



Newsletter  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
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Dear Families,

## Nursery Inspection

As you may be aware, Ofsted inspected the nursery yesterday. We can't share the outcome with you until the report is published in September. However, I can tell you that the children behaved beautifully and the inspectors had lots of lovely things to say about them and about the very dedicated staff team.

## INSET Days in September

As I am sure you are all aware now, we are very pleased to welcome the Nursery School onto school premises from September. As you can imagine, the move will need quite a lot of organisation so we have made the decision to move one of our INSET days from December to September. This means both schools will now open for the children on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

## The School Day

From September the main playground gates will open at 8.40am each morning for all children from Nursery to Year 6 and we expect everyone to be in their classrooms by 8.45am. Nursery families will bring their children to the gates at the right hand side of the Early Year's Unit and Reception parents to the gates at the left-hand side where they will be greeted by staff. We hope that by the end of September the Reception children will be walking into school on their own.

We strongly encourage children from Year 1 upwards to walk into school independently but do understand that with the classroom changes, some of the Year 1 children may need your support to get to their new classroom doors for the first week.

The morning nursery sessions finish at 11.45am and the children will leave school via the garden and steps area at the front of school. Afternoon nursery sessions begin at 12.15pm and those children should come into school via the front steps as well.

<b>Nursery Hours</b>	<b>Mornings 8.45am to 11.45am</b>	<b>Lunch 11.45am to 12.15pm</b>	<b>Afternoons 12.15pm to 3.15pm</b>
Monday	3 hours	30 minutes	3 hours
Tuesday	3 hours	30 minutes	3 hours
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Friday	3 hours	30 minutes	3 hours (30 hours children finish at 12.45pm)



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	<b>15 hours</b>	<b>2 hours 30 minutes</b>	<b>15 hours for afternoon children 12 hours 30 minutes for 30 hours children who stay for lunch</b>
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All children will finish school at 3.15pm. Parents are welcome to come onto the playground to collect their children.

## Donations of School Uniform

We would be very grateful for any donations of used school uniform, coats or shoes. We will pass the majority on to Hummingbird's in Glossop and also keep some in school for families who would benefit from them. Thank you very much.

## School Meals

Derbyshire County Council have advised us that the price of school meals will increase in September 2023 to £3.25 each day: £16.25 each week.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Free School Meals. Some children from Year 3 upwards may also be entitled to Free School Meals depending on your family circumstances, if you are not sure just contact the school office for more information. Our school dinners are prepared to a very high nutritional standard. If your child brings a packed lunch instead, please follow our healthy eating guidelines below:

What?	How Much
Sandwiches with a protein rich filling (i.e. tuna, cheese, cold meat or plant-based equivalent, egg), pasta or rice salad, filled wraps, pitta bread, crackers and cheese spread etc. <b>NO NUTS PLEASE!</b>	No limit
Fresh and dried fruit and vegetables: carrot sticks, apples, grapes ( <b>sliced length ways for young children please to reduce the risk of choking</b> ), tomatoes, oranges, plums, cucumber, sweetcorn, raisins, pears, strawberries, raspberries.....	No limit
Dairy food – a plain fruit yoghurt or cheese – or plant based equivalent	One portion
Drinks – plain water, milk or fruit juice	No limit
One snack: i.e. a bag of crisps, a biscuit or cereal bar, a bun or scone, “corner” yoghurt, mousses, jellies etc.	One item only. <b>(We will encourage your child to eat their sandwiches and fruit and veg before they eat their snack.)</b>



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**Fizzy drinks, chocolate bars and sweets should not be included in packed lunches**

## Both schools will be “nut free” from September

***We just wanted to give you notice that in September we will be welcoming two children into the building who both have significant nut allergies. We will therefore be asking that you do not send any food for snacks or packed lunches that may contain nuts or sesame seeds in any form. Thank you for your support in this matter.***

## Staffing for September 2023

We will be saying “goodbye” to several staff at the end of next week. After nine years at Gamesley, Miss Charlotte Hathaway will be leaving us for a very big move indeed – she is relocating across the globe to Australia! Miss Hannah Barber is moving on to a new teaching position in Tameside. Miss Toni Bruce will be starting her school-based teacher training, Miss Josie Kennedy will be taking up a new position at a school in Whaley Bridge and Miss Sian Warburton will be starting an exciting new career in the children’s care sector.

