



Monthly Newsletter 22 March 2023

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The last day of school is Friday 31 March 2023.

School will re-open on Monday 17 April 2023.

School will be closed on Monday 1 May 2023 For May Day and Monday 8 May 2023 for the Coronation. Days.

ATTENDANCE FROM 1 FEBRUARY 2023

TO 28 FEBRUARY 2023



Mrs Riley's Class 97.2%



Mrs Allsop's Class 96.3%



Mrs Webster's Class 94.9%

The whole school attendance from 2 September 2022 to 28 February 2023 is 92.6%. Persistent absence is classed as under 90% attendance. As a school we are aiming for at least 96%.

KEY STAGE 2 SATS WEEK

Tuesday 9 May 2023 to Friday 11 May 2023 is SATs test week for all Year 6 children. As the 8th May is now a bank holiday for the King's coronation we are now waiting to hear how this will affect the tests. However please could we emphasise to all Year 6 parents the importance of your child's attendance that week.

COMMUNICATION

Please ensure you have the school app on your phone/ device as all messages to parents are sent by this method.

If you have any queries regarding this please contact the school office.

Thank you.



CRUFTS

Willow Bassett was selected from thousands to attend Crufts with her best friend Bo to demonstrate the good citizen Puppy foundation course she has recently passed.

Willow attends A & S dog training on a weekly basis to develop her handling skills as well as teaching Bo tricks and skills in behaviour, manners and discipline. She works hard every week and thoroughly enjoys this.

She is now working towards the Bronze award

Well done Willow we are very proud!



THE CHESTERFIELD IN LOCKDOWN EXHIBITION

The ***Chesterfield in Lockdown Exhibition*** has now been installed in the Main Hall of the Assembly Room – upstairs in Chesterfield Market Hall.

The exhibition will run from **Mon 6 March 2023 – Wed 26 April 2023** and is open from **Mon – Sat 11am to 3pm.**

You may find this of interest as we have participated and contributed to the exhibition.

It really has been a Chesterfield wide community effort.

BROWNIES / GIRL GUIDES

The Brownies and Girl Guides are looking to increase the number of members across Chesterfield.

There are units in Wingerworth, Ashgate, Loundsley Green and Holme Hall.

More information is available on girlguiding.org.uk





FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 8 March 2023, Coach Harley from Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust with Mr Gruffydd accompanied the Highfield Hall Girls U11's football team to the Premier League Primary Stars regional tournament at Burton Albion.

There were teams from a number of places including Derby, Nottingham and Leicester.

The girls represented the school and the trust unbelievably well finishing 5th out of the 10 teams, winning 5 games!

The behaviour shown was amazing and their determination was second to none - even through heavy snow and hail! They even got a photo with the Premier League trophy whilst there!

The girls should be massively proud of themselves for their efforts, Coach Harley and Mr Gruffydd certainly were. Well done each and every one of you!



FREE HOLIDAY CLUBS

Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, you are also entitled to access **FREE** holiday clubs during Spring, Summer and Winter holidays?

It's About Me is a FREE Holiday Activity and Food Programme funded by the Department for Education, designed for children and young people across Derbyshire to have healthy, active, fun filled school holidays. It's About Me believe that everyone deserves a good break and that school holidays are better when children and young people are active, having fun, being entertained and learning new things.

If your child is aged between 4-16 and is eligible for **benefits-related free school meals**, then they are entitled to access the It's About Me holiday clubs for free! There are a huge range of activities available including sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. Programmes vary depending on the type and location of each local club, but each will serve a nutritious meal to all It's About Me participants.

The spring holiday club will take place from **Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April**, bookings are open now!

To find book your activities and to find out more information go to

www.itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk

We hope you will take advantage of these fantastic **FREE** holiday clubs.