

# Hathersage St. Michael's Church of England (A) Primary School



## Newsletter

January 2023



Happy New Year!

I hope you all enjoyed a happy and healthy Christmas break with family and friends. Now we are back in the Spring Term, germs are circulating once again. Please help us in encouraging your children to wash hands regularly and thoroughly, cover their mouth if coughing and remember to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' when using tissues.

### New phones/ Contact Details

Please ensure we have up to date contact details if you have had a new phone for Christmas/ any other details have changed. We may need to contact you if your child has an emergency.

### Hello and Welcome

We welcome Mrs Critchlow to our staff team. Mrs Critchlow will be teaching in Y3/ Group 1 on Wednesdays. Mrs Critchlow spent a morning in class getting to know the children before Christmas.

### Admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 you **must** apply for a school place for September 2023. The quickest and easiest way to apply is online at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions). Alternatively, you can apply by phone by ringing Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190. This facility is available between 8am and 8pm Monday to Friday or 9.30am and 4pm on Saturday or a paper application form may be obtained from the Admissions and Appeals Team by e-mailing [admissions@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@derbyshire.gov.uk) or by ringing 01629 537499.

Please note that just because your child may attend our Nursery, this does not guarantee a place at Hathersage St. Michael's CE Primary School.

**Just to remind you that the closing date for applications for admissions to reception classes for the 2023 - 2024 academic year is midnight on 15 January 2023. You will receive your offer in April 2023.**

### Awards

The Furness Cup is awarded for endeavour, nominations for Autumn Term 2 were:

Ladybower	Wolfe
Derwent	Maggie
Millstone	Peter
Mam Tor	Robyn
Brookfield	Grace J
Bretton	Emilia

**The Furness Cup for the Autumn Term 2 was awarded to Peter.**

### Y6 Bikeability Training

We use some of our Sports Funding to ensure our pupils will be able to ride a bike safely on the roads. The Bikeability Instructor will be coming to school on the following dates to train our Y6 pupils in Level 1 and



Level 2 Bikeability. Further information and consent forms will be sent out nearer the time. In the meantime, please ensure your child has a roadworthy bike to bring to school on the following dates:

Level 1 Bikeability - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Level 2 Bikeability - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June

### **Snow/ Winter Weather**

Please ensure your child/children come(s) to school with an appropriate coat with hood, hats, gloves and shoes/ wellingtons. A spare pair of socks is also a good idea. **Please make sure all items including wellingtons contain your child's name and a clothes peg helps to keep them together.**

**On the rare occasion of closure due to adverse weather conditions, a message will be posted on Parenthub and on the school website** and, if access is available, on Derbyshire County Council's website.

We do not rely on local radio station broadcasts as they cannot guarantee the broadcast will be made when they are inundated with calls regarding school closures.

We will do everything we can to keep disruption to a minimum and will inform you of any decisions as early as possible. However, we do aim to keep the school open.

### **KS2 Y6 SATs 2023**

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

- Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

### **Diary Dates**

**Please also see the school website for term dates/ holiday dates & key event dates**

09.01.23 School re-opens 8.40am

09.02.23 Full Governing Board Meeting 6.30pm

14.02.23 Brookfield Class Assembly to the school

15.02.23 Brookfield Class Assembly to parents, 9am

### **Term Dates**

- 1 September 2022 to 21 October 2022 (37 days)
- 31 October 2022 to 22 December 2022 (39 days)
- 9 January 2023 to 17 February 2023 (30 days)
- 27 February 2023 to 31 March 2023 (25 days)
- 17 April 2023 to 26 May 2023 (1 May 2023 is a bank holiday) (29 days)
- 5 June 2023 to 21 July 2023 (35 days)
- **Bank Holidays in term time:**
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 – May Day - School closed.**
- **Coronation Day – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – School closed.**

### **School INSET Days:**

- **Thursday 1 September 2022**
- **Friday 2 September 2022**
- **Monday 31 October 2022**
- **Friday 17 February 2023**
- **Monday 5 June 2023**

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