



## School Office Friday Update

| REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 6 Bikeability</b>- children can come to school in sportswear, don't forget bike and helmets.</li> </ul>                                                                                                 |
| Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Class 1 Invasion Games at STG</b>- please give consent for your child to attend if you haven't already done so.</li> </ul>                                                                                   |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Swimming</b>- Class 2.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 6 Bikeability</b>- children can come to school in sportswear, don't forget bike and helmets.</li> <li>• <b>Year 6 Open evening at Lady Manners</b></li> </ul>                                           |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Celebration assembly</b>- You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week.</li> </ul>                                                                                 |
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| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Swimming</b>- Class 2.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Individual Pupil Photographs</b></li> <li>• <b>PTA Film Club</b>- further details to follow</li> </ul>                                                                                                       |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Celebration assembly</b>- You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week.</li> <li>• <b>Hello Yellow</b>- Wear yellow to support world mental health day.</li> </ul> |

## Drop off arrangements

Ideally parents and carers should say goodbye to their children at the school gates in the morning as this helps build the children's independence. For younger children in Class 1 it may be necessary to take them to the door to the infant cloakroom area. A member of staff will always be present here to welcome the children into school. Parents should not come into the school building. If you need to speak to a member of teaching staff, then please speak to the staff members on the door or gate to arrange this. If the matter is urgent then the member of staff needed will be sent for. For non-urgent queries a telephone call or meeting should be arranged.

Please note, these arrangements apply when children arrive at the normal time (between 8.40am and 8.50am). If children arrive at school after the gates close then parents and children should come to the school office to complete an individual registration form.

## Other news:

- Please can all children have PE kits in school at all times. PE kits help children feel ready to participate in sports and also if we go over to the field there is a chance school clothes may become muddy or grassy. If you need a PE kit please let us know.
- We love to see lots of children riding their bikes to school! Just a reminder please that no bikes should be rode in the playground before or after school. Thank you.
- After school club is available every day after school until 5pm. Bookings to be made via Arbor. Lots of different activities available including- maypole dancing, gardening, crafts, baking, debates, games and many more! Snacks and drinks provided.
- Our free breakfast club is still available daily from 8am. Booking to be made via Arbor, all children welcome.
- If you need to apply for a medical diet for your child for this school year, please use the following link- <https://www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk/allergies-and-special-diets/allergies-and-special-diets.aspx>
- Just to remind you, if you pay for your child's school lunches these should be paid in **advance** of the meal being taken where possible. Thank you.
- Children are encouraged to bring a drinks bottle to school containing water. They are also allowed to bring a healthy snack for morning break. This should be either fruit or a plain biscuit. Fruit is provided for children in Class 1. Please do not send snacks that contain chocolate or have a high sugar content as these can make it difficult for children to concentrate in lessons.

| FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY |                               |
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| 13/10/2026                   | Football league match         |
| 15/10/2026                   | Open the book assembly        |
| 19/10/2026                   | Parents evening               |
| 20/10/2026                   | Parents evening               |
| 20/10/2026                   | Class 3 trip to Cromford Mill |
| 22/10/2026                   | PTA Disco                     |
| 23/10/2026                   | Last day of term              |
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| 04/09/2026                   | Inset day                     |
| 22/02/2027                   | Inset day                     |
| 27/05/2027                   | Inset day                     |
| 28/05/2027                   | Inset day                     |
| 26/07/2027                   | Inset day                     |

In September 2013 the government introduced new regulations making it clear that Headteachers must not give approval for any leave of absence during term time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents are not entitled to take their children on holiday in term time. Planned absence can only be taken with the prior written approval of the headteacher. Each case will be considered on its own merits and the decision of the headteacher is final.

Any requests for term time leave should be made on a leave of absence request form available from the school office and handed in at least two school weeks before the first date of the requested absence whenever possible. You must have received written authorisation before your child can be absent from school.

If a request for leave is denied and the pupil is absent for 5 days or more then the school is expected to refer the case to the local authority. Parent/carers may be issued with a penalty notice fine or prosecution should leave of 5 days or more be taken which is not authorised by the Headteacher, or where repeated incidents of leave in term time for less than 5 days occur or where the unauthorised absence contributes to wider poor attendance that meets the legal threshold. If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996

Absence deemed for the reason of unauthorised leave in term time will be marked in the register with the Attendance code G.

Further information regarding school attendance and penalty notices can be found on the DCC website <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/welfare-services/attendance/school-attendance.aspx>

Please see our Attendance policy on our school website for more details.



## Darley Churchtown CE Primary School

# Nursery Places Available

We are now offering places to children aged 3 and upwards in our teacher-led nursery, offering a warm, welcoming and enriching start to your child's education. If you are interested in a place or would like to come and take a look around please contact the school office by calling 01629 732236 or emailing [info@darleychurchtown.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@darleychurchtown.derbyshire.sch.uk)