

Digital Parenting

You may be getting new technology for your child for Christmas and we know it is hard to keep pace with the latest devices, apps and games. Your child will be bringing home a small booklet called 'Digital Parenting' with this newsletter. This booklet is a guide to help you get the most out of the online world and use it safely.

Anti-bullying Workshops

As part of our anti-bullying work the children all took part in anti-bullying workshops. We have ten 'Speedy Buddies' who all have their photo in the entrance hall. The Speedy Buddies can help children find a friend to play with at play times or help a child who is feeling sad or upset. They will also help children to tell an adult if there is a problem, so the adult can help to sort things out.

Term Dates 2019 - 20

School Opens

Tuesday 5th November
Monday 6th January 2020
Monday 24th February
Monday 20th April
Monday 1st June

School Closes

Friday 20th December
Friday 14th February
Friday 3rd April
Friday 22nd May
Friday 17th July

School will also be closed on Friday 8th May 2020 for May Day and Friday 19th June for an INSET day.

Speedwell Infant School

10th December 2019

www.speedwellinfants.co.uk

Christmas Fair

Thank you to all who donated items for the Christmas Fair and to all that came to the Fair. We raised a grand total of £925.50 - THANK YOU!

Christmas Dates Reminder

Thursday 12th December - morning - nursery and Reception watch Professor Pop up performance.

Thursday 12th December - afternoon - Year 1 and 2 to Pomegranate.

Friday 13th December - Christmas jumper day.

Christmas dinner for Reception, Year 1 and 2.

Monday 16th December 9.30am - Mrs Cowell's Christmas performance at school.

Tuesday 17th December 9.00am - 10.00am Christmas Craft for children in school (not nursery).

Tuesday 17th December 11.00am - Nursery Nativity in the school hall (doors open at 10.45am for drinks and mince pies).

Tuesday 17th December 2.00pm - Mrs Craggs and Miss Tiplady's class Christmas performance at Staveley Methodist Church.

Wednesday 18th December 8.45am - 9.15am Christmas Craft for children in nursery.

Wednesday 18th December 9.30am - Miss Smith's Christmas performance at school.

Thursday 19th December - Christmas parties.

PSHE Policy and RSE Policy

We have recently updated our Key stage 1 PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Policies. We have adopted the PSHE curriculum developed by the Derbyshire Local Authority – PSHE Matters. Our RSE policy is in line with current regulations from the Department for Education (DfE). Both policies can be read on our website www.speedwellinfants.co.uk → school info → policies.

Spare Clothes

Children sometimes have accidents in school and need a change of clothes. If your child has an accident and comes home with school clothes on could you please make sure you wash and return the clothes to school. If you have any spare clothing, especially pants, socks and trousers for both boys and girls, could you please donate them to school. We are always in need in case of accidents.

Mobile Phones

A reminder about the use of mobile phones in school - we are requesting that Parents / Carers do not use their mobile phones while in the school building. As part of our safeguarding procedures mobile phones are not used in the school. Please do not use your mobile phone in the school building. Exceptions will be made in Gold Award assembly when your phone may be used to take a photo of your own child.



Reading Challenge

A little reminder about our reading challenge in school. We want all our children to become confident readers. To help your child with their reading, please try to hear them read at home 3 or 4 times per week or every day if you are able. Please make a note in their school reading record every time you hear them read. When your child has read at home 30 times, they will go to Mrs Moore to receive a special sticker and a prize from her reading challenge basket. The children are recognised in celebration assembly that they have completed a reading challenge and have their photo taken as a group and put up on display in the main entrance hall. At the end of the year the child will receive a raffle ticket for each reading challenge they have completed and these go in to the reading challenge raffle to win a gift voucher. The more reading they complete the more chances they have to win the reading challenge raffle at the end of the year.

Telephone Numbers

Attached to this newsletter is a list of telephone numbers / addresses that are available over Christmas for any potential emergencies/ help you may find yourself needing.

Reception / Junior place

Remember if your child is in nursery or Year 2 you need to apply for a Reception / Junior place by midnight on January 15th 2020.

What's available over Christmas 2019?

Call Derbyshire - Our contact and referral service for children living in Derbyshire.

Starting Point - if you are concerned that a child is suffering or at risk of significant harm call **01629 533190**

CAB – 03444 111444 (National) Text **03444 111445** Advice lines available Mon – Fri 9-5 not available on public holidays

Chesterfield local advice line **0300 4568437** 10:00 – 14:00 Monday - Friday

Chesterfield Broad Pavement, S40 1RP **01246 209164** - Chat to advisors on line 8am to 7pm

Debt advice; any other problems 10 -5pm

Also on line get help with applying for Universal Credit and other consumer issues

Chesterfield Law Centre - 44 Park Rd, Chesterfield S40 1NU **01246 550674**

derbyshirelawcentre.org.uk

Samaritans – 121, Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NH - Call **116 123** - call them 24/7 365 days

ChildLine – 0800 1111

KWELL - online support for adults with mental health issues - <https://www.qwell.io/>

KOOTH - online mental health support for children and young people - <https://www.kooth.com/>

Food Banks

Monday 12:00 – 14:00 - St. Michael and All Angels Parish Hall, Church Street, Brimington S43 1JG - **07984 589456**

Tuesday 13:00 - 15:00 The Compass, West Bars, S41 1AZ – **07984 589456**

Wednesday 12:00 - 14:00 Saints Parish Centre Café, 3, St Mary's Gate S41 7TD - **07984 589456**

Friday 13:00 – 15:00 Loundsley Green Community Centre, Cuttholme Road, Chesterfield S40 4QU - **07984 589456**

Job Centre Plus – Markham House, Markham Road, Chesterfield S40 1TG – 0800 169 0190

Non-emergency Police – 101

Emergency police, fire, ambulance - 999

A&E – Chesterfield Royal Hospital - 01246 277 271

NHS non-emergency - 111

Derbyshire Discretionary Fund - applications made by phone to - 01629 533399 Monday – Friday 10:00 – 16:00; or online <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/.../derbyshire-discretionary-fund-ddf>

Homelessness Prevention Team – Chesterfield 01246 345825

Email address: homelessness.prevention@chesterfield.gov.uk

Website - <http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk>

Pathways of Chesterfield – **01246 498204**

For out of hours support contact Call Derbyshire on **01629 532600**

Domestic Abuse - Call the police on **999**

Crime Stoppers - **0800 555111**

Gas Emergencies - **0800 111999**

Electricity Western Power – **0800 6783 105**

Severn Trent Water – Leak line/emergencies – **0800 783 4444**