The Nursery School will be saying their goodbyes next week to Mrs Sarah Warrington who after many years of dedicated service is moving onto a new position in a local school.

We wish everyone a very successful time in the future. Here is the class organisation for September 2023:

Class	Teachers	Support Staff
Nursery Catkins and Conkers Classes	Mrs Kerrie Wood-Doyle	Miss Julie Banner Mrs Wendy Bruce Mrs Shantelle Forrest Mrs Rachael Kennington Ms Donna Kenny Mrs Hazel Walmesley
Reception Acorns Class	Mrs Katie Andrews (Monday – Wednesday) Miss Rachael Vincent (Tuesday – Friday)	Mrs Katy Clubb: (HLTA)
Year 1 Silver Birch Class	Mrs Lyn Malik	Mrs Steph Clarke
Year 2 Willow Class	Mr James Sidebottom	Mrs Emma Kidd
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Miss Clare Dangerfield	Mrs Kirsty Taylor Mrs Carolyn Waude
Year 3 Holly Class	Mrs Jen Parker	Mrs Karen Barton (HLTA)
Year 5 Elm Class	Miss Ashleigh Martin (Monday – Thursday)	Mrs Tracey Delaney

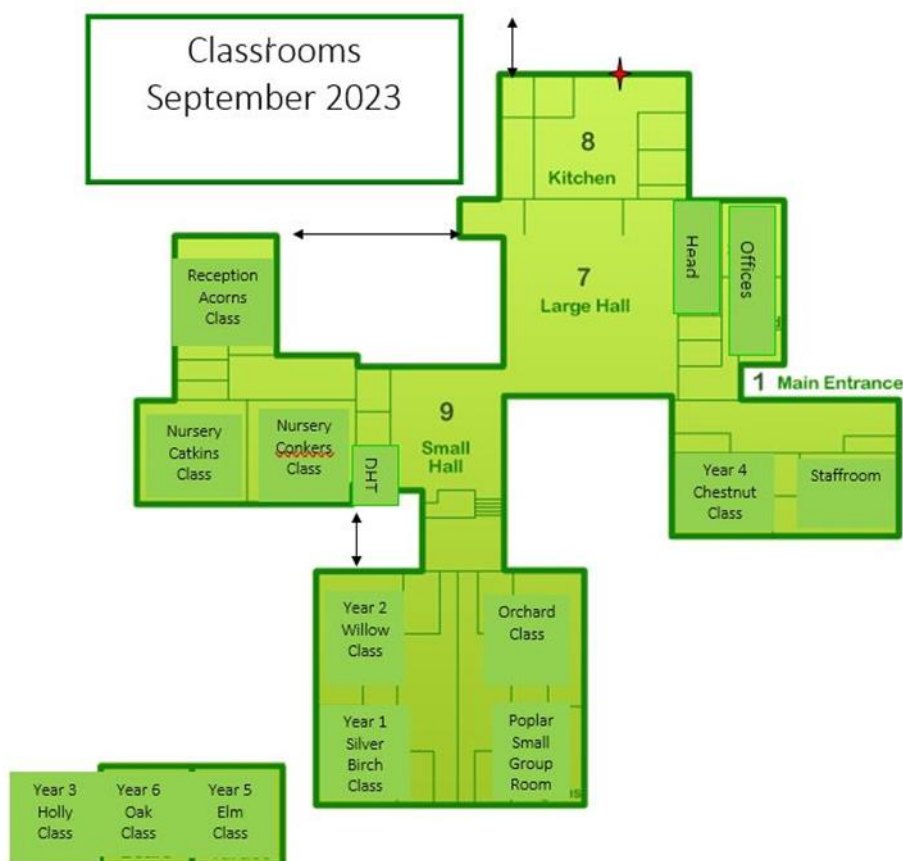


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	Miss Lydia Regan (Wednesday – Friday)	Miss Jemma Dixon Mrs Emily Stanton
Year 6 Oak Class	Miss Emma Brown	
Orchard Class	Ms Caroline Sutherland	Mrs Louise Amesbury Mrs Chris Ledwich Mrs Michelle Roscoe (HLTA) Miss Kerry Parkin Miss Dawn Stevenson

Mrs Cath Priestley will be based in Poplar room and will work across the Primary School supporting small groups and individual children.



## Fundraising Activities

The children are busy fundraising in school with the goal of raising enough money to buy a new trim trail for everyone in school to use.



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Congratulations to Year 3 Holly Class who with the support of the very generous donations of cakes last week (thank you families!) raised over £80.00.

Year 5's Greek salad experience raised over £46.00, Reception's ice-cream parlour raised over £30.00 and the Year 6 penalty shoot-out made over £20.00

We are also very grateful indeed to Morgan's local store who have not only committed to providing some ice-pops for our "Frosty Friday" fundraisers free of charge, but have also donated a children's hamper which we have been raffling this week raising over £150.00.

It is lovely to have such great support from our families and the local community – thank you everyone!

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to last week's stars who were:

Orchard	Patient	Freddie is so patient when he waits for his turn when we sing our morning song and in story time at the end of each day.
Acorns	Curious	Hunter has loved our science work this week and has been asking some super questions.
Birch	Enthusiastic	Delilah is always enthusiastic about every aspect of her learning.
Willow	Enthusiastic	Isaac has been working so enthusiastically to beat his own scores on the Lexia programme.
