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Dear Parents and carers

Welcome back and warm welcome!

We hope that you are well and fully settled into the new year at Darley Churchtown.

It has been wonderful to welcome all of the children and staff back to school; both have come back full of energy and ready to learn and it has been lovely to see them all again and catch up with their news!

We would also like to extend a warm and special welcome to all of our new families and our new staff member: Alex Southall.

Family Support



Join us for a cuppa and a chance to meet us and
chat to our team.
We're here to listen and to help.

I am sure you'll join me in welcoming Mrs. Southall to our school community.

Many of you have already met Alex at our recent coffee morning. Alex is our new Family Support Worker and can provide support for children and families.

You can find Alex on the gate each day, alongside Miss. Firth.

Please stop and say hello and look out for our next coffee morning.

You can also find further information on our website and you can contact Alex on e-mail:

earlyhelp@matlockanddales.derbyshire.sch.uk

Sports and keeping active



It's been a busy start to the year with lots of sport already!

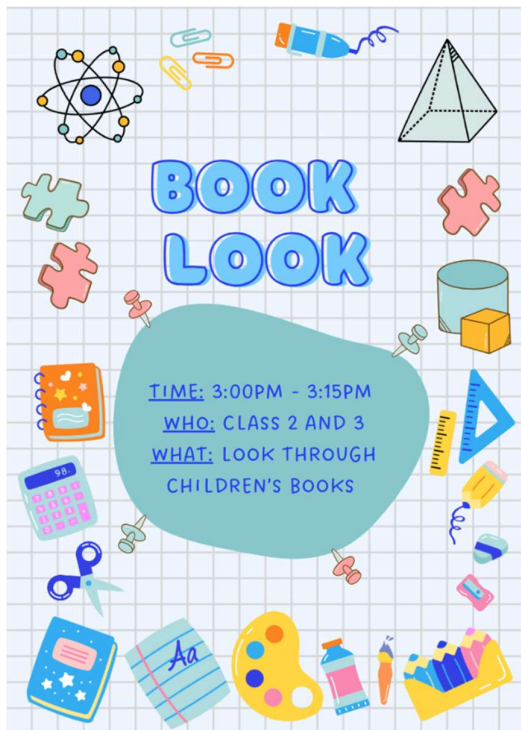


Our older children are enjoying taking part in the Matlock and Dales Football League. We played our first game last week, where our team took a two-goal lead against St. Giles, only to see us suffer a last minute collapse!

It's also been lovely to see all of our younger children travel to All Saints in Matlock, where they took part in a sports festival with younger children from All Saints, St. Giles and Bakewell Infants.

Welcome into school

We once again like to through open our doors and welcome parents and grandparents into school for our 'Book Looks' and 'Stay and Play'. Both are on Monday 21st October with a chance to stay for a cup of tea or coffee at the end of the school day. We hope to see you then!



Book Look for children in Classes 2 and 3

Monday 21st October

Stay and Play for children in Class 1

Monday 21st October



Mystery Reader!

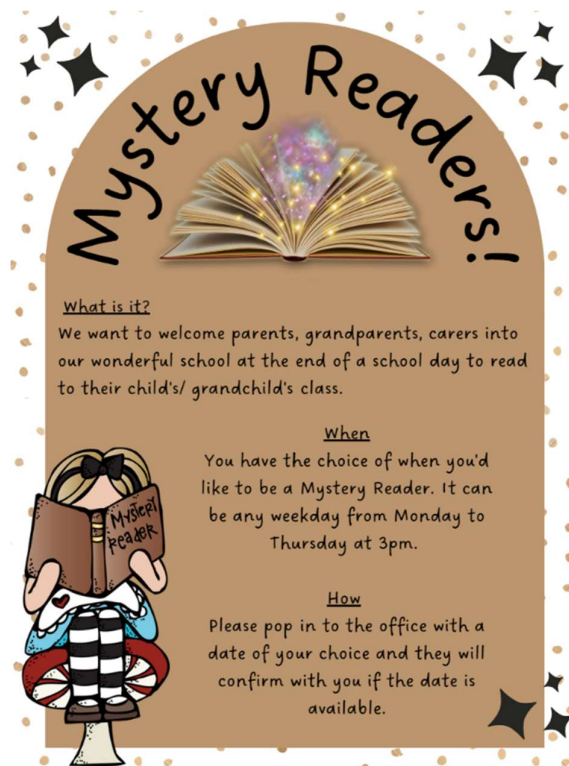
We would like to invite and welcome parents, carers and grandparents into school at the end of the day to read to their child's/grandchild's class.

When

You have the choice of when you'd like to be a Mystery Reader. It can be any weekday from Monday to Thursday at 3pm over the course of the school year.

How?

Would you like to be one of our surprise 'mystery readers'? If so, come and talk to Miss. Firth and we can get a date and time



NEW! After school sports clubs!

We're excited to start our new sports clubs, which run after school on a Wednesday and Thursday.



These clubs are open to children of all ages and, where possible, are free!

Please contact the office for further information.

Compassion

This term, our value for reflection is compassion. The children will be learning about how to show compassion and how this fits into our school vision of 'family, faith and flourish'. We have read the parable of *The Good Samaritan* and talked about how compassion means to show kindness to everyone; including those we may not know. *You may like to talk to your child about compassion and how it works in your family, your community or the world*

This term is also a chance to celebrate and give thanks for the **Harvest** as well as learn about influential and inspiring individuals both today and historically through Black History Month.

Look forward to welcoming you into school soon!

The staff and I look forward to welcoming you into school this term, whether for a cuppa with Alex, one of the planned Parents' Evenings or for our Book Look and Stay and Plays.

As always, please keep an eye on the school website or our Facebook page, where we share updates and news!

Best wishes,



Ben O'Connell

Headteacher

Tom Lloyd

Head of School