

GORSEYBRIGG PRIMARY SCHOOL
HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYBODY!

Useful Information

Start and End of the School Day

Please could I remind parents and family members not to congregate around the school gate area at these times as it makes it difficult for others to pass.

Please could I also ask that children who bring bikes or scooters to school do not play on them within the school grounds. Please could you discuss this safety issue with your child/ren. Safety on the path outside school should also be discussed. Thank you for your support with these issues.

Y6 Transition to DHFS Week Monday 17th July – Friday 21st July 2017

All Y6 children in Dronfield will transfer to DHFS for this week of the Summer Term to ensure a calm, efficient and successful start to their secondary education in September.

The usual end of term activities e.g. Y6 Congratulations Assembly, Y6 Top Table Lunch, School Picnic Day etc will be brought forward to ensure a proper farewell and celebration of their Primary School years.

Parentmail

Please log on to the Parentmail website (www.parentmail.co.uk) to check your contact details are up to date to ensure all messages reach you. If you encounter any difficulties, please call into school.

Addresses and Contact Numbers

Please advise us of any change of address or emergency contact numbers. This must be done on an official school form as we need a signed request to amend details. This is VERY IMPORTANT to enable us to keep school records up to date. Please do not hesitate to call at the reception desk to check the accuracy of the contact information we hold.

Dinner Money

Dinner money costs £10.00 per week (£2.00 per day) and should be paid on a **MONDAY MORNING** to the class teacher in a named envelope. **Cash should be for the correct amount.** Cheques should be made payable to Derbyshire County Council - some parents prefer to pay for several weeks or half term at a time. Thank you.

SATs/Assessments 2017

Year 1	Phonics Check – week beginning Monday 12 th June 2017
Year 2	Monday 8 th May – Friday 19 th May 2017
Year 6	Monday 8 th May – Friday 12 th May 2017

Holidays in Term Time

Holidays in term-time cannot be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please request forms from the main Reception desk.

Voluntary One Way System and Parking

We would like to emphasise the following points:

- Please adhere to the voluntary **one-way system** around Balmoral Crescent.
- Do not park or drop off on the zigzag lines outside the school gates.
- Do not park or drop off directly opposite the school gates. (This continues to happen regularly!)
- Please park away from the school and walk a short distance if possible.

Basically, please park sensibly for the safety of the children. The police are aware of the difficulties we experience.

Bag 2 School (Friday 5th May)

There will be another collection of unwanted clothes (in good condition), bags, belts, shoes, soft toys etc (no bedding or curtains) on Friday 5th May. We have raised a lot of money by doing this previously, so please collect and save! The collection is straight after the Easter holiday so please have a good Easter sort-out!

Voluntary Contributions for School Activities

We try to organise exciting activities and events on a regular basis to enrich the curriculum for the children. Many of these activities cost money and we need to ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost from parents. We always consider the cost carefully and keep contributions to a minimum. We hope you feel able to continue supporting these extra activities and agree that they benefit the children. Please, never hesitate to discuss any difficulties with me. Thank you.

Tissues

We are always short of tissues in the classrooms! If you can supply a box, please bring them in to the Reception Desk or give them to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Head Lice

Head lice are a common problem in all schools. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat as necessary, to help us overcome this problem.

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR – SPRING TERM 2017

- **Annual Pantomime 'Cinderella' (N-Y6)** – Tuesday 10th January 1.30pm PTFA funded (£525)
- **Key Step Gymnastics (Y3)** – Thursday 12th January 1.00 - 2.30pm
- **Closing date for Admissions to Infant/Primary Schools 2017/18** – Sunday 15th January (midnight)
- **Parent Questionnaires** – will be issued shortly please return to school as soon as possible.
- **Nursery Open Morning** – Tuesday 24th January 9.30-10.30 am. Please tell family and friends who may be interested.
- **Greek Breakfast (Y4)** – Thursday 26th January 8.15-8.45, children in Y4 £2.00, others £2.00. Please ensure you complete the booking slip.
- **Celebration of Learning Day (R-Y6)** – Wednesday 1st February 8.30 - 9.00 am and 3.30 - 5.00 pm (Y4/Y5 only – until 6.00 pm). Parents and/or family members are invited into school to view their child's work with their child.
- **Storyteller, Gav Cross (N-Y6)** – Wednesday 1st February - To celebrate National Storytelling Week.
- **Y4/Y5 Residential Castleton Visit** – Meeting for Parents – Wednesday 1st February @ 6.00 pm.
- **Safer Internet Day** – Tuesday 7th February.
- **Half Term Holiday** – Friday 10th February- Monday 20th February.
- **World Book Day** – Thursday 2nd March
- **Nursery Open Morning** – Friday 3rd March 9.30-10.30 am. Please tell family and friends who may be interested.
- **Y5 Class Trip** – The Deep, Hull – Monday 6th March.
- **Y2 and Y6 SATs meetings for parents** – Wednesday 15th March @ 6.00 pm in school.
- **Science Week** - Monday 13th – Friday 17th March.
- **Gruffalo Workshop (N/R)** - Thursday 16th March
- **Comic Relief** – Friday 24th March.
- **Novelty Egg Competition.** This is a competition for Junior children only. Further details will follow. Novelty eggs can be brought into school from Wednesday 29th March. Closing date – Monday 3rd April.
- **Parent Consultations** – Monday 3rd April and Wednesday 5th April.
- **Nursery Closes for Easter** – Thursday 6th April.
- **School Closes for Easter** – Friday 7th April.
- **School Re-Opens** – Tuesday 25th April (Monday is a training day).
- **Castleton Overnight Visit (Y4 and Y5)** Thursday 27th April/Friday 28th April.
- **May Day** – Monday 1st May – School Closed.
- **Bag 2 School Collection** – Friday 5th May. Please sort unwanted clothes (good condition), bags, belts, shoes, soft toys etc. during the Easter Holidays (no bedding or curtains).
- **Class Photographs** – Friday 5th May (morning).
- **Y2 SATs** – throughout May 2017.
- **Y6 SATs** – Monday 8th May – Friday 12th May.
- **Y1 Phonics Check** – Monday 12th June – Friday 16th June.
- **Future Holiday Dates:**
 - May Half Term: Monday 29th May – Tuesday 6th June (Monday is a training day).
 - Summer Holiday: Friday 21st July.
 - Thursday 20th July (Nursery).
 - School Re-opens: Wednesday 6th September 2016 (Monday 4th/Tuesday 5th are training days).