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## Diary Dates

- 15 July 2024 - Themed Menu
- 17 July 2024 - Sports Day
- 17 July 2024 - Summer Disco
- 19 July 2024 - Reading Rocks Assembly
- 23 July 2024 - Year 6 Graduation
- 23 July 2024 - Last Day Of Term
- 4 September 2024 - Inset Day, children do not attend
- 5 September 2024 - New term starts
- 4 October 2024 - Inset Day, children do not attend

### JusTalk Kids and JusTalk App

A number of our families have recently shared that they have downloaded the JusTALK Kids and/or the JusTalk app to their child's devices as an alternative to Whatsapp.

The link below from Safer Schools contains a user friendly guide on how safe this app is for children.

If you have downloaded this app for your child to use we would highly recommend that you take 5 minutes to read this article.

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2023/02/08/what-is-the-justalk-app/>

Do not hesitate to contact our IT Lead, Mr Huntingdon, if you have any questions and/or need any guidance on this matter.

Dear Parents and Carers,

### September

In September, all classes will be mixed year groups. This is due to numbers in the school and the school budget. Myself, the governors and Transform Trust have worked hard, and are still working hard, to ensure the budget is as strong as possible in these difficult financial times for schools. I am pleased to say that the budget is looking increasingly healthier going forward.

The school has planned and taught in mixed year groups for many years so staff are used to planning this way. We have managed to secure additional teaching time during the week so we can teach some aspects of the curriculum in single year groups.

The curriculum can be taught in mixed year groups on a two-year rolling programme, with the children having covered the whole curriculum by the end of Year 6. English will continue to be taught through high-quality texts, with teachers using the year group outcomes for Reading and Writing. Math's will be usually taught in single year groups.

SLT (Senior Leadership Team) will be closely monitoring the planning and learning for the children to ensure the best outcomes.

Thank you for your understanding.

Ms G Smith

Headteacher

### Whole School Summer Disco



Our whole school summer disco will be taking place on Wednesday 17 July 2024. Children are invited to come and party with us from 4:45pm till 6:30pm. All children must be collected by an adult at 6:30pm.

Tickets are £2 per child, please send the money in a named envelope and a ticket will be issued.

There will be a tuck shop available and special VIP treatment for Year 6.

Please note that there will not be a letter sent home regarding the disco, all information will be on the weekly newsletter and Class Dojo.

### SATs results

	National Average	Ashbrook Junior School	
		EXS+	GDS
Reading	74%	86%	41%
Writing	72%	80%	14%
Maths	73%	89%	48%
Combined	61%	79%	14%

We are thrilled to report on our data for the end of Key Stage 2.

The children's attitude to their learning has secured excellent results and fabulous progress too.

### Goodbyes

We are sad to say goodbye to Miss Kerr, who leaves at the end of this year to take up another Teaching Assistant position. The children and staff will really miss you.

We would also like to let you know that Mr Gregory will not be returning in September and we wish him well in his further adventures.

### Glyn Stenson

We were sad to say goodbye to Glyn, our Chair of Governors, today in assembly. The children gave him a lovely tree to remember us by.

Thank you, Glyn for everything you have done for the school

### PFA

A massive thank you to the PFA for donating £1000 to school to support the children directly next academic year.

If anyone would like to join or is able to support the PFA, please contact the school office.

If you have any fundraising ideas, that you think would be suitable for school, please contact Mrs Priestly via Class Dojo with your ideas. We are always looking for new ideas.



### School Uniform

Even though we are coming to the end of an academic year, we do ask that you make sure that your child is wearing the correct uniform.

Shoes should be worn and not trainers. Children should not come into school in their PE kit, they should be in full school uniform and have their PE Kit in school to get changed into.

Please can we also remind you that "tram lines" and coloured hair included coloured strands are not part of the school uniform policy. This policy can be found in the school handbook.

Our uniform donation rail is constantly being replenished with new items, if there is anything that you need, please send Mrs Priestly a Class Dojo and she will be able to check what stock is available. We ask for a £1 donation for each item.

