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EMBRACE CHALLENGE!

SOUTH DARLEY C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



School Newsletter

Spring Term 3 2025

Dear All

As the cold, wintry weather continues, it is good to think of all the positive things taking place around school. Firstly, we are busy preparing and rehearsing for the school show, Mission Implausible, that is due to take place just before the Easter holidays. I am always impressed by how dedicated our children are to learning their parts and singing with gusto. We hope you enjoy it! Also our Year 3 and 4 have had a fantastic residential at the Peak Centre in Edale. It was a great opportunity to try new activities, learn new skills, and experience time away from home for a couple of nights. They can build on this experience when they go to Whitehall in Y5/6, just as the current Upper Juniors will do in July this year.

Our children are so lucky to have many fantastic opportunities, and this was put into even greater perspective by my recent visit to Kolkata in India. The children at Hastings school are lucky to simply have any kind of education, and a safe place to go to for a couple of hours a day. Not all children in India have that opportunity and it is down to the efforts of the Cathedral Relief Service that the Hastings children have something as Indian children are not automatically provided with a state education. Your support for our link with Hastings School is much appreciated – as would be your attendance at the FOSDS Family Quiz and Curry Night on Friday February 28th, where money will be raised for children of both South Darley and Hastings.



Paul Wilde, Headteacher.



A change in service. Next term the contract for our school texting service will change as we move away from Teachers2parents to a more cost effective option. We will let you know about our new service as soon as possible. In the interim, please make sure you tell school if you change address or phone number so we can keep our school contact list up to date.

FOSD Curry and Quiz Night

RAISING FUNDS FOR HASTINGS
SCHOOL, KOLKATA

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2025,
SOUTH DARLEY VILLAGE HALL
6PM (QUIZ 6:30PM)

ADULTS £7 CHILDREN £3
(TICKET INCLUDES CHOICE OF 3 CURRIES AND A DRINK
FOR CHILDREN)
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

FRIENDS OF SOUTH DARLEY SCHOOL SOCIAL MEET

WHEN
March 12th 2025
7.30pm

WHERE
Three Stags, Darley Bridge

WHO
Everyone

Quiz sheets at the ready and team captains appointed but have you booked your spot? Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the FOSDS curry and Family quiz night, due to take place on Friday 28th February 2025. All tickets must be purchased and paid for by Wednesday 26th February 2025 so that meals can be ordered.

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends".

Dear Reader

If you are a follower of American culture, you will be aware that Punxsutawney Phil predicted a further 6 weeks of winter once again on Groundhog Day. You may be heartened to know though, that Phil is not the only groundhog to make predictions and not all of them agreed with him this year. I am hoping that Staten Island Chuck and Groundhog Jimmy prove Phil wrong!



Groundhog Day falls on 2nd February when Christians celebrate Candlemas, remembering when Jesus as a small baby was presented at the temple. Here, he was met by Simeon and Anna with Simeon declaring that Jesus was the light of the world. I'm sure that this feast day was deliberately scheduled for this time of year by early Christians in the northern hemisphere precisely to keep us hopeful that lighter days are coming.

If you're like me, it's hard not to be affected by the dark times. These days feel dark in more ways than can be suggested by the sun's rising and setting or by how cold and wet the weather is. A 15-year-old boy was stabbed to death in a school in Sheffield. We read that children, young people and their families are fearful of immigration raids targeting schools. In Gaza, an entire generation has been left deeply traumatized. These situations lead us to wonder if the darkness will prevail and doubt that light will come.

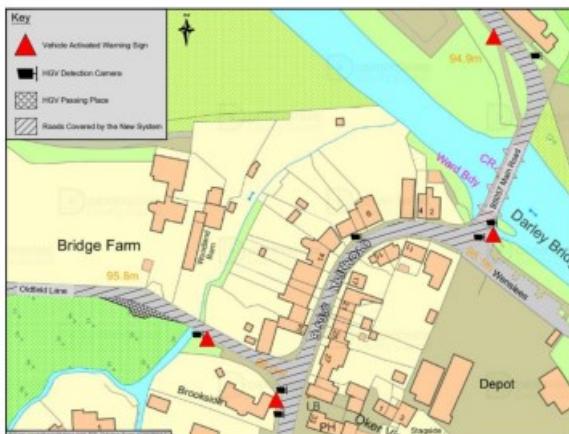


Darley Bridge New HGV access arrangements

A new scheme to improve HGV access and protect the Grade 2* listed Darley Bridge and surrounding properties will be switched on in January 2025.

