



## Monthly Newsletter January 2024



### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The last day of school this half term is Friday 16 February 2024.

School will re-open on Monday 26 February 2024.

### ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER



**Mrs Allsop**  
96.9%



**Mrs Jones**  
94.3%



**Miss Holden**  
93.4%

The whole school attendance for December 2023 was 92.0%. Persistent absence is classed as under 90% attendance. As a school we are aiming for at least 96%.

### CONTACT DETAILS

If you got a new mobile phone for Christmas and have changed your number would you please inform the office.

It is important that your contact details are kept up to date.

Thank you.

### KEY STAGE 2 SATS WEEK

Monday 13 May 2024 to Thursday  
16 May 2023 is SATs test week for all  
Year 6 children.

Could we please emphasise to all Year 6  
parents the importance of your child's  
attendance that week.



## HEAD LICE

We have had reports of head lice across the school. Information regarding prevention and treatment is included below (taken from the NHS website).

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Head lice are small insects, up to 3mm long and can be difficult to spot in your hair. Head lice eggs (nits) are brown or white (empty shells) and attached to the hair. Head lice can make your head feel itchy and like something is moving in your hair. The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice. You can do this by combing hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP. You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you wash hair with ordinary shampoo, apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do) and comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends. It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair. Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice.

Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online. Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs. Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them. If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments. Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work.

For example: products containing permethrin, head lice "repellents", electric combs for head lice, tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies.



## **ADVANCE NOTICE OF TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2024-2025**

### **Autumn 2024**

4 September 2024 to 25 October 2024

4 November 2024 to 20 December 2024

### **Spring 2025**

6 January 2025 to 14 February 2025

24 February 2025 to 4 April 2025

### **Summer 2025**

5 May 2025 Bank Holiday

22 April 2025 to 23 May 2025

2 June 2025 to 24 July 2025

Please note there will be an additional 5 Inset Days

## **CHESTERFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB SOCCER SCHOOL**

There are many activity clubs taking place at Mary Swanwick's School over the half term holiday, which will be run by Chesterfield Football Club Soccer School.

More information can be found on the notice board.



## **PARKING**

We have once again had complaints about parking on the roads around the school. The residents on Mansfeldt Road kindly ask that you do not park on either side of the road as it is causing congestion, which could lead to an accident.

Thank you for your co-operation.