



# Newsletter

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### Early Birds and Night Owls

Did you know that we offer term time wrap around care from 7.30am to 6.00pm each day? Our Early Birds and Night Owls play provision is Ofsted approved which means working parents who are entitled to Universal Credit may be able to claim back up to 85% of their childcare costs. Give us a ring, email us at [info@gamesley.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@gamesley.derbyshire.sch.uk), or call into the school office to find out more.

### Reading and Books at Home

Having books in the home is proven to positively benefit children in so many ways. A recent two-decade long study found that simply having their own books at home **increases children's academic success, vocabulary development, attention and job attainment.**

There are many ways we encourage children to have books at home.

- Children are always welcome to borrow books from their class libraries alongside any “reading scheme” books they may also be asked to practice at home.
- We sell brand new books in school for only £2.00 each. The school bookshop is always open and children are welcome to come along and browse and buy a book whenever they want to.
- We give books as awards for being “Reading Stars” or for reading regularly at home. Don’t forget to sign your child’s reading diary as each time they achieve 50 reads at home they earn a free visit to the school bookshop.
- Next week we will be launching our new second hand “Book Swap Shop” which is in the school entrance hall. Children are welcome to take books home and keep them for as long as they wish to. We would welcome any donations of good quality used children’ books to add to the Swap Shop.
- We strongly encourage all the children to join Gamesley Library which is next door to the school. There is no charge for borrowing books from the library and children can choose up to eight at a time. We’ve sent home joining forms with each child tonight and you can also pick up additional forms from the library.

Research also shows that reading to your children has many benefits: it provides comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns.

So, go and grab some books from the local bookshop, school or library and enjoy some time reading with your children!

### After School Clubs began on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September

You can still book your child’s place in afterschool clubs via Arbor. It is really important that you let us know if your children are unable to attend for any reason as otherwise staff can waste a lot of time looking for children who are not in school rather than leading their clubs.

Please note change of date: There will now be no clubs in the first week back after half term to allow staff time to run parents evenings. Clubs will begin again on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November and run for a further 4 weeks until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Day	Club	Open to Year Groups	Staff
Monday	Choir	3, 4, 5 and 6	Mrs Cath Priestley and Miss Hannah Barber
Monday	Gymnastics	3, 4, 5 and 6	Miss Charlotte Hathaway and Mrs Lyn Malik
Monday	Multisports	3 and 4	Mr Aiden Siddall
Tuesday	Art	3, 4, 5 and 6	Mrs Katy Clubb and Miss Ashleigh Martin
Tuesday	Science	3, 4, 5 and 6	Mrs Karen Barton and Miss Clare Dangerfield
Tuesday	Netball	3, 4, 5 and 6	Mr Aiden Siddall
Wednesday	Brass Band	5 and 6	Mr Simon Lodge
Wednesday	Multisports	1 and 2	Mr Aiden Siddall
Thursday	"Thinking Thursday" - Puzzle challenges and games	5 and 6	Miss Emma Brown and Mr James Sidebottom
Thursday	Library Club	2, 3 and 4	Mrs Michelle Roscoe
Thursday	Football Team training	By invitation	Mr Aiden Siddall
Friday	Creative Writing	4, 5 and 6	Miss Lydia Regan and Miss Rachael Vincent
Friday	Mixed Football	3, 4, 5 and 6	Mr Aiden Siddall

## Stars of the Week

Our third value of this term was "Honest" and our Stars of the Week chosen last Friday for embodying this value were:

Reception	
Year 1	<b>Alexis</b> is honest in everything she does; both with her learning in the classroom and when playing outside.
Year 2	<b>Harrison</b> always does the right thing and tells the truth. He is an excellent role model.
Year 3	<b>Olivia</b> is a very trustworthy and honest pupil who recognises when she needs learning support and when she is ready to work independently.
Year 4	<b>Alanna</b> is always honest in school, especially with regard to her learning and she is brave enough to ask for help when she needs it.
Year 5	<b>Summer</b> is very honest and can always be relied upon to tell the truth.
Year 6 Ash	<b>Letti</b> is always honest about her learning and has a wonderfully determined attitude – she never gives up!
Year 6 Oak	<b>Jensen</b> works so hard and is always honest when he needs extra support in a lesson.