The scheme uses cameras to detect an HGV on one of the four approach roads to the bridge, which trigger warning signs to tell all drivers to wait until the HGV has driven through and exited the area. Traffic can then proceed as normal.

Remember if the signs are flashing, please wait for the HGV to leave the hatched area shown on the map.



How does the scheme work?

- 1 An HGV approaches one of the four approach roads to Darley Bridge – the B5057, Main Road, Oldfield Lane and Wenslees.
- 2 A camera detects the HGV and triggers the flashing warning signs on the other approach roads for drivers to stop and wait. The cameras only detect the size of the vehicle and do not gather any other information.
- 3 The HGV drives over the bridge and exits the village.
- 4 The flashing warning signs switch off and traffic can then proceed as normal.

As part of the scheme, a new layby has been built on Oldfield Lane to provide a passing place for large vehicles.

Thank you
Derbyshire Highways

Yet in each of these situations, a theme of hope emerges; through education and through the safety and security that schools provide. And of course, our schools are led by you and by people like you across the world. You provide those safe spaces for children to share their fears, their anxieties and their own darknesses. In doing so, they discover that darkness can never overcome the light - through the care and inspiration shown to them by adults in school and their friends. You provide stability and reassure parents and carers. You create the conditions where adults and children can learn and grow; where they can flourish.

You are a gift to us and to your communities. Thank you for your light-giving leadership.

“The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep
darkness—
on them light has shined.”

Isaiah 9:2

With every blessing

Carolyn Shoyer
Diocesan Director of Education

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

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Loving Languages at South Darley!

At South Darley our children learn a range of languages during their time here, giving them the opportunity to have fun, learn new skills, and discover more about the world. When we were putting together the curriculum for our juniors we were aware that it would be very difficult to teach one language for 4 years as there would always be some children who had no experience, and others with 3 years of knowledge in the same class. Also, by speaking to Lady Manners and Highfields, we knew that once children get to Year 7 they are randomly assigned a language to study and it is assumed they have no prior knowledge. Therefore we felt it made most sense for children to study a different language each year they are in the juniors. Three of the languages we study are French, German and Spanish (this year's language). In the other year we study Latin for a term, to coincide with our history unit about the Romans, and Japanese, as an example of non-European modern language.

We try to make the lessons as fun and as active as possible, practising phrases and vocabulary (such as numbers, colours etc.), whilst learning about the cultures of the countries that speak that language.



Pictures: left to right: Making German Christmas biscuits, language roleplaying with puppets, making Japanese Sushi, using Chopsticks and dressing up Japanese style

In his most recent MfL Learning Walk, our Governor, Jeremy Higham, commented in his report:

The work in the books was of a very good standard and the pupils clearly enjoyed language learning. Interestingly, the pupils I spoke to differed in which was their favourite language, for diverse family reasons in three cases. One enthused about Latin, archaeology and the Romans, another had French family connections, and another was keen on Spanish. They really enjoyed learning different languages and about different cultures. For them the cultural dimension was really important and interesting, not least with few speakers of other languages in the school.

We encourage you to ask your children about the language they are learning (currently Spanish) and let them teach you some of the phrases and words they know.

Order your Uniform online!

MyClothing size guide

GIRLS			
AGE	HEIGHT	CHEST	WAIST
3-4	104cm / 41"	55cm / 21.5"	54.5cm / 21"
4-5	110cm / 43.5"	58cm / 23"	55cm / 21.5"
5-6	116cm / 45.5"	60.5cm / 24"	56cm / 22"
6-7	122cm / 48"	63cm / 25"	57cm / 22.5"
7-8	128cm / 50.5"	65cm / 25.5"	58cm / 23"
9-10	140cm / 55"	71.5cm / 28"	62cm / 24.5"
11-12	152cm / 60"	78cm / 31"	65.5cm / 26"

BOYS			
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Larger sizes are also available. Sizes are at 2023/24 specifications.

10% off all my clothing orders received before 31st March 2025 at myclothing.com

Don't forget to label your new items with your child's name.

Do you know a FRANCES?

