



Newsletter -

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Dear Families,

Comic Relief Jokes

Thankyou everyone who submitted their jokes for Comic Relief. We tested them all in the staffroom and the ones which got the most giggles and were performed in Friday's assembly were:

Reception	Elliott	What do you call a bear with no teeth? A Gummy Bear
Year 1	Daisy	"Knock, knock" - "Who's there?" "Europe" - "Europe who?" "No, you're a poo!"
Year 2	Freya	Why did the toilet roll jump out of the window? So it could get to the bottom more quickly.
Year 3	Barclay	What is green and smells? Kermit's bum.
Year 4	Heidi	Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants? In case he got a hole in one.
Year 5	Dexter	Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut? He just needed a little SPACE
Year 6	Jaden	How do you know the ocean is friendly? It waves.

Willow Wood Sponsored Bunny Hop – Friday 31st March 2023



Once again, we will be supporting the wonderful work of Willow Wood Hospice. You should by now have received a sponsor envelope – do let us know if you haven't received one. Every child will be able to take part regardless of how much sponsor money they raise, and everyone will receive a set of bunny ears and a crème egg to say "thank you" for their efforts.

Decorated Egg Competition



It's nearly Easter and so time to launch our annual decorated egg competition. This year's theme is "royalty". You could create a royal scene from history, a story book or a film, an individual member of the royal family or even a royal coach. There'll be a winner from each class for the most beautiful egg and a little chocolate treat for everyone who takes part. All entries to be in school on Monday 27th



March please so we can enjoy them for the last week of term – don't forget to include a label with your full name and class. Good luck everyone!

Easter Disco – Thursday 30th March – 4.00pm to 5.00pm

This is open to children in all year groups. Entry is just £2.00 cash paid on the door to include refreshments and face-painting, and no additional money is needed.

The Hummingbird Project

Thank to everyone who so generously donates second hand school uniform along with outgrown shoes and coats. We've been selling these items on for the nominal price of £1.00 each, but going forward we'll be sending your donations to the Humming Bird Project in Glossop who will pass on any clothing free of charge to anyone who needs it. You can find out more about the project here [Welcome \(hummingbirdhubs.co.uk\)](http://hummingbirdhubs.co.uk)



Breaktime Snacks



We do encourage our children to eat a piece of fruit each breaktime. Infants are provided with free fruit funded by the government and the PTA sell fruit to Years 3 and above for just 20p each day. Alternatively, you are very welcome to send in fruity or vegetable snacks from home; apples, satsumas, grapes (sliced longways for younger children), carrots, tomatoes ...the possibilities are endless. However, except where there is a known medical need we will not allow children to eat any other snacks at morning break; if they have eaten a good breakfast they will be fine until lunchtime. Thankyou for your support.

Family Dinner Days

Our Family Dinner Days are proving very popular and it is lovely to welcome so many of you for lunch each Friday. However, we do also have to be mindful of getting the children back into class ready to learn by 1.00pm, so going forward we will be limiting the number of adult visitors to two per child. Little brothers and sisters are also welcome to come along in addition to the two adults. Thank you for your understanding.

The Dinner Day dates for the rest of this school year are:

Friday 24 th March 23	Year 1 Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Friday 21 st April 23	Year 6 Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Friday 28 th April 23	Year 5 Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Friday 19 th May 23	Year 4 Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Friday 9 th June 23	Year 3 Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Friday 16 th June 23	Year 2 Family Dinner Day 12.15pm
Friday 23 rd June 23	Year 1 Family Dinner Day 12.15pm
Friday 30 th June 23	Reception Family Dinner Day 12.00 noon

Year 6 Whitehall Residential – 18th to 20th September 2023



We are very pleased to have secured funding from Derbyshire County Council to subsidise outdoor activities for our Year 5 and 6 children until the end of the academic year 2024/2025. This means we can take our current Year 5 Elm Class on a three- day residential adventurous activity holiday at the Whitehall Centre for just £25.00 per head to include transport to and from the Centre, overnight accommodation and a range of activities. This will take the place of our usual Kingswood residential trip which is much more expensive. We are



hopeful that the same offer will also be made to our current Year 4 Chestnut children when they are in Year 6 in September 2024. We will have more information soon about this exciting opportunity. [White Hall Outdoor Education Centre \(derbyshire-outdoors.org\)](http://derbyshire-outdoors.org)

Stars of the Week

As we missed the previous week’s assembly due to the snow, we celebrated two sets of “values” stars on Friday. Congratulations to:

Orchard	Thoughtful	Leo is kind and thoughtful towards all his friends in Orchard Class.
Acorns	Patient	Leo is a patient learner who takes his time with all his work.
Birch	Thoughtful	Henry is a kind and thoughtful member of Birch Class.
Willow	Thoughtful	Florence can stop and think so she can provide thoughtful answers in class.
Holly	Brave	Natasha was initially quite quiet and shy when she moved up into Year 3 but she has bravely stepped up to be a school councillor and now she has the confidence to share her views and make some great suggestions.
Chestnut	Brave	Alanna has shown courage and determination in our swimming lessons and is challenging herself to swim in the deep end.
Elm	Empathetic	Dexter demonstrates empathy and understanding to everyone in his class.
Ash	Empathetic	Hudson shows interest and empathy in our PSHE lessons.
Oak	Empathetic	Arlo goes out of his way to offer support to anyone who is upset.

