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SOUTH DARLEY C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



School Newsletter

Summer Term 5 2024

Dear All

We are entering summer already, not that the weather seems to have realised, and suddenly there comes the realisation that this year has flown by – where has the time gone? When I look at our current Year 6, and remember them as fresh-faced reception children, I can also say this about the past 7 years. It is a privilege of being a teacher that we see children develop and grow in their formative years. It is also a big responsibility that we take seriously, and we are always proud when ‘outsiders’ notice how great our children are. We have had a couple of supply teachers in school recently and they have commented how fantastic it is that the pupils ‘want to learn’ and need no other motivation. The bikeability tutors commented how excellent the Y6 were at all times and behaved impeccably. Also when our pupils are at sports events with other schools, they always receive great credit from everyone watching. I was particularly impressed this week at how all our Y3, 4 and 5 tried ice skating, even if they had never done it before. There are times when young people get a negative press and so please remember that they can offer a lot as well, given the right nurturing and encouragement.

Let’s look forward to a busy and exciting summer term.

Paul Wilde, Headteacher



Derbyshire County Council Household Support Fund opens



Funded by
UK Government

As part of the Government’s Household Support Fund Scheme, Derbyshire County Council is distributing funding to household’s struggling to pay for food, energy, and essential living costs.

As part of the scheme, the Council will again be distributing grocery vouchers. Information about who is eligible for the vouchers is available on the website and distribution will start in late June 2024. It will update the website when all vouchers have been distributed and provide details of what parents and carers should do if they have not received their voucher.

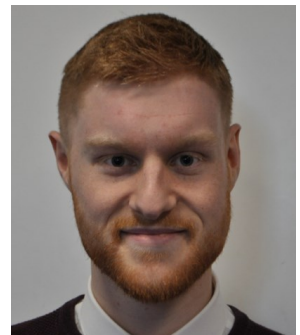
Full details about the scheme and the support available for those experiencing financial hardship is available on their website *at*

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund



South Darley CE Primary School welcomes back a familiar face

Most of you will remember Mr Pass, who taught in the Y3/4 classroom 2 years ago, before leaving to teach at an international school. Returning to Britain in just less than a month, whilst his Kuwait school is on summer break, Mr Pass has kindly agreed to use his summer holiday time filling the gap left by Mrs Feeney for the remainder of our academic year. He says of his return ‘When I started at South Darley I was told that once you’ve been at South Darley CE Primary School you are always a ‘South Darley’er’. 5 years down the line and a move to the other side of the world, I can’t tell you how true that actually is! Ever since I left in 2022, I was adamant that I would return at every opportunity. I am thankful that I’ve been able to do that. I am looking forward to spending the last weeks of term back at the school I know best. I can’t wait to help out across the school and hopefully bring the Middle Eastern sun with me—see you all in June!’



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Statutory changes to the school day

The government is making statutory from September 2024 the need for schools to have a working week of 32.5 hours.

We therefore need to adjust

our school day slightly to ensure we meet these requirements. As a result, our governors propose the following school day:

8.40 am Gates Open, children come into school

8.50 am Registers Close – children must be in school by this time.

3.20 pm End of School Day for Infants

3.25 pm End of School Day for Juniors

You will notice that children must be in school 10 minutes earlier than they are now. We have also kept a slightly staggered end time for Infants and Juniors. This is in order to ease traffic congestion and, most importantly, allows Infant teachers to more easily place children with parents before the playground gets too busy. Morning and After-School clubs will not change.

If anyone has any concerns about these proposed timings then please talk to us before the end of June. Otherwise expect these changes to be implemented from September.



May Half Term Holiday Programme

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024

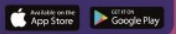
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SCAN ME



Derbyshire DALES District Council



Don't forget to return your completed **after school forms** for Term 6 to guarantee after school provision. Clubs are available Monday—Thursday from 4.30pm until 6pm and range in cost from £7.00 per child up to £13.00 per child depending on collection time.

Services are held in St Mary's Church on the 1st Friday in every month (Celebration) and the 3rd Tuesday of every month (Family) and normally start at approx. 9.10am. We look forward to seeing all the children and parents there!



Make sure you order any school uniform in plenty of time—our

supplier often runs out of stock during July and August! Please visit <https://myclothing.com> to place your order in plenty of time for the start of the September Term. Please also make sure you label all clothing, shoes, lunchboxes and water

bottles. Our lost property box regularly overflows and whilst we endeavour to return items to owners it proves a challenge when items don't have name labels in them! Second-hand uniform can also be purchased from FOSDS—please see the FOSDS pages on the school website with the latest availability list, prices and how to order. We can normally arrange for purchased items to be

collected from the school office.

Thank you!

We would just like to take the opportunity to say thank you to all our parents for continuing to make voluntary payments for school trips and swimming. Government cuts to school budgets and rising academic targets for children make it challenging to deliver such an excellent education and often it is educational trips that fall first when budgets are put under pressure. Parents making voluntary contributions for educational trips means that the school budget can be spent on quality educational resources, helping your children in the classroom without losing the benefits of taking the children out of the classroom to consolidate their learning through trips, experiences and sporting activities.

So thank you very much!



