

12th June 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

New Mills Carnival

Firstly, I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who was involved in the New Mills Carnival on Saturday. Your support is massively appreciated. The float wouldn't have been possible without the following people: Sarah organised it and made sure it actually happened; Mrs Guy made sure there was enough painting and props to decorate the float; Tracey Regan used her very artistic side to create amazing artwork; a massive thank you to Lee Ford for allowing us to use one of his trucks. He went out of his way to make sure we had the right amount of artwork, he spend Friday night unloading the truck, Saturday morning moving and decorating it and Sunday must have been spent putting it all back together again. Lastly, thank you to everyone who turned up to help decorate the float and for the vast amount of families who took part in the actual procession. All those combined efforts culminated in us achieving a 'Commended' Award.

School Crossing Patrol

Behind the scenes, there is a team of people fighting to get the school crossing patrol back in place. Jim Medway has been instrumental in setting up conversations with and between councillors, DCC and the parish. The governors have also played their part in chasing information and following up emails. There is now some good news to come of all this hard work. We are able to have a crossing patrol from June 13th but **only in the mornings**.

We desperately need someone to take on this role and it would be great if it was one of our parents. Obviously, parents have children, so I'm pleased to state that if one our parents becomes our SCPO school would pay for the breakfast and after school club whilst they do that vital role!! Full training will be given by DCC. Something to think about!! Applications need to be submitted through www.derbyshire.gov.uk and selecting 'apply for a job' or contacting the office on 01629 539157 to request an application form.

Sports Day

This is still under negotiation – it can't happen on Tuesday 3rd July because of Y6 transition. We have 2 proposed dates – one is next week and we felt it was too short notice and the other is in the last week of term – we will keep you informed...

End of year dates and leavers' assembly

The Y5/6 end of year show has now been changed to **Thursday 12th July at 6pm**.

The assembly is still on **Friday 20th July 2018**. We are having the assembly at 1:15 followed by a rounders match and refreshments.

GDPR

Thank you to all the parents who have signed and returned the GDPR letter. If you haven't returned it yet, please do so this week. Mrs Daniels will have spares in the office for anyone who can't find their copy. We are still in the process of appointing a DPO; we will keep you informed of any new developments.

Parent Pay

Thanks to everyone who has joined the system. There are still a number of parents who haven't activated their account yet, please do so quite soon.

Art Week

The week beginning **Monday 25th June** is going to be our Art Week.

Aims of the Art Week:

1. To generate artwork for the 'We Are Here' project.
2. To give children exposure to a variety of creative art forms and arts practitioners.
3. Develop children's creative confidence and critical thinking skills.
4. Create displays for school – including Mrs Daniels office and the stairway.
5. Have fun!

Katy Medway has been the driving force in getting this planned and organised. The staff and children are really looking forward to it. On **Friday 29th June**, we'd like to invite you to see the work we've been doing: it will be either in the hall or in the playground, depending on the weather. Come and see what your children have done with the artists... and have a cuppa and croissant whilst you're surveying the artwork.

Little Learners

Unfortunately, due to staff absence, there will be no Little Learners on **Monday June 25th**. Any money you have paid will remain in credit.

Alarm system

The school now has a brand new alarm system. We'll be doing fire and lockdown drills to practice staying in and leaving the school – the policy is being worked on as we speak – we'll share it when it's been ratified by governors.

Transition

The year 6 children now have their transition days and EYFS staff are busy visiting the nurseries and homes of the new intake. Children in school will have their 'Stepping Up' morning on Tuesday 3rd July – they will get to spend a morning with their new classmates and their new or existing teacher(s).

The teaching staff will be as follows: Class D – Miss Nicholls, Class C – Mrs Parry and Mrs Cioffi, Class B – Mr Waring and Class A – Mrs Guy and Mrs Cole.

Also, Mrs Parry will take over the SENCO role from September 2018.

I hope to see you all at some of the events we are hosting. It is the countdown to the summer so let's enjoy the next few weeks as much as possible. Thank you so much for your continuing support, as always it's very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Taylor
Headteacher