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Newsletter

Welcome back to everyone including our new Year 3 pupils and their parents/carers. I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and feel rested and ready for the new and exciting academic year. I am hoping that with current guidelines being different, this year will be more settled for us all. We remain vigilant in school and ask that you all please do the same to keep everyone as safe as possible. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

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Diary Dates

INSET days for the academic year 2021-2022.

Friday 17 September 2021
 Thursday 23 December 2021
 Tuesday 3 May 2022
 Monday 6 June 2022



Queen's Jubilee



As the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday falls within a school holiday (Friday 3 June 2022) the DFE will allow all schools to be closed on one further date of their choice, this date is yet to be confirmed. Further information will follow.

Applying for Secondary School – Year 6 Parents/Carers

Year 6 parents/carers can now apply for their child's secondary school place for September 2022.

You MUST apply by midnight on 31 October 2021. You can do this by applying online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions or by calling 01629 533190



Year 6 Open Evenings for September 2022

Two local secondary schools are inviting children and parents to their open evenings to look around the school, see subject areas and meet staff and pupils.



West Park School – Monday 13
 September 2021 5.00pm to 7.00pm



Friesland School – Thursday 23
 September 2021 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Flu Vaccinations 2021 for All Children



This year all children have the opportunity to receive the flu vaccine, and on **Thursday 11 November 2021** Derbyshire Community Health Services Immunisation Team will be visiting Ashbrook Junior School to offer this vaccine.

Your child came home with a letter on 8 September with further information on how to complete the consent form. Even if you decline the vaccine for your child/ren you **MUST** complete the online form. Additional copies of the letter can be collected from the main entrance.



Kingswood Residential 2022



A reminder to all Year 6 parents that the link to pay the deposit for the trip to Kingswood Activity Centre is now live on Parent Pay. If you want a place for your child please ensure you send the reply slip back to the school office and pay your deposit by Monday 20 September 2021.

A Safety Note – Considerate Parking



It has come to our attention that people are parking dangerously on the zig zag lines and the double yellow lines outside the school. Residential streets are also being blocked over driveways and pavements meaning in the event of an emergency vehicles would be unable to gain access. We are asking all parents/carers to be considerate when dropping/collecting their child/ren at school.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Swimming Lessons Greta Thunberg Class



Letters have been sent home with your child regarding swimming sessions being held at West Park Leisure Centre. Please ensure you read the information carefully and send back the parental information form before 16 September 2021.

We are also asking for volunteer 'spotters' to join the sessions, by the poolside, to ensure the safety of the children. If you are interested and able to help please fill in and return the reply slip.

Attenborough class will swim later in the academic year. Information will follow closer to the time.

Team point winners

Week ending: 10 September 2021

Green Team were the winners this week and the individual team members with the highest number of points within each team were: Davey J, Isabelle C, Olivia B, Myles W, Francesca S, Olivia F, Ava C, Edie P, Bobby H, Felix P, Owen T, Cherry H, Niall Y, Tom P, Darcy S-K, Anaia W, Jake D, Jack S, Kacey M, Ellie U, Lewis M, Maisy T, Daisy P, Karys B.

Safeguarding – everyone's business

The safeguarding@ashbrook-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk is monitored throughout the day. If you have any concerns that a child is at risk of serious harm then contact **Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190** or visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/startingpoint

NSPCC is a free 24 hour, 365 days a year helpline on 0808 800500 or visit www.nspcc.org.uk
Childline Help Number – 0800 1111

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a position for a parent governor. If anyone is interested please contact the school office on 01332 673785

Please see the leaflet below for further information.

Achievement Assembly Nominations

Week ending: 10 September 2021

Jacob C, Jack R, Diana L, Cole C, Ellie U, Havana H, Freya R, Dylan E, Edward W, Lily H, Francesca S, Logan F, Shaya C, Daisy P.



Enterprise Awards

The most Enterprising Class/Group goes to Malala for Aiming High for the week ending **10 September 2021**

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to **Sir Captain Tom Moore** who have received the highest attendance for the week ending **10 September 2021**

Take care and stay safe

Take care and stay safe. Sending best wishes to you and your families.

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Become a Parent Governor

Voluntary Role

Parent Governors play a vital role on our Local Governing

Bodies. This is an important and unique opportunity to have a parental viewpoint of the school.

