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Website launch

We hope you have a chance to visit our new website over summer.

Useful numbers:

Parent partnership:

01332 641414P

Umbrella: 01332 785658

Direct line nurses room:

01332 777927

Wheelchair services:

01332 292080/287057

Lighthouse:

01332 256995

Derby deaf children's society: contact Roslyn Chee: 07921781233

Transport: 01332 641729

SEN: 01332 640823

Summer term

What a busy and full term as always. Lots of busy classes, pupils working hard to the end of term and some interesting and enjoyable trips and days off site, including a residential, have taken place. Something for everyone we hope.

End of year assembly.

Certificates and awards will be presented to our end of year winners on the last day of term, we are sorry we cannot invite all parents and families to this end of term event but our hall is just not big enough. We do hope however, if your child is to be nominated you will be able to join us. The class staff will let you know if your child is nominated. Rosalind Oldham, Chair of Governors will be presenting our awards.

Ofsted

We continue to work on the priorities of assessment, improving our learning opportunities through the changes in our curriculum and monitoring. Our Governors are working very hard for the school to ensure they can fully support us and fulfil their roles of monitoring and holding to account.

Presentation evening

Plenty of certificates were awarded to key stage 4 and post 16 for their achievements in the 'Moving On' accredited work. Well done to all the students for their hard work and efforts, and thank you to staff for gathering some wonderful examples of work and skills.

Update



We are sad to inform you of the death of 2 of our pupils during the summer term. William Furlong from Diamonds and Jake Street from Calke are no longer with us. Our thoughts are with their families as we close for the summer.

Goodbye and good luck.

Callum leaves us this term as he celebrated his 19th birthday this year and it is time to move on to Spa Sensations.

Arbaz moves on to take a place at Landau Forte School. We wish him well and know that he will work very hard.

Bella moves on to St Giles. It has been lovely having you in school, although it has only been a short placement with us.

Alison Hurt Teaching assistant, in Diamonds is moving to take up a permanent post at St Andrews. Thank you Alison, for this year.

Welcome for September

We will welcome to their new school placements 8 young people.

Charlotte, Sofia, Haider, Avez, Daanish, Gesar, Connor and Faisal. We look forward to getting to know you properly in the new term.

Playground.

The pupils have really appreciated the developments in the playground where sections have been covered in Astroturf. Over the summer the additional canopy constructions and swing will be put up to extend outside play and learning opportunities. We look forward to using them on our return.

Our next inset dates when school is closed to pupils are **Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September 2014.**

Staff will be preparing for the new term and covering the required briefings and accessing a range of training from rebound to health and safety.

School will re-open to pupils on:
Monday 8th September 2014

Information update.

Please make sure you give school any changes of telephone numbers etc, so we can amend our records for contact, and ensure that you are contactable in case of emergencies. Thank you. This will be especially important if the weather is bad over the next couple of months.



Coffee events.

Maureen Lammond (parent) and Carol Blackaby (Assistant head) will be organising the meetings for next year. Look out for the letters and please do join us.

Slings and bibs:

We sent a note earlier in the term asking for returns of any school bibs or slings that turn up at home over the summer. We would be grateful for these back in our stock. Thank you to those of you who have returned any already.

Funds for fun update

Three Yorkshire peaks- Well done to the team who managed the 30+ miles of hill and dale on such a very hot day. The funds are still being collected but they have raised over £1000 so far.

24 hour walk due to take place Friday 18th to Saturday 19th July. Thank you for your support - especially if it rains!!

General information.

Return to school meetings:

If your son or daughter has surgery or a prolonged absence due to illness we will want to meet with you to do a return to school, to ensure we have everything in place for them. This will be **before** they return. Please contact us for this meeting as soon as you know they are returning to school.

Holiday authorised by school.

The Department for Education state that holidays should not be granted in term time, except in exceptional circumstances and applications must be made in advance. **Please write clearly the reasons for such requests on the school forms for consideration. Thank you**
Families leaving the country for extended periods may return to find their child has been removed from the school register and their place has been filled.

Absence

Parents **are required** to ring school and leave a message or speak to a staff member on the first day of any **routine** absence for their child. Thank you for your co-operation.



Moving House - Important!

If you know you are moving on a specific day, **please contact the SEN department (01332 640823)** directly and tell them your new address ready. Transport takes up to 2 weeks to be re-applied for and -re-directed.

The best way to predict the future is to create it.

Thank you to all of you for your support this year, and we hope to develop even closer links and more opportunities to come into school in the coming year. **Have a good summer and we hope there is more sun shine to come.**