### Keeping in touch

As we are getting ever closer to our most busiest time in school, please could we ask you to keep a close eye on Class Dojo. Letters may not be sent home with information. Class Dojo will always be updated with any information.

If you change any of your contact details or pick up arrangements, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

If there is any changes to Tigers after school collection, please could you inform Tigers as soon as possible. We are working very closely with Lynne at Tigers to make sure that everyone gets to where they should be at the end of the school day safely.

### Lateness

All children should be in school by 8:55am. This is when the registers close.

If your child is arriving in school after 8:55am, an adult must walk them round to the school office and sign them in.

If your child walk to school on their own, please could you remind them that they must be in class by 8:55am.



### Attendance Award

Congratulations to **HOROWITZ** class who have achieved the highest attendance for the week ending 12 July 2024.



### Living our School Values

Congratulations to the following: Jack H, Lucy K-W, Sophie F, Ayden O-B, Robyn S, Mostyn W, Martha P, Bobby F, Holly M-B, Cooper P, Freya R, Luka F, Zak B, Frankie W.



### Year 6 Graduation Assembly

Get those tissues ready, Year 6 Graduation Assembly will take place on Tuesday 23rd July 2024.

Please be in the school hall for 1:30pm for a 1:40pm start.

Please see the letter that has been sent home for more information.



### Sports Day

Due to the weather Sports Day has been rearranged for Wednesday 17 July 2024.

Due to other commitments in the school calendar, this is the only date that is available, so fingers crossed that we get some good weather.

Activities will start from 9:40am and parents/carers are invited to stay for a picnic lunch from 12pm-1pm. All children must be back in class by 1pm.

If you would like school to provide a packed lunch please do message Mrs Priestly by Monday 15 July 2024, the sandwich options are pork (not ham) or cheese.

Please keep an eye on Class Dojo for further messages and updates.

Beef burgers and cheese burgers will still be available to purchase at lunch time for £1.50 along with Ice Lollies at 50p each.



### Ockash Duck Race

On Friday 19 July 2024 after the Reading Rocks Assembly, members of the Ockash Trust will be selling rubber duck places for their annual sponsored duck race!

To have yours or your child's name assigned to a duck to take part in the race, the cost will be £1. CASH payment only.

Ashbrook Junior School work very closely with the Ockash Trust and we have been overwhelmed with their support and generosity to our school and our children in the two villages.

Each pound that you donate will be donated to the schools in the Borrowash and Ockbrook and to the children in both villages.

You can watch the ducks take part in the race at Elvaston Castle on Sunday 25 August 2024, the race starts at 3pm.

There will be cash prizes for the winning ducks.



### Dinner Money Payments

We are asking everyone to ensure their child's dinner money balance is paid in full by the end of the academic year.

If you have overpaid and require a refund please get in touch with Mrs McKie or Mrs Priestly in the school office.

Please note that there will be an increase for school dinners in the new term, they will be priced at £2.56.

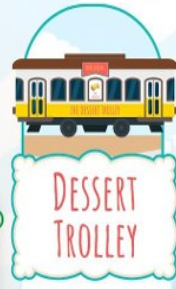
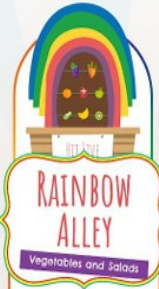
Sandwiches and wraps will not be available.

# LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL

Week 1

Spring/Summer  
2024:  
19/2, 11/3, 1/4,  
22/4, 13/5, 3/6,  
24/6, 15/7



MONDAY

Beef Burger & Hand Cut Potato Wedges

Homemade Veggie Burger & Hand Cut Potato Wedges

Sweetcorn

Jacket Potato with Beans or Cheese or both

Fresh Melon & Pineapple Sticks

TUESDAY

Margherita Pizza Slice

Veggie Pepper & Mushroom Pizza Slice

Coleslaw & Salad

Jacket Potato with Beans or Cheese or both

Flapjack

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheddar Bake with Roast Potatoes

Carrots & Peas

Jacket Potato with Beans or Cheese or both

Tutti Frutti Jelly Pots

THURSDAY

Homemade Pork Sausage Roll with New Potatoes & Tomato Sauce

Wholegrain Summer Vegetable Paella

Green Beans

Jacket Potato with Beans or Cheese or both

Carrot Cake

FRIDAY

Golden Fish Fingers & Chips

Homemade Cheesy Leek Sausage & Chips

Baked Beans

Jacket Potato with Beans or Cheese or both

Marble Cookies



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IT'S TOP UP TIME!