Through the children, our Parent Governors have first-hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum and how the school is perceived. This enables our Parent Governors to bring a very different perspective to the strategic leadership of the school.



It is important for Parent Governors to establish a rapport with the parental body which they represent, whilst maintaining a strategic approach to school governance. Although being available to advise parents on appropriate routes of action is a very important aspect of the role, **it is vital that Parent Governors do not personally become involved in individual concerns.** Apart from the possibility of this jeopardising appropriate complaints and appeals procedures, no Governor has the authority to act individually on behalf of the school.

What experience do you need? None!



You will receive a formal induction and ongoing support throughout your Governor role.

Although this is a very delicate role, there is ample support and training available and your Clerk will be there to help and guide you.

Effective Parent Governors will find working alongside the other members of the Governing Body both interesting and rewarding in that their efforts will ensure that the work of the Governing Body fulfils its duties to all children.

Remember this is a voluntary role which means there is no payment for this.



Paperwork

There is a certain amount of initial paperwork that ALL Governors have to complete, but your Clerk will make this as painless as possible! Most paperwork is done at the start of the academic year or at the point you join the Governing Body.



Training

We do expect our Governors to undertake training including:

Mandatory

- **Induction** – this is currently offered via 3 short Loom Videos which must be viewed before your first official meeting. The videos are short and can be viewed at any time. Your induction will be followed up with a call from your Clerk to check things are all ok and answer any questions or queries you may have.
- **Safeguarding** – this will be done through the school's normal safeguarding training as part of their INSET or via SSS Learning but should include safeguarding, Prevent, FGM, CSE.
- **GDPR** – again done through school or SSS Learning.

Optional

- Safer Recruitment – for those who might be on senior leadership interview panels.
- Academy Finance – understanding how the school's finances are allocated and spent.
- SEND – the Role of the SEND Governor
- Health & Safety – the Role of the H&S Governor.
- Governor Panels.



Parent Governors:

- ✓ Are representative parents rather than representatives of parents.
- ✓ Make themselves known to the parent body.
- ✓ Take responsibility for their own learning and development as a Governor including attending Governor training.
- ✓ Listen impartially to concerns raised by parents.
- ✓ Guide parents regarding appropriate lines of action and procedures.
- ✓ Promote the interests of the school in the wider community.
- ✓ Declare an interest and withdraw from any meeting where you, a partner or close relative stands to gain, or where you are so close to a matter discussed it is difficult to be impartial.

Parent Governors are not there to promote the interests of their own children but all children.

Parent Governors are appointed (or elected by other parents).

Who can be a Parent Governor?

Any parent who has a child at the school. Let the Headteacher know you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor and they will put you in touch with the Clerk who will tell you what to do next.



Time Commitment

- **Meetings** – 6 per academic year, usually between 1-2 hours.
- **Monitoring visits** – 1 per term, usually between 1-2 hours.
- **Training** – this is flexible but as a minimum we would expect the equivalent of 2-4 hours per term.
- **Reading and preparing for meetings** – approx. 1-2 hours per meeting.

Parent Governors can undertake a monitoring visit on any area they would like to know more about linked to either a statutory duty or school priority.

As with any role, there will be a certain amount of reading in preparation for meetings and we try to ensure that you get the paperwork well in advance of the meetings to help you prepare and plan for any questions that you might want to ask.



Achieving The Right Balance

Achieving a balance between being an impartial representative parent and the often emotional issues relating to individual children's education, can sometimes be very difficult. Some practical ways to achieve this balance include:

- Make yourself available to parents.
- Never press your own child's case at the expense of others.
- Never promise to 'solve a problem' on your own.
- Be wary of bringing an individual's issue to meetings without following the agreed procedures.
- Abide by the agreed protocol regarding agenda items and Any Other Business (AOB).
- Keep yourself aware of parental view and concerns.
- Play an active part in Governor meetings.

To find out more, speak to your school:

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Trent College Family Fun Day

Saturday 25th September

Trent College

Derby Road | Long Eaton | NG10 4AD

11:00-15:30

Lots for the whole Family:

BBQ, Cream Tea & Ice cream

Face Paint, Hair Braids, Henna & Glitter Tattoos

Arabesque Academy Performance

Bouncy Castle

Nature Trail

Kids Craft Activities

Handmade Gifts

Raffle with excellent prizes

+ Lots more!

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