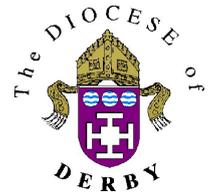




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Newsletter 13th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely summer. We are excited to be working with our new classes, and it is lovely to see all the children so eager and enthusiastic about their learning.

I apologise that some families did not receive the last newsletter of term, which I understand caused inconvenience over the holidays. It is now on the website. We try very hard to communicate as well as possible, and are always looking to improve; in fact, we are working towards using email more for this purpose during the course of the term, for those families who wish, which I hope will help. Letters which are sent out are also regularly uploaded to the news section of the school website, at least once a week, on a Wednesday. You should by now have received a copy of the class curriculum maps, which set out the topics and key areas of learning for the term. These are also now on the website. I hope you have found the "meet the teacher" sessions useful, at the start of term – any feedback is appreciated. Please remember that you are always welcome to phone in, speak to Mrs Oxley or Mrs Lambourne in the office, catch me on the gate before school or see your child's class teacher outside at the end of the day. If you need to make an appointment, or speak somewhere private, this can be arranged.

I am sending out a list of dates and events – it will grow, and we will notify you as and when things are added, but these are the things we know about already that will affect parents and carers, to help with early planning. This is also on the website.

Kind regards,

Daniel Sumner
Headteacher

Nursery and Reception would be very grateful if you have any **small plastic animals, people or other figures** you would be willing to donate. If you have, please bring them around to the nursery or reception door before school, or drop them at the school office. Thank you in advance.



The EYFS Woodland Area is looking lovely, and has really enhanced provision for our youngest children. Together, you have helped to raise over £500 through various events in Nursery and Reception last term, so thank you. Special thanks to the staff and volunteers who have worked on the project.



Please stick to the **paths** at the front of school, and try not to cross the grass, which needs to recover from when the builders were here. Also, please stay out of the car park and only use the **pedestrian gates**, even if the car park gate is open. This is important for everyone's safety. Thanks.

Congratulations to our new **school councillors**, who were elected this week by democratic vote:

Reception	Max	Lacey-Mai
Class 1	Enzo	Phoebe
Class 2	Finnley	Annaia
Class 3	Keegan	Martha
Class 4	Thomas	Averly
Class 5	Finlay	Isabelle
Class 6	Oliver	Heidi

So we can keep everyone safe, please tell us if your child is going home with someone other than the parent/carer who normally collects them.

Please bring back your permission slips for **Pobble** – our new online platform for sharing children's writing – if you haven't already done so.

We have set dates for our **Topic Showcases**, when parents/carers are invited in to class to share some of the wonderful learning your children have been doing this term. These are as follows:

5/10 Y1
11/10 Y4
16/10 Y3
18/10 Y6
19/10 Y5
24/10 Y2
25/10 Reception

The showcases will run from 2:30-3:05pm, except Year 2, which will start at 1:30pm.

We are inviting parents and carers into the classrooms this term for a special "**Reading Brunch**", where you will have the chance to read with your child, talk to them about their book, and do some activities with them related to reading for pleasure. Edible treats will be provided! These will run from 8:45am to 10:15am on the following dates:

7/11 Year 2

8/11 Year 1

20/11 Year 3

21/11 Year 5

22/11 Year 6

23/11 Reception

27/11 Year 4

29/11 Nursery

Children whose grown-ups are unable to attend will be buddied up and fully involved, so please do not worry. Invitations and RSVP slips to follow nearer the time.

Our Topics and Class Books for this Term

Nursery **Who Lives in my House**
The Three Little Pigs

Reception **New Beginnings**
We're going on a Bear Hunt

Year 1 **Dinosaur Planet**
Tyrannosaurus Drip
Dinosaurs Love Underpants
First Facts: Dinosaurs

Year 2 **Knights, Castles and Dragons**
Saint George and the Dragon
Castles
Dragonology
The Egg

Year 3 **Pirates, Captains and Compasses**
Sam Silver, Undercover Pirate

Year 4 **The Romans are Coming!**
Romans on the Rampage

Year 5 **Road Trip USA**
The Call of the Wild

Year 6 **Amazing Animals, Beastly Beasts and Creative Creatures**
The Last Wild