



Headteacher Newsletter 9 – June 2024

Dear pupils and parents,

It is hard to believe that we are now in the final term of the year! This is an exciting time as the children prepare to move into the next year group. For some this will mean moving classes and of course we will be saying goodbye to our Year 6 students and Mr Friend. Transition week is w/c 1st July where the children will get the chance to spend time in their new year groups. We will also welcome our September starters in Reception for some of this week.

Year 6 have had a fantastic week at Lea Green and Years 4&5 are off the Ravenstor at the end of June.

Diary Dates

The summer terms are always busy. Please keep an eye on Dojo for updates. Please see below a reminder of the events currently planned for this half term.

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| Friday 24 th May | INSET Day (school closed to pupils) |
| Monday 17 th June | Year 6 Bikeability |
| Tuesday 18 th June | Year 6 Bikeability |
| Thursday 20 th June | Whole school Sports Day on Rec (Parents invited from 1pm) |
| Wednesday 26 th June | Year 4/5 trip to Ravenstor (return Friday 28 th Jun) |
| Mon 1 st July | Transition week |
| Tuesday 16 th July | Class Ash trip to Hope Cement Works |
| Tuesday 23 rd July | End of school year |

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome two new Willow class teachers from September 2024. Mr Gaffney will be teaching Mon-Wed, Mrs Redfearn will be teaching Thurs and Fri.



Hello! I'm Mr Ali Gaffney and I'm very much looking forward to becoming a part of the school and community. I've been a teacher for fourteen years in Stockport, Derbyshire, London and East Africa and I can't wait to get started with the Year 5/6 class at your beautiful school in Bamford. I believe in active learning and love to get children outdoors, and I have a strong belief in the place of high quality books in primary classrooms. I'm a Peak District resident and like to spend my time mountain biking, cooking and camping with my wife Jo and our five-year-old daughter. Looking forward to meeting you all in September!



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Hello, I am Mrs Jay Redfearn and will be the new teacher sharing the role in Y5/6 next year. I am very excited to join Bamford and as a previous member of staff I can't wait to be a part of your thriving village school again. I am looking forward to meeting the pupils and parents and aim to bring my past experience in KS2 as well as my love of learning and enthusiasm to the school.

Forest Schools

We are excited to announce that Willow Class will be going to Forest School in Hope every Friday morning, starting 21st June until the end of term (5 sessions in total). They need to come to school "Forest School ready" (Arms and legs covered, waterproofs and suitable footwear, with a change of shoes for the afternoon) and will be back in school in time for a normal lunchtime.

Reception children will continue to go the Forest School every Friday afternoon.

Swimming

Swimming continues until the end of term. While the weather is (still!) cold, please ensure your child has plenty of layers to keep themselves warm afterwards.

Bikeability

Yr 6 – Please remember Bikeability sessions on Monday 17th June & Tuesday 18th June.

Don't forget your bikes and helmets. Please leave your bikes in the bike stand and don't ride your bike around school. Thank you.

Sports Day

We are keeping our fingers crossed for nice weather on Thursday 20th June!

Parents and family members are welcome to come and watch the fun at the Rec from 1pm onwards. (Bring a flask and a chair!)

PTA Support

Save the date - Bamfest 20th July 2024

School Management

As you are aware we formed The Peak Federation on 1st January 2024 after a period of formal collaboration and public consultation.

Both schools have been able to employ a Deputy Headteacher, so there is always a member of senior management on site and available. At Bamford, this is Mrs Chapman. She is trained as a Designated Safeguarding Lead, SENCO and is currently in her second year of studying for National Professional Qualification in Headship. Please feel free to contact Mrs Chapman with any questions.

Mrs Gemmell moves between both schools, spending 50% of her time working for Bamford.

The timetable is for Mrs Gemmell to be at Bamford on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday afternoons.

There is flexibility in this depending on the operational needs of each school and therefore that schedule may change. Mrs Gemmell is always available at headteacher@bamford.derbyshire.sch.uk.



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In addition, our new VOIP phone system is a joined system, meaning that we can easily transfer calls between schools, so if you need to speak to Mrs Gemmell urgently and it's not a "Bamford day", please call the office on the usual number (01433 651267).

If your concern is about your child directly we would encourage you to speak to the class teacher in the first instance. They will be happy to help.

Primary Science Quality Mark



We are pleased to share that we have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark GILT. PSQM is a comprehensive evidence-based professional development programme that effectively develops science leadership, ensuring teachers have the knowledge, capability and support they need to transform science education and shape future generations

Public Health warning from Derbyshire County Council

We are writing to give an update on the current situation around Whooping Cough and share a few key messages, that we would appreciate you sharing with staff and families where appropriate.

- We have seen increases in cases of Whooping Cough across the country, including 5 UK baby deaths. We have also seen positive laboratory confirmed cases in a small number of Derbyshire residents.
- We want to promote the vaccine message, especially to pregnant women. The vaccine is safe to be given in pregnancy. Whilst some women may feel that they would wish to wait until their baby is born, by having the vaccine in pregnancy (between 16 and 32 weeks), the baby will be born with protection against the disease.
- Vaccines for infants and children do include Whooping Cough, but cannot be given until a baby is 8 weeks old, leaving them vulnerable.

There are a number of links to posters and information that you can share with staff and parents. If you would like to access these please see the following links and share or display the most appropriate for your setting:

Knowing the signs and symptoms of whooping cough

[Whooping cough - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[What is whooping cough and is there a vaccine? – UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](http://blog.gov.uk)

[Why vaccination is important and the safest way to protect yourself - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Vaccination of pregnant women for every pregnancy

[[http://Whooping%20cough%20vaccination%20in%20pregnancy%20guide%20-%20GOV.UK%20\(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)]

[Whooping cough vaccination in pregnancy guide - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

[Whooping cough and pregnancy poster – help protect your baby \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.service.gov.uk)

For sharing on social media:

[Facebook: Whooping Cough - know the symptoms](#)

[Facebook: Whooping Cough - vaccine in pregnancy](#)

useful video with the sound - [Twitter X: Whooping Cough - know the symptoms](#)

If anyone has whooping cough they should stay at home and not go to work school or nursery until 48 hours after starting antibiotics or 3 weeks after symptoms start if not having antibiotics.

[Information for individuals diagnosed with whooping cough - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

If there is anything specific we can help with to support this in Derbyshire please do let us know ASCH.Health.Protection@derbyshire.gov.uk.

Derbyshire Health Protection Team

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Snack Time

We are no longer offering fruit snack to junior children. Please remember we are a nut free school. Please keep snacks healthy and drinks to water only.

Thank you all for your continued support,

Jen Chapman (Deputy Headteacher)

Kate Gemmell (Headteacher)