

February Newsletter

Dear Parents

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 17th March 2015

Wednesday 18th March 2015

Friday 20th March 2015

Friday 27th March 2015

Monday 13th April 2014

Little Mermaid Show 6:30pm

Little Mermaid Show 2pm and 6:30pm

Admission by ticket only for all shows

INSET Day, school, breakfast club and after school clubs closed.

School Closes for Easter Holidays

School reopens for Summer Term

Traffic on school Premises

Would parents please ensure that when they are collecting children from any of the after school clubs, the cars are parked with consideration. On a number of occasions staff cars have been blocked in by parents parking across the bays while they wait for children to finish. Staff do sometimes have to attend events and meetings after school, and have been made late due to the inconsiderate parking.

Please also be aware that children leaving the clubs and walking down the drive need to be kept safe by parents and not allowed to run off ahead across the car park, as vehicles are moving around.

Parents must not bring cars onto school site during the day, except if they are collecting a sick child from school. Parents coming to school during the day for any other reason must park on the road and walk up the drive.

School starting times

A number of parents have questioned why the doors are closed at 9:00am, which then results in them having to sign their child in late.

The school day starts at 8:55am when the bell rings on both playgrounds. Once all the classes have gone into the building the doors close, and staff go to the classrooms with the children. The doors are locked for the children's safety. Your child should be on the playground ready to go into school when the bell rings. If they are not, it means they are late even if it is only 2 or 3 minutes, and need to be signed in at the office if the doors have already close.

Please ensure that your child is on time ready for the start of the day. The Education Welfare Officer was in school again last week monitoring persistent late arrivals and children's absence levels.

New School Building

As I'm sure most you have heard, Derby City Council's bid to the Government for funding for a new school building at Cavendish Close Infant School was successful, and we are to be included in the Priority School Building Programme 2, and are most likely to get a completely new, purpose built school for our children. There were only 2 schools in Derby where the bids were successful, us and Bemrose Community School. Bemrose will be having an existing building refurbished.

As yet we do not know when the project will go ahead; there is a 5 year time frame for the start of all the schools in the project across the whole country. So it could be as early as next year, or in the worst case, it could not happen until 2018/19.

The staff and governors will be striving to get the re-build done as early as possible, so that the children in our younger classes at the moment will benefit from a new school.

We will keep you informed about the progress and time lines as soon as we have more information.

Vacancies in school

1. We have the opportunity to appoint a new governor to our school. Under the reconstitution of the Governing Body, we are able to appoint someone with the necessary skills, interest and commitment to become a governor of our school. If you are interested in having a say in how things run, have the necessary commitment to follow through with visits, committee meetings, training events and governors meetings, please come and have a word with me at school to discuss what you can bring to the governing body, and what the role can give you in return.

2. We have vacancies in school for Mid-day supervisors. If you are looking for a limited number of hours working per week, term time only working, and are interested in the possibility of working with our children at lunch times, please see Mrs Kelly or Mrs Huddleston in the school office for an application form.

Show Tickets

Tickets for the Little Mermaid show are now on sale. Order yours quickly to avoid disappointment. Entry to all performances is strictly by **ticket only**.

We **will not** be allowing the audience to stand in the aisles, or crouch down at the front of the audience seats. We will expect all members of the audience to be seated and to behave considerately and safely.

We had a number of complaints at Christmas about how some visitors behaved in the performances. In one incident a little girl was hurt as she was knocked over by an adult pushing past her, and would not want the same to happen this time.

If you have any queries or questions please do either come in or give me a ring.

Thank you for your continuing support for our school

Jane Brandon
Headteacher.