

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, didn't those six weeks fly by and summer already seems like a distant memory! I hope you have all had a fabulous break and it has been wonderful to welcome all 75 children into school. A special, warm "Welcome" to all the children and staff joining our school family; Henry, Lily, Elizabeth, Joshua, Sebastian, Noah, William, Phoebe and April in Reception: and Mrs Prince (Class 3 teacher), Mr Scully (Class 2 teacher) Miss Tonks (PE teacher) and Miss McVeigh (Teaching Assistant).

We also have to say "Goodbye" to Joe, Oliver and Charlie, who have joined their new school family at Tansley Primary School; and Alaana, who has re-located to Birmingham: we hope they will all be really happy in their new schools.

We look forward to an exciting half-term filled with fun-packed learning activities for the children both in and out of school with organised events, visitors, visits and trips; for our whole school 'Farming' topic. As we are in the process of moving over to our new website provider in the next few weeks I hope throughout the term you'll enjoy sharing in your child's Class page on our website for information about their learning, class topics, homework and key dates.

Kind regards

Heather Stelling
Headteacher

Junior Brass Tuition

This year (as part of our on-going curriculum development) we're very excited to be giving our Junior children (Years 3 – Year 6) the opportunity to learn to play a brass instrument (alongside our music leader, Mrs Prince and Miss McVeigh) through the Derby and Derbyshire Music Partnership (DDMP) 'Wider Opportunities' programme.

We are able to offer free tuition (with instruments) for this academic year thanks to the ongoing commitment from our Governing Body in our School Improvement; especially in supporting our ever continuing enhancement of our creative curriculum.

These weekly lessons will start on Tuesday (10th September) with our DDMP music tutor Mr Chris Burge; who also delivers private brass tuition at Lady Manners School. The first few lessons will be focused on 'Musicianship'; the key skills required for being a musician (i.e. music notation, pulse, pitch and listening skills). More details will follow in our next newsletter.

Class 2; Year 3 and Year 4 Swimming

As detailed in our last newsletter, every Tuesday afternoon, starting **Tuesday 24th September** (until Tuesday 3rd December) Class 2 children will be swimming at Bakewell swimming pool with Mr Scully and Miss McVeigh. Parental Information and consent sheets have been sent home this week; so, if you have not already done so, please can you complete and return to the school office a.s.a.p.

Junior Indoor PE in the Village Hall

It's wonderful that our village pre-school is now running very successful, extended pre-school hours that occupy the Scout and Community Hall 'all day' and 'every- day' (with a half-day on Tuesday); but it has now meant that we have had to find an alternative 'space' in our village for our Junior PE lessons: should we feel the weather is too wet or too cold for outdoor PE lessons.

Now that we have a dedicated PE teacher and Teaching Assistant (Miss Tonks and Mrs Trainor) PE lessons will be enjoyed outside on either the playing fields or the playground (for all Classes) at every opportunity where we feel the weather conditions are suitable; so their outdoor, uniform joggers will be invaluable. This outdoor PE uniform will also be worn for all Autumn and Winter Cluster sporting events.

For those days where we feel they need to be inside for PE, Class 1/Infants will be use the Scout and Community Hall on a Tuesday afternoon; and Classes 2 and 3 will use the Village Hall on either a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon.

Wearing their outdoor, school uniform PE kit (especially when walking through the village or at sporting events) our children will be easily recognisable for safeguarding purposes and will be great sporting ambassadors for Youlgrave, All Saints' C of E Primary School.

PE Joggers

As detailed in our last newsletter, this term we are introducing **maroon joggers** to our school **uniform/outdoor** PE kit; to wear alongside our school sporting fleeces (N.B. Sporting fleeces are provided by school). Following yesterday's text, we're just finalising ordering details (i.e. a website link with free delivery to school) with the supplier; and hopefully by the end of next week, we'll have all sample sizes available in the school office. The prices we have been quoted are:

- 3 – 4 years / 5 – 6 years / 7 – 8 years (£8.99)
- 9 – 10 years / 11 – 12 years / 12 – 13 years (£9.50)

Changes to After-School Clubs

Due to the lack of uptake for the **YEAR 5/YEAR 6** Gymnastics after-school club, on a Thursday, we would now like to replace it for **TAG RUGBY**; with Mr Scully, Miss Tonks and Mrs Trainor. If your Year 5/Year 6 child would like to take part in this club, please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to school by Monday 9th September.

I know Lisa Bingham has already informed her 'bell ringing' parents of the changes to the Church Bell Ringing Club; but just to confirm, this club will only run on the last Monday of the month; from 3.30pm – 4.00pm, so the bell-ringing group can practise in advance of the Family Service.

After-school Clubs This Term

These will start next week (week commencing the 9th September); led by Miss Tonks, (Mr Scully) and Mrs Trainor: running from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Last Monday in the month (i.e. 30th September) – Church Bell Ringing Club with Lisa Bingham (3.30pm – 4.00pm)

Tuesday 10th September – Year 3 and Year 4 (Class 2) Gymnastics

Wednesday 11th September – Year 1 and Year 2 (Class 1) Gymnastics

Thursday 12th September – Year 5 and Year 6 (Class 3) Tag Rugby

If your child/children would like to take part in any of the after-school clubs, please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to school by Monday 9th September.