Our Reading Stars were:

Reception	
Year 1	<b>Cody</b> always reads at home – not only his school reading book but also a class library book as well.
Year 2	<b>Franky</b> is really enjoying his reading and enthusiastically chooses class library books to share at home.
Year 3	<b>Isla</b> is showing great persistence and determination in our Reading Explorers lessons. She also makes sure that she practices her reading at home every day.

Year 4	Not only does <b>Riley</b> always read at home, he also enthusiastically takes part in our Reading Explorers lessons and makes some great contributions.
Year 5	<b>Maisie</b> is working very hard in our class reading lessons and has contributed some very thoughtful answers.
Year 6 Ash	<b>Stanley</b> is developing a love for reading at home and he is keen to discuss his books in school.
Year 6 Oak	<b>Grace</b> makes sure she reads at home every day and this is contributing to the very good progress she is making.

Kindest regards,

*Deborah Meredith*

<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 22	Year 3 children visit to Sheffield Manor Lodge
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 22	Year 4 Family Dinner Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 22	Year 4 children visit to Tatton Park
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 22	Year 3 Family Dinner Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 children visit to Macclesfield Silk Museum
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 22	Year 6 children visit to Liverpool Museum of Slavery
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 22	Year 2 Family Dinner Day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 22	Reception and Orchard children Forest School trip
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 22	Year 5 children Shang Dynasty workshop in school.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 22	Open Evening 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 22	<b>NEW DATE – Individual pupil photographs</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 22</b>	<b>School closes for Autumn half term holiday</b>
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 22</b>	<b>School Opens for Autumn Term 2</b>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 22	Closing date for applications for Secondary Schools
Week beginning Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 22	<b>NEW DATE - Parent Teacher meetings this week</b> <b>No after school clubs this week.</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Whole school visit from Paul Sturgess – Tallest Harlem Globetrotter's player
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 22	Year 2 children visit to Manchester Art Gallery
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 22	Year 1 Family Dinner Day

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 22	Reception Class Family Dinner Day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 22	Flu spray administered to all children in school
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 22	Children in Need
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 22	Orchard Class Family Dinner Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 22	All after school clubs finish today.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 22	Whole school trip to Buxton Opera House: "Sleeping Beauty".
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 22	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day.
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 22</b>	<b>School closes for Christmas holiday</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 23</b>	<b>School Opens for Spring Term 1</b>
January (tbc)	Year 5 "Young Voices" concert
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 23	Year 6 visit to Ashton Central Mosque
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 23	Year 2 Flower arranging workshop in school
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 23	Year 3 visit to Poole's Cavern in Buxton
W/B Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 4 field trip to Manor Park (river study)
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 23</b>	<b>School closes for Spring half term holiday</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 23</b>	<b>School Opens for Spring Term 2</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 23	Acorns and Orchard trip to Hartley's Garden Centre and Pony Patch
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 23	Year 5 First Aid Training in school
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 23	Year 2 trip to St. Anne's
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 23</b>	<b>School closes for Easter holiday</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 23</b>	<b>School Opens for Summer Term 1</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 23	Year 6 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 23	Acorns and Orchard trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 23	Year 3 visit to Heaton Park Synagogue
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 23</b>	<b>School closed – Bank Holiday</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 23	Year 5 Ancient Greece workshop in school
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 23	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 23	Year 4 Ancient Egypt workshop in school
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 23</b>	<b>School closes for Summer Half Term holiday</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 23</b>	<b>School Opens for Summer Term 2</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 23	Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood Centre in Penistone.

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 23	Reception Acorns trip to Formby Beach
June (tbc)	Year 4 "Come and Play with the Halle" concert in Manchester
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 trip to "Crocky Trail"
July (tbc)	Year 5 trip to Alton Towers
July (tbc)	Year 1 Canal Boat Trip
July (tbc)	Year 2 visit to Skipton Castle
<b>Friday 21st July 23</b>	<b>School Closes for Summer Holiday</b>