Holly	Articulate	Ella always explains her thinking clearly to support her classmates.
Chestnut	Articulate	Belle is becoming much more vocal about explaining her work and asking for help when she needs it.
Elm	Honest	Amelia always tells the truth even if she has (very rarely!) made a mistake.
Ash	Honest	Jack is always honest about his learning and the work set for him, whether it is too easy and he needs a challenge or too hard and he needs some help.
Oak	Honest	Lewis always tells the truth, both about his learning and his behaviour. He is a loyal friend too and as a result has strong relationships with his classmates.

Very well done too to our Maths Stars:

Acorns	Riley has been so focused this week and has been giving 100% to all his learning.
Birch	Mylah's confidence is growing and she loves the challenge of learning new maths concepts.
Willow	Franky has been so keen to learn about statistics this week.
Holly	Luca is enthusiastic and resilient in our maths lessons.



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Chestnut	Heidi has been working so hard in our maths lessons and this is reflected in her very pleasing performance in our recent tests.
Elm	Maisie is a resilient learner and as a result is making great progress in all lessons especially in maths.
Ash	Archie is always ready to take on a challenge and learn new concepts in our maths lessons.
Oak	Reuben has engaged so well in our collaborative maths lessons this week.

Kindest regards,

*Deborah Meredith*

<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 23	School Disco Reception to Year 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 23	Year 6 Leavers Assembly: 2.00pm
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 23</b>	<b>School closes for Summer Holiday</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Sep 23</b>	<b>School opens for Autumn Term 1</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Oak Class subsidised residential trip to Whitehall Centre
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct 23	Year 5 Elm Class subsidised 3-day course at Whitehall Centre (not residential)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 23	Year 4 Chestnut Class visit to Tatton Park
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 23	Individual photographs for all Nursery and School children.
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 23</b>	<b>School closes for Autumn Half term Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 23</b>	<b>School opens for Autumn Term 2</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 23</b>	<b>School closes for Christmas Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 23</b>	<b>School opens for Spring Term 1</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Elm Class take part in "Young Voices" concert