

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Brown

Big Toddle

A big thank you to children and parents/grandparents who joined us for the Big Toddle last week. All of the children walked over the fields to Monyash park and raised money for Barnados at the same time. Please return sponsor money to nursery by Friday 2nd July and we will pay it in to their bank.



School Trip: Peak Wildlife Park

Our school trip has been re-arranged for Tuesday 6th July **for children starting primary school in September**. We are going to the Peak Wildlife Park at Winkhill by coach provided by Andrews of Tideswell. We will leave nursery school at 9:30 am and will return to school by 3:00pm. **Packed lunches and drinks will be required for all children, in a rucksack style bag that they can carry themselves.**

Please ensure that suitable clothing is worn including a sun hat if the weather is good or raincoat if the forecast is rain. Nursery school will be open as usual to the younger children on this day.

Family Picnic

Due to wider opening being postponed the ban on parents entering the school building is still in place and the limit for adults gathering outside is still 30. If we include staff the number of adults at the leaver's picnic would be 40 and it would be 45 at the teddy bear's picnic for the younger class. With this in mind we have decided to do the leaver's picnics over two days: Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th July, both at 1pm. The children will send you an invitation so you know which day you can come. **One adult per child please, bring a mask and try to keep a social distance from other parents.**

The children will sing a few of their favourite songs and we will give them all a leaving gift. They will be playing school fayre games like hook a boat, the bran tub, milk the cow, spin the arrow and a sports tombola. Every child will receive a wristband to enable them to play all the games along with picnic lunchbox for a small charge of £5 to cover costs. If you prefer not to buy the wristband just let Mrs Brown know privately. There will also be refreshments available for the adults.

Goodbye and Good Luck to all of our leavers. We wish you all the best in your new primary schools and look forward to seeing you at the 'Reception Tea Party' in October. Look out for an invitation in the post!



Teddy Bear's Picnic



The younger children will still have their teddy bear's picnic **but without parents attending**. I will send you a ticket, it will be a day that your child normally attends. Your child will need to bring a teddy bear and a smile! They will have a lunchbox to share with their teddy and play the same games as the older class. To cover costs I would be grateful if you could send a donation of £5. For this your child will have picnic food, a wristband and prizes. Again, if you prefer not to donate that's fine.

I will ensure that there are plenty of opportunities for you to come into nursery next term, Government restrictions permitting.

Raffle and Donations

The raffle will be drawn in Nursery on Friday 16th July. The prizes so far are:

- Family ticket for the Heights of Abraham
- Child Tickets for Peak Wildlife Park
- £20 for Hassop Station Café
- A £40 voucher for the Duke of York
- Case of 6 bottles of chardonnay from the Duke of York
- A pamper hamper
- A chocolate hamper
- Chocolates donated by Holdsworth's chocolate factory
- One4all shopping gift card donated by Tarmac cement and lime ltd

Please return all raffle tickets, sold or unsold and money into nursery by Wednesday 16th July. Money raised by such fundraising activities is used to pay for the little extras in nursery such as Living eggs, sports coaching, gifts for children, school trips and visitors such as the animal man.

We still need donations of chocolate for the chocolate hamper and sports toys for the sports tombola. Thank you.

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Guinea Pig Name Competition

We still need names for our new nursery guinea pigs. So far suggestions include:

- Bubble and Squeak
- Bevan (founder of NHS) and Diggory (first patient)
- Bourbon and Oreo
- Herbert and Rodney
- Gus and Harry
- Toffee and Badger
- Mustard and Cress
- Ben and Zach
- Coco and Pops
- Ant and Dec
- Bill and Ben

If you have any other suggestions, especially from the children, let us know via e-mail. There will be a prize for the winner!

Changing Lives Meeting

In the last newsletter I talked about Cat Mellor our mental health practitioner and her team who produced 7 videos explaining the 7 ways to well-being for children, using the acronym **Smilers**:

Stay connected or socialise

Move or be active

Interest or keep learning

Look or be mindful and take notice

Eat well

Rest: sleep

Support: give to others



We posted these videos on Class Dojo. If you missed them you can still scroll down and see them.

We have arranged a meeting for parents via Microsoft Teams to get to know Cat and find out more about the project. The meeting will be on Friday 16th July from 10-11am. There will be an opportunity to ask questions during the meeting as well as finding out what services Cat and her team can offer.

Parentview

As we are approaching the end of the academic year I would be very grateful to hear your thoughts and opinions about our nursery school. I am sending out questionnaires to everyone via Microsoft teams and I would be grateful if you could fill them in, it should only take a few minutes. We are always striving to improve and we do act upon parents' suggestions: some ideas we have implemented to date include hot school meals, sports day and setting up the PTFA, the Friends of Flagg.

There is also a link to Ofsted's Parentview on our facebook page. You can follow it here :

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

It only takes five minutes and is extremely helpful to us. Thank you.

ParentPay

Please ensure that all balances and payment items are paid in full by 31st July. This is particularly important for the families of children who are leaving as your accounts will no longer be active in September. Thank you.

September Sessions

Those of you who will still be with us in September have been offered sessions. Please make sure that you have confirmed your place and returned your FE1 form.

I would like to clarify the funding arrangements: from the term after your child turns three everyone is entitled to 15 hours of free nursery funding. This equates to five mornings (9am until 12pm) or two and a half days (a full day will be from 9am until 3pm) or any other variation of sessions. Most parents are also eligible for a further 15 hours funding, as long as both parents work and each parent earns less than £100,000.

Therefore if you would like your child to attend for more than 15 hours, it is worth applying for the extra funding, even if it is only 3 hours thus making the time up to three full days. To apply you need to go to

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/> or www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Once you have successfully applied you will be given a code which you need to give to us along with your national insurance number. The funding needs to be in place the term before it is to be used so if you need the funding in September you need to apply before the end of August. If you need the funding in January then you need to apply for it before the end of December. If you need any help then just give us a call.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6th July	Older class trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Wednesday 14th July 1pm	Leaver's picnic (children going to primary school in September 2021)
Thursday 15th July 1pm	Leaver's picnic (children going to primary school in September 2021)
Friday 16th July 10-11am	Changing Lives Teams meeting for parents
Friday 16th, Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July 9am	Teddy Bear's picnics (children not starting primary school in September)
Wednesday 21st July	Break up for the Summer holiday, last day
Thursday 22nd July	INSET day, school closed to children
Monday 6th September	Back to Nursery School
Monday 13th September	New children start

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