Council detailing what help is available has been sent out in book bags today.

Key Dates

20th September Year 6 Heanorgate taster day parents to drop off and pick up.
20th September 2pm – 3pm Stay and Play session
21st Harvest in church 9:30 all welcome
24th September 11:00 harvest in church all welcome
26th September Bags2school collection
27th September FOSS AGM 8pm on Teams
28th September Open day for new children/parents starting September 24
29th September Sports Day 9:40am
4th October Road Safety Workshop for whole school
4th October 2pm-3pm Stay and play session
6th October Sports Day reserve 9:40am
16th October Parents evening 3:30-6pm
17th October Parents evening 3:30-6pm
18th October 2pm-3pm Stay and play session
24th October Open day for new children/parents starting September 24
27th October INSET Day school closed to children, staff training.
14th November NSPCC workshop for year 2, 5,6
15th November 2pm-3pm Stay and play session
20th November Individual school photos
29th November 2pm-3pm Stay and play session
8th December Flu vaccine for children
13th December 2pm-3pm Stay and play session

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