Year 6 'Biscuit Club'

Starting **Tuesday 17th September**, Mrs Prince would like to invite all her Year 6's to join her after-school **every Tuesday afternoon 3.30pm – 4.30pm**, for a 'SATs' workshop (Statutory Assessment Tests). Together, in this small group, they will be exploring strategies and methods of working that will help prepare them for these important end of year tests; (with a biscuit or two to boost energy levels)!

Please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to school by **Monday 9th September**.

Fruit/Vegetable Morning Snacks

Free fruit and vegetable snacks for the morning break are provided for our Infant children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2). Juniors (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) can bring in a fruit or vegetable snack from home.

New Website

Please bear with us over the next few weeks as we experience our transition period between website providers.

Dinner money for this term

Dinner money for this half-term (Wednesday 4th September 2019 to Friday 25th October 2019) will be £77.70. Please pay weekly or termly in advance on-line.

Payments for Dinner Money/After-School Care/Breakfast Club

Please can you ensure that you log on to <https://eduspot.co.uk> (this is school money/t2p) and pay any outstanding money. If you need your password re-sending, just let Anne or Liz in the office know.

After-school Care

We're so sorry that there will be **no after-school care** available on **Monday 7th October 2019**, as all staff are attending annual Safeguarding training.

Where Have All the Planters Gone?

Firstly, we want to say a huge "Thank you" to Stan Roper (for providing his expertise and craftsmanship), Chris Shimwell (for organising and paying for the replacement timber) and 'our own' Caretaker Kevin Shimwell (for all his hard work) in re-locating our new planter to commemorate Youlgrave's dear, ex-Headteacher Bill Shimwell; to a sunnier position in school.

On noticing that his father's memorable garden was needing some 'T.L.C' it was Chris who approached school with his very kind offer to replace it (as the deterioration was beyond repair) and it was with his blessing that it was positioned to be a 'kitchen garden'; outside Miss Bown's kitchen!

As for the other wooden planters, they had simply rotted beyond repair.

It has been brought to my attention that members of our school community have been concerned that we have got rid of planters that have been purchased in memory of loved ones associated with school. May I reassure you that this is not the case; and those such 'memory planters' (that are identified with commemorative plaques) are still resident in our school.

Community Prayer Book

Please write a prayer in our 'Community Prayer Book' (displayed on the window sill along the main cloakroom area) for anybody you would like us to remember in our Celebration Collective Worship on a Friday; when we read aloud and share these prayers together.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival celebration will, once again, be part of the village Family Service on **Sunday 6th October at 11am** in Church. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible for what is always a lovely occasion. To help us plan a performance (or performances) for the children, please could you let us know if your child/children will be attending by returning the slip at the end of this letter to school by **Monday 16th September**.

Dates (so far) for your diary 2019 – 2020

Tuesday 17th September	Year 6 'Biscuit Club' 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Thursday 19 th September	Years 5 and 6 Mini Soccer Cluster event at Tideswell (1.30pm)
Tuesday 24th September	Class 2 (Years 3 and 4) swimming
Thursday 26 th September	Cross Country Cluster event (Selected YR – Y6 children) Bakewell Juniors (1.30pm)
Friday 27th September	School Photographer; 8.30am – 9.00am Family photographs
Sunday 6th October	Harvest Festival in church; 11am Family Service
Monday 7th October	NO AFTER-SCHOOL CARE; DUE TO SAFEGUARDING TRAINING
Thursday 10 th October	Years 1 and 2 Football Cluster event at Tideswell (1.30pm)
Friday 18 th October	INSET 2 (Staff only in school)
Monday 21 st October	Parent Consultation Evening (late finish)
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parent Consultation Evening (early finish)
Thursday 24 th October	Years 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Cluster event at Longstone (1.30pm)
Friday 25 th October	Collection day for 'Shoebox Appeal'
	'Bright Plate Collective Worship in church (time t.b.c.)
	BREAK –UP FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Sunday 3 rd November	11am Family Service (Shoebox Appeal); All Saints' Church, Youlgrave
Monday 4 th November	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR AUTUMN TERM 2 (2019)
	LMS INSET
Thursday 14 th November	Years 3 and 4 Dodgeball Cluster event at Bakewell Juniors (1.30pm)
Friday 29 th November	'Decoration Day'
	YASSA Christmas Fayre (details to follow)
Friday 13 th December	Save the Children's 'Christmas Jumper Day' (£1 donation)
Friday 20 th December	'Bright Plate Collective Worship in church (time t.b.c.)
	BREAK –UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 6 th January 2020	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR SPRING TERM 3 (2020)

Years 5 and 6 After-School Tag-Rugby Club

My child would like to take part in Thursday's after-school Tag-Rugby Club (3.30pm – 4.30pm).

Emergency contact number (s):

My child will be collected*/ walking home* from their after-school club (Please delete* as appropriate)

Signed: Name: Date:

Harvest Festival on Sunday 6th October 2019

My child/children will be able to attend the Harvest Service in Church.

Signed: Date:

Year 6 (Y6) After-school 'Biscuit Club'

My child will be able to attend the Y6 Biscuit Club, after-school on Tuesdays.

He/She will be collected / walking home. (Please delete as necessary).

Signed Name Date
