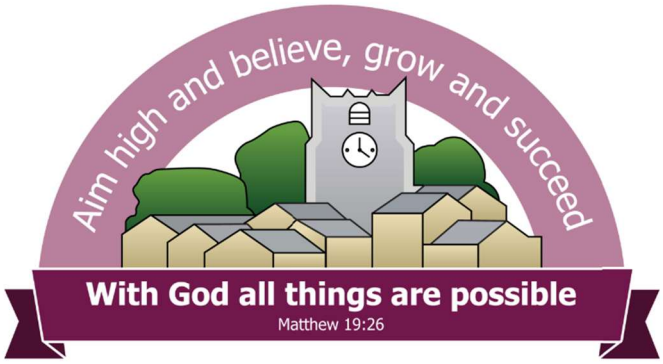


School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 23rd November	• **Handbell Club**
Tuesday 24th November	• **Recycling assembly**
Wednesday 25th November	• **Swimming- class 2**
Thursday 26th November	• **Year 6 Bikeability-** please ensure you have given consent via the link sent to you. • **Open the Book assembly**
Friday 27th November	• **Celebration assembly-** You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week.
Monday 30th November	• **Handbell Club**
Tuesday 1st December	•
Wednesday 2nd December	• **Swimming- class 2**
Thursday 3rd December	• **Thursday Church at St Helens- all welcome at 10.30am** • **PTA Christmas Film Club-** Please see Arbor for tickets
Friday 4th December	• **Celebration assembly-** You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week. • **PTA non uniform day-** in return for an item for our Christmas hampers.

Other news:

- The Class 1 Nativity will take place on Tuesday 8th December. Drinks and mince pies will be available in the hall at 2pm followed by our Nativity at 2.30pm. Tickets will be available soon.

- **School applications are now open for September 2027, please visit the following link. Remember, if your child attends our nursery, you still need to make the application for a school place.** https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/primary-admissions/primary-infant-and-junior-school-admissions.aspx

- **St Helen's Church are looking for someone to take over advertising for the church events and services. They really need someone who is good with technology and local newspapers, there isn't a lot of work but it does need to be done well. Please get in touch with the Church or the school office if you think you could help.**

- **We raised a fantastic £43.10 for the Royal British Legion, thank you to our wonderful year 6's for helping by selling poppies on the playground.**

- We love to see so many children riding their bikes to school! Just a reminder that bikes cannot be used in the playground before or after school for everyone's safety.

- After school club is available every day after school until 5pm. Bookings to be made via Arbor. Lots of different activities available.

- Our free breakfast club is available daily from 8am. Booking to be made via Arbor, all children welcome.

- Class 3 Whitehall residential is now available on Arbor for parents and carers to start making payments when you choose to. There is a suggested payment plan on the original letter but you can log in and make payments to suit you.

- Please ensure all children have a PE kit in school. This should stay in school for half term and it will then be sent home for a wash.

- 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	
08/12/2026	Class 1 Nativity
09/12/2026	Class 2&3 Christmas carols at Underhall
10/12/2026	Pantomime trip
11/12/2026	Christmas jumper day
11/12/2026	Christmas craft afternoon
15/12/2026	PTA Christmas bingo
16/12/2026	Class Christmas parties
16/12/2026	Christmas dinner day
17/12/2026	Christmas Carols at St Helens
17/12/2026	Community Christmas Fair
18/12/2026	Last day of term
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 PTA
Christmas
BINGO
Tuesday 15th December
from 5.30pm
Christmas
Hamper Raffle
Refreshments