



Dear Parents/Carers,

I really can't believe that this will be the last newsletter this term. I am not really sure where the last six months have gone!

I know we are all extremely proud of England! So close - those dreaded penalties again!!

The children and staff had a fantastic day on Friday 2nd July for 'Chill out Day'. Thank you so much for your enthusiasm helping the children with their hair and outfits and for your generosity! The PSA have raised over £500!!

The children have had so much fun with their learning over the last few weeks. Here is an overview of what has happened.

Reception

This term we have been little explorers investigating the world around us. First of all, we jetted off to Egypt to learn about the pyramids and ancient Egyptian mummies. We then took a trip to the Jungle where we discovered the many animals we find on each layer. We then took a rocket and zoomed off to space. It was so cool and we loved learning facts about each of the different planets. We even got creative and made the planets out of papier mâché. We then had to put our coats on as we entered the polar regions of the Arctic and Antarctic. We learnt about the different animals then practised our sketching skills to create a polar bear scene. Our polar bears were very quirky! On Friday 2nd we had our chill out day (if we can call it that) We had so much fun dancing, baking and competing in races. To finish the day we shared a picnic with our friends. To finish our term we will be going back in time to the dinosaur era, travelling to the mountains and watching the explosive eruptions of volcanoes (which we may try and replicate in school!) Watch this space...



Year 1 and 2

Over the last few weeks, we have had great fun practising for, and taking part in, Sports Day. It was a shame we couldn't have any spectators but all the children had great fun. We have had great fun experimenting in science and we got very messy! We learned how water can walk by being absorbed and how cornflower can change when you mix it with water. We have made the most of being outside, which was very useful when we were looking at capacity, as we got rather wet.



Year 3 and 4

Following on from 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark', we had an exciting visit from Jungle Jo in Year 3/4. She shared lots of interesting facts with us about nocturnal and diurnal animals and we even got to hold and touch animals such as a millipede, gecko, tarantula, snake, scorpion and a frog. We are now going to be writing a newspaper article all about it! To finish off our Light topic, we are going to be making lighthouses including a working circuit. We would also like to thank Mrs Allan for all of her hard work since being a Pottery. We will all miss her very much and wish her a happy retirement.



Year 5 and 6

We have had a busy term. Our garden area is looking amazing and has provided us with an additional space to be able to go outside and enjoy learning. This month, we took part in the 2021 World Record attempt for all children simultaneously singing and signing at the same time. Year 5 are busy planning their Pottery bake off picnic competition which will be held on the 16th July.

We have worked hard to make sure the children in year 6 have their end of year activities. All the year 6 have had an opportunity to visit their new secondary school.



Good luck year 6 – have fun, work hard and make the most of the next steps in your journey.

Staffing update

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Allan who will be retiring. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thankyou for many years of hard work at Pottery. She will be greatly missed by the children, staff, governors and parents.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Bostock who has taught year 3 while Mrs Locker has been on maternity leave. We wish her all the best with her future role at Ambergate Primary School. She will also be really missed by the children, staff and parents.

It is lovely to welcome Mrs Locker back. She was my student teacher many years ago!

Uniform for September

We have noticed that a number of children are becoming very casual about the clothing they are wearing especially on days where the children have PE. Please can you ensure that your child comes in the correct PE clothing and school uniform from September. We will continue to wear PE kit on PE days.

New Classes for September

Just to confirm which teachers are in which year groups in September. I apologise that this wasn't clear in the text to parents.

EYFS: Mrs Rodenby and Miss Dale

Year 1: Mr Boardman

Year 1/2: Miss Bradley

Year 2: Mrs Hawkins (Monday, Tuesday) Mrs Roberts (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

Year 3: Mrs Locker (Monday, Tuesday) Mrs Hodgins (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

Year 3/4: Mrs Nicholson

Year 4: Miss Payne

Year 5: Mrs Kanigowski (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday), Mrs Mason (Thursday Friday)

Year 5/6: Miss Slack

Year 6: Mr Hartley

Morrisons/White Rose Maths

White Rose Maths is proud to team up with Morrisons to give primary pupils a series of free and exciting workbooks to use at home. Parents can collect the books from the 2nd August at any Morrisons. Just call in at the 'Children's Little Library' during your shop and collect your free copy. Families are welcome to take a free copy per pupil from year 1 to year 6. The workbooks contain a link to the answers too.

Coming Soon

PSA film afternoon: Monday 19th July

Tuesday 20th July: last day of term

Monday 6th September: start of new term

School opening times in September

In September we plan to open school gates at the front and back entrance from 8:45 to 8:55 for children to enter school and to go straight to their classrooms. Please can year 5 and 6 arrive at 8:45 because they have a maths lesson at 8:50. Children in all years are asked to arrive at school promptly, to ensure that they do not miss the start of the first lesson (this will be monitored closely from September).

At the end of the school day we will open both school gates and parents can come on site. We will have a slightly staggered finish.

Reception	3:15
Year 1/2	3:20
Year 3/4:	3:25
Year 5/6:	3:30

Please be aware that parents will not be allowed into the school building unless it is to see the office staff at the hatch, as normal. We will review how this works at October half term.

On behalf of the Pottery team, I would like to thank you for all your support and hard work with home-schooling at the end of such a challenging year. You have also been amazing at keeping your children off if they have covid symptoms and getting them tested.

Please don't hesitate to call me, email me epeach@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk or arrange a meeting with me, if you have any concerns.

Mrs Peach
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