

Easter Raffle

A big thank you to everyone who donated eggs or purchased tickets for the Easter raffle, we raised an amazing £138.00. This will go towards buying more resources to support children's learning in classrooms.

WARNING about Huggy Wuggy

We are aware of an online character called Huggy Wuggy which is not suitable for children to access. Please ensure your child is not accessing this character online. The following information was provided to school by Derbyshire County Council.

There is a new Game/Character that children are being exposed to on Tiktok and YouTube at the moment. Character named 'Huggy Wuggy' from the 2021 'horror' game 'Poppy Playtime'.

The Character 'Huggy Wuggy' sounds like a cuddly bear but is actually encouraging children/young people to copy behaviours, going around hugging people randomly, but then carrying out violent behaviours and verbal abuse to others. There are some graphics on the game and within videos of this character that can also be disturbing for children and young people.

The police have posted warnings about this very recently.

Please see the weblinks below with further details around it for you to read

<https://ineqe.com/2022/04/04/huggy-wuggy-online-safety-review/>

<https://www.newsweek.com/tiktok-youtube-police-huggy-wuggy-parents-warning-poppy-playtime-1694825>

Speedwell Infant School

27th April 2022

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Attachment Aware Schools
Derbyshire

Term Dates 2021 - 2022

School Opens

Monday 25th April

Tuesday 7th June

School Closes

Thursday 26th May

Friday 22nd July

School closed Monday 2nd May 2022 for May Day bank holiday.

Term Dates 2022 - 2023

School Opens

Monday 5th September

Monday 31st October

Monday 9th January

Tuesday 28th February

Monday 17th April

Monday 5th June

School Closes

Friday 21st October

Wednesday 21st December

Friday 17th February

Friday 31st March

Thursday 25th May

Friday 21st July

School closed Monday 1st May 2023 for May Day.

Above are the term dates for the rest of this school year and also for next school year. We work alongside Staveley Junior School to have the same INSET days. The term in September begins on Thursday 1st September but Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd are INSET days so staff will be in school but children will not return to school until Monday 5th September.

Platinum Jubilee

To celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee we are planning a week of activities and celebrations during the last week of term, week beginning 23rd May

Our school lunch on Wednesday 25th May will be a special platinum jubilee lunch. Children will be making bunting and flags to decorate the school hall and party hats to wear on the day. Then in the afternoon we will have fun family activities in the school playground. Parents and carers are invited to collect their children from their classroom doors at 2pm on Wednesday 25th May, and then make their way round into the playground to join in all the fun activities. If you would like to help organise and run activities, please let your child's class teacher or the office know.

Nursery children will have a platinum jubilee tea party in their classroom on Wednesday 25th May. Parents and carers of nursery children will also be invited to fun family activities in the nursery playground during either the morning or afternoon nursery session. Mrs Maw will share more details with nursery parents and carers nearer the time.

Year 2 statutory assessments

Children in Year 2 will be completing end of Key Stage 1 statutory assessment tests during the month of May. This is a Government requirement. As a school we will make it as informal as possible for the children. If you have a Year 2 child (Class 5, Miss Tiplady), please ensure they are at school every day on time during the month of May so they can complete these assessments.

Dates for the diary

As we get back to normal, we are planning to hold a range of usual activities during the summer term. Here are some key dates for your diary:

Tuesday 5th July and Wednesday 6th July will be cluster transition days. This is when Year 2 children get to visit the Junior School for two days and other children in school get to spend some time in their new classes ready for September.

Thursday 14th July and Friday 15th July will be our open afternoons for our arts week. Parents and carers will be invited into school to see all the wonderful art created by the children during arts week. We will also have drinks, cakes and ice pops to buy.

Monday 18th July will be sports day. Weather permitting, with further details to follow nearer the time.

Thursday 21st July – Year 2 leavers event – further details to follow nearer the time.

Year 1 phonics checks

Children in Year 1 will be completing Year 1 statutory phonics screen checks during the week of 6th June. This is a Government requirement and will be completed on a one to one basis with your child's class teacher. As a school we will make this check as informal as possible for the children. If you have a Year 1 child (Class 3, Miss Smith or Class 4, Mrs Craggs) please ensure they are in school every day on time during this week.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for dressing your child in a red accessory and thank you to all that donated to Red Nose Day, we raised £39.61.