- F**ire fascination
- R**epeated calls for service
- A**buse against animals
- N**o working smoke alarms
- C**lutter / hoarding
- E**lectric heaters/overloaded sockets
- S**moking/alcohol/drug paraphernalia

Statistics show that children are known to be more at risk from fire in the home if any of these concerns are present within the lived environment.

If you know of any children that live with any of these concerns, please use our on-line referral form to request a safe and well check.

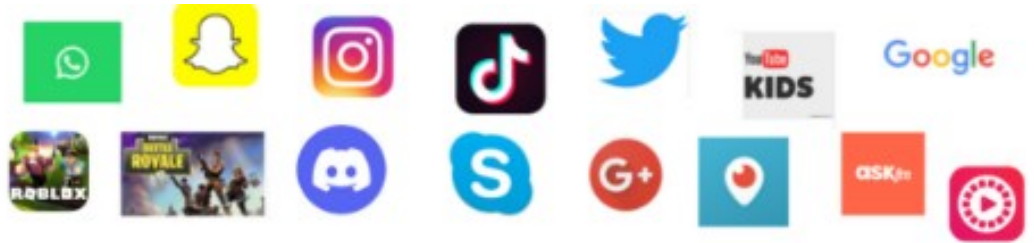
This form can be found at www.derbys-fire.gov.uk/safety/advice-for-professionals

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How safe are you?

Safer Internet day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety and encourages all to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. Whilst the focus of this years Safer Internet day has



Staying Safe Online

been centred around how to protect yourself from online scams, it is still a good time to remind ourselves about how we can keep our families safe on the internet and how we can encourage our children to use the internet safely.

Top tips for parents and carers: Keeping you and your loved ones safe online

- ◆ **Enjoy going online with your children and talk regularly about online lives.** The internet can be amazing and helps us to access information and entertainment. Spend time online with your child. Not only will you gain an understanding how they are using technology and talk about the good and the bad parts of being online, you will also enjoy quality time together, supervise their usage and guide them to make the safest choices. Talk about your own and their experiences online. Find opportunities to get the conversation going, like stories in the news. Supervise their usage and guide them to make the safest choice.
- ◆ **Take online security seriously.** The internet can be used as a tool for criminals to target their victims but simple steps can help you keep secure online. Use strong and separate passwords for online accounts and set up 2 step verification where available. Set up parental controls to prevent unwanted online purchases and limit your child's access to harmful content. Make use of settings, especially relating to online purchases. Parental controls and other safety settings can help protect your child from online harm including scams. Make sure in-app purchase or new downloads require a password and don't set card details to autofill on devices your child has access to.
- ◆ **Look out for warning signs that someone or something online cannot be trusted.** If it seems too good to be true then it may well be! Common signs of a scam include contact you weren't expecting or being asked for money or personal information. Scammers use lots of different tactics to manipulate victims into paying, such as playing with emotions or pushing it as urgent so you are rushed into making a decision.
- ◆ **Explain that not everything online is true.** If your child is too young to understand what fraud is, you can still start to teach them and give them basic online safety skills that they can build on. Start simple and talk about the difference between real and make believe. Help them recognise what is true online and that some things they see or hear could be stories, jokes or tricks.
- ◆ **Remember that anyone can be a victim of a scam.** Scammers are good at what they do and will target everyone. Try to support those who are most vulnerable such as children or the elderly by helping them recognise what to look out for. If it has happened to you, talk openly about it. There is no shame in being a victim of a scam and it is never your fault.
- ◆ **Know where to get help if something goes wrong.** If you or someone you know is the victim of a scam online help is available. You can report fraud and cyber crime online to Action Fraud or by telephoning 0300 123 2040. Remember, if you or anyone else is in immediate danger, call 999 immediately. Make sure that your children know that you are always there to support them. Encourage them to talk to you if anything they experience makes them feel worried or upset. Show them they can trust you to stay calm, listen and help make things better.
 - ◆ **Make sure they know they can always come to you.** The most important thing for your child to know is that that you are always there to support them, online and offline. Encourage them to talk to you if anything they experience makes them feel worried, upset or uncomfortable and show them that they can trust you to stay calm, listen and make things better.

Safer Internet Day 2025 | **Tuesday 11 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

If you need any more help and advice then please visit <https://saferinternet.org.uk> where you can find a wealth of information.

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