

Friday 26th May 2017

Dear Parents and Friends,

What a joy it's been over the past few days seeing the children in summer uniforms and playing in the sunshine on the field. Summer term is definitely my favourite – not only do we get to go home in the daylight and enjoy relaxing time with friends and family, but we begin to see the fruits of all our hard work in the way that the children are learning and progressing. Our Ofsted visitors in school this week have been extremely complimentary about the children's behaviour and attitudes – the lead inspector stated 'your children are just lovely.' The final Ofsted report should be released in around a month's time, and as soon as we get a copy we will make sure you do too. Thank you to all those parents who spoke to one of the inspection team on Tuesday morning, or left feedback via the 'Parent view' portal. The response was overwhelmingly positive.

SATs

Earlier this term the children in year 6 and year 2 completed their SATs in English and maths. All the staff were extremely impressed by the mature way in which the children from both classes approached what could have been a stressful experience. Instead, the children embraced the opportunity to show everything that they are capable of – some were even heard to say that they quite enjoyed the whole experience! We are expecting the results at the beginning of July, and parents will receive formal confirmation of achievements as part of the end of year report. In the meantime I would just like to say a great big thank you to all the parents who worked hard with their children at home to support the work that the school was doing, and ensure that children were as prepared as they could be.

Dinner Money

School diners are now charged at £2 per day - £10 per week. Please ensure that payment is made in advance, and that you have no debt left at the end of the school year – thank you to all those parents who are using the school money system. If you would like more information about making payment online, there is information on the school website, or Mrs Bradshaw in the school office can help. You will be contacted by the office should payment be in arrears by more than 2 weeks, to talk about the possibility of moving your child to sandwiches until the debit is cleared.

Attendance

As you are aware, we have been working hard to improve the attendance rates of the children at Newbold Church School. Today's 100% attendance award was won by Bradleigh in Y3, who has come to school every session during this half term. (102 children in total were submitted to the prize draw) The end of term 'traffic light' letters you have received today (via email is so requested) will give you an indication as to how your child's attendance is looking so far this year. Since September 2015 the Department for Education class any child who has an attendance rate of lower than 90% as a 'persistent absence' and as such could be visited by our school EWO to offer help and support in ensuring children are in school.

Classes for next year.

Already it's time for me to talk to you about who will be teaching your children, and which classroom they will be based in. We will be holding a whole school transition day on Wednesday 5th July, and further days for children moving into Y1, Y2 and Y3 on Monday 3rd July and Tuesday 4th July. The week following transition we will be holding our annual open evening, so should you have any concerns about your child's transition into their new class, or any other questions, please do come along. We are open 3.30 – 5pm and no appointment is necessary.

EYFS Miss Smith – EYFS classroom
 Year 1 Mrs Lee – Will be based in current Y1 room
 Year 2 Mrs Riley – Will be based in current Y3 classroom
 Year 3 Mr Foster – will be based in current Y4 classroom
 Year 4 Mrs Slater – will be based in current Y2 classroom
 Year 5 Mrs Passarelli – will be based in current Y5 classroom
 Year 6 Mrs Burn* – will be based in current Y6 classroom

I'm sure that you will be delighted to learn that earlier this term Mrs Burn applied for and was appointed as our new Deputy Head Teacher. She undertook an extremely gruelling interview process, along with several other candidates, but the Governing Body and members from the Derby Diocese Academy Trust were unanimous in choosing her for the position. I'm sure you will join me in sending her our congratulations, and look forward to welcoming her back from her maternity leave into the role.

British values week

This week the children have been celebrating 'British Values' in school where we have celebrated the joy of being British! British Values is now an integral part of the school curriculum and you can find all the details about this on our school website. During the course of British Values week, we have explored being British through food, art, music, history and culture. It has been a fun week with lots of exciting activities. Unfortunately, due to poor ground conditions, we had to postpone the red, white and blue sports day. A new date of **Friday 23rd June** has been set, and we are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather. The same arrangements will be in place as were intended this week, but should the weather mean there are issues again we will hold a smaller version of the event, a class at a time, in the school hall. Parents will be notified about those arrangements should the need arise.