Orchard	Enthusiastic	Alex is so interested in all his learning and even thinks of science experiments to try at home.
Acorns	Curious	Yowel asks lots of questions to help him discover more about the world.
Birch	Enthusiastic	Cody is such an enthusiastic learner who gives 100% to everything he does.
Willow	Enthusiastic	Adam-Lahsean is working hard and showing enthusiasm in all his lessons.
Holly	Honest	Barclay is always truthful about any playtime issues and when asking for help with his work.
Chestnut	Honest	Charlie is honest not only with his classmates but also in his learning.
Elm	Reflective	Isaac is making great progress in being able to reflect on situations and thinking about how he could approach them differently in the future.
Ash	Reflective	Jacob is a reflective learner who uses mistakes to drive future improvements.
Oak	Reflective	Logan is reflective and methodical when working out to tackle complex questions.

Acorns	Amira loves our class library and loved being in role as Handa this week, reenacting the story of "Handa's Surprise".
Birch	Charlie has an excellent attitude towards his reading both in school and at home, and as a result his fluency is developing rapidly.
Willow	Emma has a love of reading and books. She particularly enjoys her visits to the library and always leaves with a pile of new books to read.
Holly	Sofia makes sure she always reads at home and even creates her own home learning challenges linked to her reading books.
Chestnut	Kobi has a very positive attitude to reading and always makes sure he reads at home.
Elm	Olivia is a fluent reader who applies her skills effectively to support her learning in all areas of the curriculum.
Ash	Eva is an avid reader, and as a result her comprehension skills are improving.
Oak	Maisie reads every single night at home and she has great understanding of challenging texts.

Kindness Star of the Week

Our Special Kindness Award was awarded in assembly to Dylan:

Even though Dylan is only 5 years old, he has been spotted by Miss Barber being very kind and helpful to everyone at playtime, including the older children. Very well done Dylan!

As his reward, Dylan will be spending a lot of time with Maggie this week, walking her on the school field, grooming her and helping Ms Sutherland to train her. Very well done, Dylan!

Kindest regards,

Deborah Meredith

Dates for your Diary	
Tuesday 21 st March 23	Acorns and Orchard trip to Hartley's Garden Centre and Pony Patch
Wednesday 22 nd March 23	Acorns and some Orchard children Easter Experience
Thursday 23 rd March 23	Year 3 and remaining Orchard children Easter Experience
Thursday 23 rd March 23	Year 5 First Aid Training in school
Friday 24 th March 23	Year 1 Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Monday 27 th March 23	Decorated Egg entries into school
Tuesday 28 th March 23	Year 2 trip to St. Anne's
Wednesday 29 th March 23	Year 1 Bus Tour of Manchester
Thursday 30 th March 23	Easter Disco: 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Friday 31 st March 23	Whole School Sponsored Bunny Hop in support of Willow Wood Hospice

Friday 31st March 23	School closes for Easter holiday
Monday 17th April 23	School Opens for Summer Term 1
Wednesday 19 th April 23	Year 6 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
Friday 21 st April 23	Year 6 Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Tuesday 25 th April 23	Acorns and Orchard trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Thursday 27 th April 23	Year 3 visit to Heaton Park Synagogue
Friday 28 th April 23	Year 5 Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Monday 1st May 23	School closed – Bank Holiday
Thursday 4 th May 23	Year 5 Ancient Greece workshop in school
Friday 5 th May 23	Coronation party in school
Monday 8th May 23	School closed – Coronation Weekend
Tuesday 9 th May 23	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 19 th May 23	Year 4 Ancient Egypt workshop in school
Friday 19 th May 23	Year 4 Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Monday 22 nd May 23	Class Photographs
Tuesday 23 rd May 23	Year 2 Forest School Day
Thursday 25th May 23	School closes for Summer Half Term holiday
Monday 5th June 23	School Opens for Summer Term 2
Wed 7 th to Fri 9 th June 23	Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood Centre in Penistone.
Thursday 8 th June 23	Reception Acorns trip to Formby Beach
Friday 9 th June 23	Year 3 Family Dinner Day
Tues 13 th – Friday 16 th June	Whole School Art and Poetry Project
Friday 16 th June 23	Year 2 Family Dinner Day 12.15pm
Friday 23 rd June 23	Year 1 Family Dinner Day 12.15pm
Wednesday 28 th June 23	Year 5 trip to Alton Towers
Friday 30 th June 23	Reception Family Dinner Day 12.00 noon
Tuesday 4 th July 23	Year 4 “Come and Play with the Halle” concert in Manchester
Wednesday 5 th July 23	Year 2 trip to Skipton Castle
Thursday 6 th July 23	Year 1 Canal Boat Trip
Thursday 6 th July 23	Year 3 trip to “Crocky Trail”
Friday 21st July 23	School Closes for Summer Holiday
Wednesday 6th Sep 23	School opens for Autumn Term 1
Mon 18 th - Wed 20 th Sep 23	Year 6 Residential trip to Whitehall Centre