



**Where Every Child
Matters**

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Autumn term

Welcome back to everyone. We hope you had a good summer and managed to enjoy the sunshine that we had this year.

It was wonderful to see so many happy faces coming in through the school doors this week.

This is a longer term running up to the end of October, but an exciting one for pupils settling back into their classes with new peers and staff to get to know.

We will continue to develop our **curriculum** and assessment again this year as we are getting close to completing the semi-formal aspects.

We are renewing our MOVE quality mark and applying for the Move Centre of Excellence award this term as it is 4 years since we last gained this.

We thank you for all your support with our work with your child and for the efforts in completing additional home tasks and work provided by classes.

We will be sending out the parental survey again later in the school year. We hope you will return it to help us support our pupils and families.

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.



Parent and carer coffee morning.

We will soon be announcing the date of our first coffee morning of the term and a letter will be sent home with details.

Please be encouraged to come for a drink and chat with other parents and carers.

School developments:

We have had the main offices and rooms other than classes freshened up and painted this summer as part of our rolling maintenance programme and some work to make good the playground.

Governors:

For a full list of our Governors please see the school website.

Inset dates for 2015-16

School will be closed to pupils for staff training on:

Monday 7th November.

Staff will be looking at behaviour and play.

Further dates will be announced later.

Nursing and health support:

Due to the increase in health needs and procedures in school we will be increasing our health staffing in the coming year. This will take time to interview for the post and provide induction into the role. If we are at any point in a situation where they have reduced staffing and are not able to offer supply cover, please be aware we may need to contact parents and advise of any health and safety concerns. The Trust always do their best to cover for us.

There are no strangers here;
only friends you haven't yet
met.
William Butler Yates.

Reminder.

If your child uses the school hydro pool it would be really helpful if swimming kit could come in to school on a Monday. This means that they will have a kit if any spare sessions become available. Please send:
2 towels
Swimshorts or swimsuit.
(please check that they still fit ok for the new term).
Shampoo/shower gel if you would like us to use it.

How to manage a meltdown.

A talk for all parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Speaker: Alex Lockwood
Principal Clinical Psychologist
Royal Derby Hospital.

Monday 10th October 2016 from 3.30pm to 5.00pm at:

St Martins School
Bracknell Drive
Derby
DE24 0BR

The talk will cover:

- What is a meltdown?
- What causes a meltdown
- Top tips on Managing a Meltdown.

No booking required. For further information contact:
Caroline Wheeler, Tel 07821 301253
Email: caroline.wheeler@derby.gov.uk

Don't forget the 'Holiday Competition'

Please send us a photo of a happy 'smiley' moment that you shared over the summer holiday with your child. This could be in the garden, on holiday, at the park etc. We would like to make a display of all the photos and the one judged 'smiliest moment' will win a small prize. Please send photo to
ghenderson@ivyhouse.derby.sch.uk



Parent 2 Parent

Please remember to let me have details of any places you visited this summer that are particularly good for children with special needs. The parent resource file is steadily growing so if you need any information about anything special needs related please let me know.
ghenderson@ivyhouse.derby.sch.uk

Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase
perfection we can catch excellence.
Vince Lombardi

Nametags for children's clothes.

It is really helpful if your child's clothes have names in. Especially coats, hats, jumpers etc that may be removed during the day.
Labels can be ironed or stuck on to save time.
Prices start at £2.99 for 25.
These two websites have been recommended for service and quality but others are available.

WovenLabelsUK

<http://www.wovenlabelsuk.com/>

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