Diary Dates

Monday 5 th June	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 6 th June	School Opens – summer term 2 begins
Week beginning 12 th June onwards	Y1 phonics screening check
Monday 12 th June – 6pm	Infant Bedtime reading event
Monday 12 th June – 6.15pm	KS2 Summer Sports presentation evening
Friday 23 rd June	Sports day
Monday 3 rd July – Wednesday 5 th July	EYFS / Y1 / Y2 / Y3 transition days
Tuesday 4 th July	KS1 Sporty Spire festival
Wednesday 5 th July	Whole school transition day.
Wednesday 5 th July	PTA event – Catwalk Kids
Friday 7 th July	Please ensure any new uniform orders are made to the office by this date in order to ensure delivery before the end of academic year. (Old School logo uniform no longer meets school policy from September 2017)
Monday 10 th July	Open evening 3.30 – 5pm
Wednesday 12 th July	KS2 production - 1.30pm and 6pm
Thursday 13 th July	KS2 production – 6pm
Thursday 20 th July	Y5 visit to Outwood – Spaceday
Thursday 20 th July	Festival day in school (more details to follow)
Thursday 20 th July	Y6 graduation evening - 5.30pm – 7pm
Thursday 20 th July	End of year disco 7pm – 8.30 (Juniors Only)
Friday 21 st July	Leavers service in church 2pm. END OF TERM

Academic year 2017 – 2018

- 4 September 2017 to 20 October 2017 (35 days)
 - 30 October 2017 to 19 December 2017 (37 days)
 - 2 January 2018 to 16 February 2018 (34 days)
 - 26 February 2018 to 23 March 2018 (20 days)
 - 9 April 2018 to 25 May 2018 (34 days)
 - 4 June 2018 to 20 July 2018 (35 days).
- We also have booked 5 INSET days for the following dates:
- * Monday 4th September 2017
 - * Tuesday 5th September 2017
 - * Monday October 30th 2017
 - * Tuesday 2nd January 2018
 - * Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Exception Leave Requests

Our school policy states that holiday requests for term time holidays will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you would like to request holiday leave please ask in the office for a holiday request form and fill in as much information as possible (include copies of invites etc.) so that the Governors are able to make an informed decision. All parents who are accompanying children during requested leave MUST be stated on the request form, to avoid it being returned to you before a decision can be made. The school still follows Derbyshire County Council's policy for fining parents for unauthorised holiday leave and persistent absence. Mrs. Bradshaw has more information if you require it.

As you already know, my door is always open and should you have any worries or queries (or even just nice things to say!) please do not hesitate to contact me. I try my hardest to stand by the school gate most mornings, so if you want to keep things informal, just grab me for a 'chat' then.

Mrs K Marsh

Headlice

Many thanks to all those parents who read our request for comments regarding Headlice in school. We will be holding a parent forum on the issue on Monday 26th June in the school hall 6pm – 7pm, in order to assess whether a change of policy is required. All parents are welcome to attend. More details to follow in the new term. In the meantime, below is a copy of the information available on the school website.

How to Find and Treat Head Lice

- Head lice are tiny brown insects (1-2mm long) which often cause the scalp to itch.
- Nits are head lice eggs. They are hard to spot because they are very small and brown/hair-coloured.
- White eggs/nits attached to the hair are dead empty egg shells, and are harmless.
- Check all family members regularly, e.g. With a 'nit' comb when conditioner (any conditioner will do) is on hair.
- Use a head lice treatment only if LIVE LICE are found (do NOT treat if only nits or eggs are found).
- Always keep a bottle of head lice treatment at home ready. As soon as lice are found they can be treated that evening so your child need not miss any school. It is important to not be tempted to send a child with lice to school.

Further Details and Information on Head Lice

Headlice specialist website - www.pediculosis.com

Information from MedInfo.co.uk:

Head lice affecting the scalp (Pediculosis capitis) is a very common problem, especially in school children. There are various treatments, but whatever approach is used they can be a persistent or recurring nuisance.

Symptoms - The main symptom, if noticed by the individual, is an itchy scalp. This is sometimes especially so behind the ears.

Causes - The cause is a tiny insect which lives on the scalp, and feeds by sucking blood through the skin. The head louse grips on to the hair with its six tiny claws. The female lays its eggs (nits) in sacks which are glued to a hair. These take seven to ten days to hatch. The lice then take seven to fourteen days to become mature and ready to reproduce. The total numbers of lice thus rise very quickly. Head lice do not jump, fly, or swim. They spread by direct contact, "walking" from one hair or head to another. They happen in the best circles, and do not mean that you or your child are unclean or dirty, in fact some people say that head lice prefer clean heads.

