

Credit Union Bank

Next term the credit union bank collection will be made on Wednesday mornings 8.45 - 9.00. If your child would like to join the savings scheme please see Mrs Gilbert in the office and she will explain more about it to you. Children can save a minimum of 50p a week. Every child will have their own passbook to see their savings grow.

Reminder re Reception and Junior admissions

Reminder that if your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 you need to apply for a Reception place for your child by January 15th 2019.

If your child is in Year 2 you need to apply for a Junior School place by January 15th 2019.

Children in our nursery are not automatically entitled to a Reception place in our school.

You can apply for a place online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions

Term dates 2018 - 19

School Opens

Tuesday 6th November
Monday 7th January 2019
Monday 25th February
Monday 29th April
Monday 3rd June

School Closes

Friday 21st December
Thursday 14th February
Friday 12th April
Friday 24th May
Friday 19th July

School will also be closed on Monday 6th May 2019 for May Day and Friday 21st June 2019 for an INSET day.

Speedwell Infant School 18th December 2018

www.speedwellinfants.co.uk

Christmas Break

We break up for school on Friday 21st December at 3.20pm. We are back at school on Monday 7th January. We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Christmas Fair

Thank you to all who donated items for the Christmas Fair and to all that came to the Fair. We raised a grand total of £899.31 - THANK YOU!

Bad Weather Procedure

We will always try to stay open during bad weather. The only reason we would have to close is hazardous conditions around school or travelling to school, severe shortage of staff or failure of the heating / water system. We make the decision to close / open with Staveley Junior School and our Chair of Governors. We will inform Parents / Carers by text message and put a message on our Facebook site and our website www.speedwellinfants.co.uk. All school closures will also be available on www.derbyshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures. Please make sure you are receiving our text messages and let us know if you do change your mobile telephone number.

Spare Clothes

If you have any spare clothing, especially pants, socks and trousers for both boys and girls, could you please donate them to school. We are always in need in case of accidents. If your child does have an accident at school could you please make sure that you wash and return the clothes your child has borrowed as soon as possible.

Water bottles

Please make sure you bring your child's water bottle to school every day. If the child drinks all their water we will refill the bottle in school.



Children arriving late to school

We are concerned that a few children are arriving a little late. School doors open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. The register is then taken and the children can start their work.

Lateness can disrupt the learning of others and can result in a child feeling greater stress and achieving poorer outcomes.

We understand there are occasional times when children are late for a genuine reason and we are quite understanding of this.

A child who is five minutes late every day loses the equivalent of 3.4 school days a year.

National School Breakfast Programme

We will be taking part in the national school breakfast programme providing breakfast bagels during morning activities. More information will be shared the first week back in the New Year.

Lost Property

Please check if any of the clothing in the lost property box next to the staff room door belong to your child. Any items not claimed by Friday this week will be recycled.

Ready for School Family Fun

Parents / Carers of pre-school children are invited to attend a Ready for School Family Fun day at Birdholme Children's Centre, Church Street South, Birdholme, S40 2TF on Tuesday 29th January 2019. The aim is to raise awareness of school readiness for Parents /Carers. The event will take place between 9am and 2:00pm - all parents / carers and their pre-school children are welcome to attend.

Christmas Parties

Nursery party is Thursday 20th December. Parents / Carers return at 11.00am for the arrival of a special visitor!

Party for children in school is the afternoon of Thursday 20th December. Children may wear party clothes on this day. A special visitor will visit the children at the party.