**Monday 15th July**

**Big Topped**

Crispy Skinned Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings:

Beef Bolognese  
Mixed Bean Chilli  
Cheese  
Beans  
Tuna Mayo

and

Chocolate Sprinkle Cake

Mmmmmmm!





## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THE LAW IS CHANGING

From **19 August 2024** the Government is introducing a new National Framework for Penalty Notices.

### What is a Penalty Notice?

A penalty notice is an out of court settlement which is intended to change behaviour without the need for criminal prosecution.

From August 2024, a maximum of 2 penalty notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3-year rolling period. Any second penalty notice (within the rolling 3-year time period) is charged at a higher rate.

### **First Offence**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance, the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days)  
Reduced to: £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

### **Second Offence (in a 3-year rolling period)**

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance to the same parent for the same child the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child. There is no reduction in the amount for earlier payment.

### **Third Offence or Any Further Offences (in a 3-year rolling period)**

The third time an offence is committed for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance by the same parent for the same child a Penalty Notice will **NOT** be issued but will be referred to Derbyshire's Education Welfare service for Prosecution which may result in fines of up to £2,500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in a Magistrate's Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate.

### When will a penalty notice be issued for school attendance?

**10 sessions of unauthorised absence over a rolling 10 school week period, over rolling 3 years**

Key points:

- Unauthorised absence includes late after registers have closed, unauthorised holidays during term time and any absence not authorised by school.
- 1 school day = 2 sessions (morning and afternoon)
- "School week" means any week in which there is at least one school session.
- Threshold of 10 sessions can be combination of any unauthorised absences.
- 10 sessions can be a consecutive block of sessions or a cumulative total (e.g., 5 days of unauthorised holiday during or 10 episodes of lateness over the 10-week period).
- The period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years, over a rolling 3 years.
- Penalty notices already issued by other schools and/or local authorities within the rolling 3-year time period apply to this process.

### **Unchanged**

Penalty Notice fines are issued Per Parent, Per child. This means that fines are issued to each parent, for each child who is absent. For example: If 2 siblings are absent for a term-time holiday this will result in each parent receiving 2 separate fines.

All Local Authorities have the discretion to issue Penalty Notice fines before the above threshold is met in cases where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold, or for repeated absences for birthdays or other family events.

All monies raised through this process are held by the Local Authority or returned to UK Government.



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## Multiply – Cuppa, cake and calculate

Join us for a free hot drink and piece of cake, whilst we look at different ways we can improve our financial wellbeing and find the best deals to save the pennies.

Cotmanhay ACE centre  
Monday 22 July 10am – 12 noon

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call 01629 531807 for more information

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**GOLDEN GATES  
GALLOP 2024**

Sunday 29 September from 10am

Raising money for:  
**Blood  
cancer  
UK**



For the grown-ups (and teachers) there is the iconic 5-mile race starting from the famous Golden gates at 10am sharp with prizes for the top-3 runners and medals and free Huub running snood for all runners! Meanwhile for those younger runners, there is a 2-mile family fun run (starting around 10:15am) with medals and running snoods for all entrants too. Entry for the 2-mile family fun run is just £5 per child and all accompanying grown up's run for FREE!

Sign up online now at <https://goldengatesgallop.org/> to guarantee your place and maybe use the Summer holidays to start your training.



Just £5  
per  
child\*

Parents  
run for  
FREE\*

On Sunday 29th September, The Golden Gates Gallops returns for its 38th year of running around the beautiful grounds of Elvaston country park! The event is organised and ran by volunteers (including some parents at this school) and 100% of all profits are donated to Blood Cancer UK.

Sign up for the 2-mile family fun run  
Visit [www.GoldenGallops.org](http://www.GoldenGallops.org)

\*2-mile fun run only / Parents or guardians must accompany under 12s