Diagnosis - About half of the children affected will notice itching of their scalps which draws attention to the problem. The lice themselves are small, about the length of a match head, and may be difficult to see, as their colour is often close to the hair colour. Newly laid eggs are usually close to the scalp (about 1.5cm or about 0.5in) and as the hair grows this, and subsequently the empty sac, once it is hatched, will move further from the scalp. When the egg is still in the sac it is small and rather dull in colour, and difficult to see. Once the egg has hatched, (7-10 days) the sac is white, and easier to see. Head louse (Pediculus capitis) only affects humans, and cannot be passed on to, or caught from animals.

The best way to check on the presence of lice, if you are not sure, is to use the following lice detection regime:

1. Wash the hair as normal.
2. Apply conditioner liberally, including the full length of long hair.
3. Lay out white tissues over which you will comb the hair.
4. Comb the hair through with a normal comb first, to get rid of any knots.
5. With a fine tooth comb ("nit comb"), starting from the roots of the hairs, comb out along the complete length of the hair. After each stroke check the comb for lice and wipe it clean. Work systematically around the whole head of hair.
6. Rinse the hair as normal.

Treatment of Head Lice - Firstly, don't panic! Most times you can make the diagnosis and start the treatment yourself, but if in doubt, or if the lice seem resistant to treatment, consult the pharmacist, nurse (attached to the school or the doctor's surgery), health visitor or doctor. There are various proprietary, active treatments available, and so-called "bug-busting". The chemical treatments fall into a number of groups:

- Pyrethrins
- Synthetic pyrethroids (permethrin and phenothrin)
- Organophosphates (malathion)
- Carbamates (carbaryl)
- Herbal

Of these, the one which best stands up to scientific scrutiny is permethrin 1% cream rinse, but the lice can become resistant to any of the treatments, and if a correctly applied treatment does not work, it is wise to use an alternative on the subsequent occasion. You should not use a different formulation of the same chemical.

The normal advice is to treat once, and *repeat seven days later*. On each occasion it is important to make sure the application gets to all the hair, and it is worth combing through the hair with a fine tooth comb, over tissue paper, after 20 minutes.

By this time the lice should be coming out dead (not moving) and this helps to confirm the effectiveness of the treatment. If live, mobile lice are found at this stage, they are resistant to that treatment, and an alternative is likely to do better. The treatment does not kill the eggs, and the second treatment is because any remaining eggs should have hatched, and the young lice should thus be killed. If lice are found after the second treatment it is wise either to repeat the treatment after another week, or at least to check the hair again, as above, using conditioner.

There is no need to wash or specially treat clothing or bedding that has been in contact with head lice. They need warmth to survive and within hours of leaving their host they dry out and become unable to reproduce. Treatments all have the potential for unwanted side effects, and you should discuss the pros and cons with the pharmacist, nurse or doctor. In addition to unwanted side effects there is an increasing problem with lice which are resistant to the effects of the treatments.

Bug-busting - This is currently the treatment *recommended by the English Department of Health*. It can be very effective, but is not yet supported by published scientific evidence. "Bug-busting" consists of the approach listed above for detection of lice, repeated at regular intervals.

1. Wash the hair as normal.
2. Apply conditioner liberally, including the full length of long hair.
3. Lay out white tissues over which you will comb the hair.
4. Comb the hair through with a normal comb first, to get rid of any knots.
5. With a fine tooth comb ("nit comb"), starting from the roots of the hairs, comb out along the complete length of the hair. After each stroke check the comb for lice and wipe it clean. Work systematically around the whole head of hair. Continue for at least 30 minutes.
6. Rinse the hair as normal.
7. Repeat every two to four days for at least two weeks.

The conditioner causes the louse to lose its grip on the slippery hair, and also probably blocks the breathing apparatus (spiracle). This treatment has the benefit of not exposing the person to unnecessary chemicals, and reduces the likelihood of the lice becoming resistant to medications.

For more information - <http://www.newboldchurchschool.co.uk/news/parents/tips-for-head-lice-removal-and-prevention>