



Pottery News - January 2018

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Welcome back and a happy new year to you all.

What's Happened

We had a very busy end of term with Winter Fair, parties, infant plays and the church service. The PSA Winter Fair raised £1900 including the Enterprise money raised by different year groups where the children designed and made their own goods to sell. Thanks to all of you who helped organise and support this event, ensuring it was a success and raised a substantial amount of money.

The church service put everyone in the festive spirit and the collection raised £400 for the Children's Holiday Centre.

The Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children was a great success. The children and staff alike all looking very colourful and the event raised £250 for Save the Children.

Bags2schools raised £110, thank you for all donations.

The choir sang for residents at Babington Hospital and the Stroke Club. They were brilliant.

We would like to thank you once again for your continued support with, and at, all of our events and positive comments after the productions and carol service; it is always very much appreciated. The children as always were fabulous.

Having a sort out?

This term the school council will be organizing a **Bring and Buy sale**: Thursday 15th February. This is run on the day by our school council. Donations of any good condition toys, games and books to the school office please.

Change of Circumstance

Times are hard and some working parents have unfortunately been made redundant or had hours reduced. Don't forget if your circumstances alter your child may be eligible to free school meals and if they are and receive these for only a matter of weeks it entitles them to a pupil premium of £1,300 a year for 6 years to help towards tuition in school. To find out if you are eligible, go to our website, parent tab, free school meals which takes you to the DCC site. Scroll down and the form is at the foot. You can talk in confidence to our office staff if you need any help or advice.

Medication Policy - application of creams/gels

In keeping with the school medication policy we cannot accept any item in school without a medical care plan. Items started to creep in during December. If needed during the day and a children hasn't a medical care plan these can be done by parent of nominated friend.

Diary for January

Monday 8th January Year 5 and 6 have the police visit on 'Age of Criminal Responsibility' which is age 10 - with rights comes responsibility.

Monday 8th January - PSA meeting at the Greyhound 7.30pm

Parent Meetings in the hall 8.45am:

Tuesday 9th January: Y5 /6 Mr Hartley, Miss Illingworth & Mrs Nicholson.

Wednesday 10th January: Reception Mrs Campbell and Mr Boardman.

Thursday 11th January: Y 1 /2 Miss Dale, Miss Bradley and Mrs Hawkins/Mrs Roberts.

Friday 12th January: Y3/4 Mrs Kanigowski, Miss Slack and Mrs Hodgins/Mr Harrison.

Thursday 11th January is junior fitness testing day 2.

Friday 12th January is infant fitness testing day 2.

Friday 12th January Y5 /6 have a visitor coming to talk to them about WW2

Tuesday 16th January Mrs Campbell is running a parent workshop/meeting 'How to help your child with reading and understanding.' This is for parents who have children in reception/Y1 and Y2. Letter to follow.

Friday 19th January - Y5 /6 at Beaumanor Hall.

Friday 26th January - we are fundraising along with School Sports Partnership for children in The Gambia - to provide sports equipment. Bring £1 and wear the Gambia national colours: blue/red/green.

Coming soon: PSA film club on Thursday 1st February 3.30pm, detail to follow.

Appeal

Miss Bradley (year 2) would like an adult to listen to children read on a Thursday afternoon. If you can help let us know. (DBS required but we can arrange one if needed).

Glasses

Children who need to wear glasses for PE need a glasses sports band to secure these. You can get one from your local optician or school office £2.50.

Uniform

A reminder that it is an expectation that children do have the school logo on cardigans and sweatshirts. If buying from other than our school supplier, the sew on badges can be purchased on at the school office for £4 and last for years.

Light blue edge for juniors, navy blue edge for infants.

Useful info: the office staff hold free buttons for children who have lost these from cardigans. Check the label inside the cardigan first as there may be a spare button.

Weather Reminder

We cannot open school unless we can safely accommodate pupils with both staffing levels and safe egress around the site. The decision to close is usually made as early as possible and between 7 and 8am. We place alerts on our school website and will continue to utilise the text messaging service. The text messaging service is not 100% reliable if many schools are using it across the country on the same day so please check our website in very bad weather. We have to notify the County Council if we are closing and they are then responsible for ensuring local radio stations issue alerts. You will also be able to access a list of school closures from www.derbyshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures and on smartphones by typing m.derbyshire.gov.uk into internet browser.

Computers/tablets: Some children may have had a laptop, phone or other gadget that **has internet access** over the holiday, K9 web protection offers free protection to download on devices <http://www1.k9webprotection.com>

Special Mentions

To Jude B (year 2) Congratulations on being selected to join the Derby County Football Club Development Squad. We are very proud of you both. Lots of love from Mummy, Daddy and Mia. X

To Reuben W (year 5) Congratulations on being selected to join the Derby County Football Club Development Squad. We are very proud of you both. Lots of love from Mummy, Daddy and Finn. X

Internet /Social Media Safety

<http://www.net-aware.org.uk/> At this web address you can find lots of advice. You can also search for information about a site, a game or an app on this site. So if your child starts talking about an app or game and you are not sure what this is, you can enter the name of it on this site's search facility and it will give you all the detail you need to enable you to make safe choices about its use. Also useful to check before buying/downloading.