Don't forget—the school calendar 'Dates for Your Diary' is no longer sent out by e-mail. It now features on the school website alongside the latest school letters, events and information. You can also click on events in the calendar to see any associated letters which contain team names/instructions. Please visit www.southdarley.derbyshire.sch.uk and click on 'our news' to access the calendar.



Derbyshire County Council launches the Medical Diet Portal



Derbyshire Catering Service are pleased to announce the launch of its digital medical diet application form. If your child(ren) requires a tailored medical diet, you will be required to complete the digital application. Please follow the simple step by step instructions to create an account and upload a copy of medical documentation relating to your child's condition.

To access the digital medical diet application form or to find out more information please visit [Allergies and special diets - Derbyshire Catering Service](#)

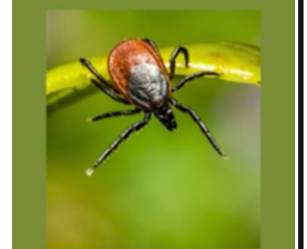
Alongside this, Derbyshire Catering Service have also developed the Medical Diet Safeguarding Standard. Designed to ensure that Schools, Derbyshire Catering Service and parents or carers are aware of their responsibilities in providing meals for pupils with medical dietary requirements the Safeguarding Standard will ensure that there is a whole school approach to medical diet safeguarding. To view the standard please visit [Medical Diet Safeguarding Standard \(derbyshire.gov.uk\)](#) If you have any queries about the application or the standard then please contact cs.catering@derbyshire.gov.uk.



Be TICK aware! Shared by DCC on behalf of the NHS

What are ticks?

Ticks are small, brown, or black-coloured arachnids that feed on the blood of animals and sometimes humans. They live in the undergrowth, like grass or bracken and can attach to a host that brushes past them.



Lyme Disease

Some ticks carry a bacteria that can cause Lyme Disease. There are an estimated **3000-4000 cases** of Lyme Disease every year in England and Wales. Lyme Disease is usually easy to treat if caught early, the main sign is a rash shaped like a bullseye and some people may experience flu-like symptoms.

Avoiding tick bites

As we move into the warmer season, ticks are becoming more active and more likely to bite. The best way to prevent Lyme Disease is to take steps to avoid being bitten by ticks;

- Wear long trousers tucked into socks when out walking. ☒
- Stick to clear paths where possible. ☒
- Light-coloured clothing can make ticks easier to spot. ☒
- Use an insect repellent. ☒

Check clothing and pets for ticks after walking. ☒

For more information on Lyme Disease, how to remove a tick and what to do if you think you have been bitten by a tick, please visit the official NHS webpage below.

[Lyme disease - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



IF YOUR CHILD IS FEELING UNDER THE WEATHER,

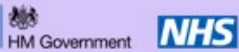
IT CAN BE HARD TO KNOW IF YOU SHOULD SEND THEM TO SCHOOL OR NOT.



UNLESS THEY HAVE A TEMPERATURE OF 38 DEGREES OR ABOVE, THEY'RE USUALLY GOOD TO GO.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

SEARCH NHS SCHOOL ILLNESS GUIDANCE.



FRIENDS OF SOUTH DARLEY SCHOOL

Can you help FOSDS? Perhaps you can't commit to assisting at sports day, maybe mass baking cupcakes isn't your strength or you cannot help on a stall at the Christmas Fayre due to not finishing work in time? Your skills could still help FOSDS! We are looking for a volunteer who has some time spare, in the evenings or at weekends to help write a funding grant application. The Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme, in conjunction with Groundwork, is open to schools (also known more commonly as the blue token scheme) and could raise £500 for the school simply by being chosen as a finalist and up to £1500 if chosen by customer vote within our local Tesco store. And what's more...every 3 months there is a new round of voting! One application could be submitted numerous times. All we need is someone to work with the school to help finish the application, which has already been started.. If you can help then please let Mrs Manning know ASAP in the school office.



Since 2016 Tesco grants have supported over 50,000 community groups with more than £100 million in grants



Kayak Kids

Matlock Canoe Club

Mondays 6-7pm, New Bath Hotel (Pool), Matlock, DE4 3PX

Matlock Canoe Club are running sessions to teach kids to kayak in the thermal New Bath Hotel pool and Cromford Canal.

Kayak Kids is ideally suited to children aged 7 to 11 years (school year 2-6).

Sessions should be booked in advance and will be structured with warm-up games for the whole group, followed by small group instruction of paddling skills and finishing off with some more games.

The aim is to have fun whilst building paddling and kayak safety skills with Matlock Canoe Club's Paddle UK qualified coaches and instructors.

Paddlers must join Matlock Canoe Club but only once your place is confirmed (£20 per junior). All kit is provided. No experience required, but paddlers must be able to swim 50 meters unaided in clothes and buoyancy aids. Carers/parents must stay poolside/canalside during sessions.

For more information including membership and session details:

<https://matlockcanoecub.co.uk/kayak-kids/>

For further queries or to book a place, please contact Donna:

secretarymatlockcc@gmail.com

Details for the 2024 sessions:

Day & Time: Monday 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Cost: £5 per canal session and £10 per pool session

Canal: 29/4/24, 13/5/24, 20/5/24, 17/6/24 and 15/7/24

Pool: 3/6/24, 10/6/24, 24/6/24, 1/7/24 and 8/7/24

Future sessions to be confirmed

