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# Newsletter



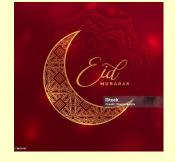
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#### Welcome Back!

We hope everyone has enjoyed a good break with family and friends over the Easter holidays. As we look forward to another busy and exciting term, we ask all parents to check the Summer Term dates in the newsletter below, so you know what's coming up in the next few weeks. We are also displaying some key dates in the noticeboard on Gilmour Lane to keep everyone informed.



Eid Mubarak to all families who are celebrating at this time.



#### Class Music lessons for Year 3 and Year 5

We start our new music provision from w/b 15<sup>th</sup> April. The class lessons are as follows:

Year 3 – Keyboards on TUESDAY afternoons.

**Year 5** - Ukelele lessons on **WEDNESDAY** afternoons. (A huge thank you to Barton Music Makers who have funded the school to provide 50 Ukeleles, which have now been tuned and are ready to go!

## **Small Group Instrumental lessons**

**Violins/Cellos** – We have a new teacher from Entrust, Mr Partridge; the lessons will now be on a **FRIDAY** afternoon between 12.15 and 3.15pm, starting next week.

**All other group lessons** - will be taught by HotHouse. Thank you to those parents who have booked these via the HotHouse website. We understand that parents have a few questions regarding this process in terms of specifying the instrument and regarding the hire of the instrument. Mrs Patrick has been in touch with HotHouse and we will try to get your questions answered ASAP. This is a new system for us all as we change over to a new provider, so thank you for your patience and understanding. Staff at HotHouse have replied with this information:

- 1. Any parents who signed up and didn't include instrument details in the order, we have contacted to ensure we have all information required for our records.
- 2. Parents who have signed up for instrument rental will receive instruments in their first lesson next week.
- 3. No need to bring electric drum kit to school, we will provide this for the lesson.
- 4. Our teachers are finalising their timetables as we speak so as soon as this is confirmed we can share with vou.

If any parents have any further questions, please email HotHouse direct on <a href="mailto:support@hhmusic.co.uk">support@hhmusic.co.uk</a> (Alice is the Business Support lead and is very helpful and friendly.)

Keyboards After School - will be on TUESDAY 3.30-4.15pm

### **Parent & Carer Survey**

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey at the end of term. We had over 90 responses so thank you for taking time to share your views on the school, what you feel is working well and what you think the school could do to improve further. The feedback has been collated and will be discussed by the school governors and shared with parents before half term. Thank you for your support.

# Timetable Changes (NEXT WEEK ©)

Due to the changes in music lessons, there are some changes to the timetable for PE and swimming lessons. Apologies for the changes, but this is because the school judged that we needed to change our music provision to provide the best possible teaching for the pupils. From **NEXT WEEK**, this is what each year group needs to remember:

#### Year 3:

Come to school wearing outdoor PE kit on THURSDAY.

Bring Swimming kit on: 3K - TUESDAY, 3H - WEDNESDAY.

Make sure indoor PE kit is in school (with trainers) on MONDAY.

#### Year 4:

Come to school wearing outdoor PE kit on TUESDAY.

Bring Swimming kit on MONDAY.

Make sure indoor PE kit is in school (with trainers) on WEDNESDAY.

#### Year 5:

Come to school wearing outdoor PE kit on: 5W - TUESDAY, 5P - WEDNESDAY.

Bring Swimming kit on: 5W – WEDNESDAY, 5P – TUESDAY.

Make sure indoor PE kit is in school (with trainers) on THURSDAY.

#### Year 6:

Come to school wearing outdoor PE kit on MONDAY.

Bring Swimming kit on THURSDAY.

Make sure indoor PE kit is in school (with trainers) on TUESDAY.

#### **Summer Term After School Clubs**

Here is the list for after school clubs during the summer term. All clubs start next week, unless stated otherwise. We are looking at providing skiing at Swadlincote Ski Centre after half term and more information will follow in due course. We know that parents and children are very interested in various after school clubs and we are looking at using other external providers to help broaden the activities we offer. Please be assured that all teaching staff do extra activities with pupils outside of lesson times during the year, both at lunchtime and after school. Please note the booking system for clubs will go live on *FRIDAY 11th April at 6pm*. Parents are reminded to book clubs in the usual way:

Link: www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

Code: n2hdr

Day	Club	Staff Running	Time	Year Groups	Cost	Date Running
Monday	Cricket Club	Mr Tolley	3:30- 4:30	Y5 & Y6	£10	15/04, 22/04, 29/04, 13/05, 20/05
Tuesday	Mindfulness & Reading Den	Miss Murfin	12:45- 1:15	All	Free	Weekly at lunchtime
Tuesday	Crochet/Origami Club	Mrs Kerr- Delworth	12:45- 1:15	All	Free	16/04, 30/04, 14/05
Tuesday	Woodland Warriors	Jane Veevers	3:30- 4:30	All (10 places available)	£72 for 12 sessions	16/04,22/04,29/04, 07/05,14/05,21/05, 04/06,11/06,18/06, 25/06, 02/07,09/07
Tuesday	Football	Soccerstars	3:30- 4:30	All	Please	e sign up directly with Soccerstars
Tuesday	Keyboard Club	Hothouse Music	3:30- 4:15	All	£3 per session	Please sign up at <a href="https://hhmusic.co.uk/school/burton/">https://hhmusic.co.uk/school/burton/</a> .
Wednesday	Netball	Miss Wortley	3:30- 4:30	Y5 & Y6	Free	16/04,22/04,29/04, 07/05,14/05,21/05
Wednesday	Cricket Club	Mr Tolley	3:30- 4:30	Y3 & Y4	£12	05/06,12/06,19/06, 26/06,03/07,10/07 <b>Next Half Term</b>



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The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 19th April.

J Emery

# Dates for the Diary: Summer Term 2024

Thursday 11 April Y4 Clay Workshops

w/b 15 April Music Lessons Start/ After School Clubs Start

Monday 13-Thursday 16 May KS2 SATs Week (Year 6)

Friday 17 May Y6 Circus Skills Workshop

Thursday 23 May Sports Day (9.30am and 1.30pm)

Friday 24 May INSET DAY (School Closed to pupils)

Monday 27-Friday 31 May HALF TERM

Thursday 6 June Class Photographs

Monday 10 June Y6 Visit to Library

Tuesday 11 Y6 Trip to Cannock Chase

Monday 17 June Y5 Visit to Library

Monday 24 June Y4 Visit to Library

Wednesday 26-Friday 28 June Y6 Residential to Standon Bowers

Monday 1 July Y3 Library Visit

Tuesday 2 July Transition Day (Y6 to JTHS, Y2/3 Transition Day)

Thursday 4 July School Art Exhibition (all day)

Tuesday 9 July Music Night (Details to be confirmed)

Thursday 18 July Y6 Leavers' Assembly- Perform to School (10am)

Friday 19 July Y6 Leavers' Assembly for Parents (10.00am)

LAST DAY OF TERM

Dates for the Diary: Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 September INSET DAY

Tuesday 3 September INSET DAY

Wednesday 4 September TERM STARTS

Friday 25 October INSET DAY

28 October -1 November HALF TERM