



The Clock



From **Miss Piper**

Time for the latest news:

I must say a huge WELL DONE to the Y6s this week. They of course had their KS2 assessments this week and I am so incredibly proud of how they approached them. They have all worked so hard over the past week/year/seven years(!) and should be extremely proud of themselves – we all are! As a treat, we took them to Markeaton Park yesterday for a play and pizza! They didn't find out about this surprise until five...

Time to Celebrate...



Miss Piper's Sparklers this week have been:

Ted YR for friendship – nominated by Phoebe

Phoebe YR for a positive learning attitude and determination with writing – nominated Mrs Clarke

Alfie Y2 for effort – nominated by Miss Piper

Amy-Leigh Waring Y2 for empathy – nominated by Mr White

Florence W Y4 for kindness and empathy – nominated by Mr White

The Y6s for effort, determination & resilience – nominated by Miss Piper & Mrs Whitney

Demi Y6 for kindness and empathy – nominated by Emily S

Emily S Y6 for kindness and generosity – nominated by Mrs Bates

The Collective Worship Team for effort – nominated by Jemima

Mr White for creativity and fun – nominated by Lottie

Mrs Ferris, Miss Illic and Helen from Aspens for effort – nominated by Tabitha and Delilah

Cover Photo:



...minutes before we left – thank you to the parents for keeping it a surprise! It was lovely to see them having such fun after sitting six tests this week.

Staffing Updates

I am thrilled to confirm that Mrs Whitney, who has of course been teaching the Owls since January, will be joining us on a full-time basis as of September. I am so pleased that we have been able to secure such a dedicated and experienced teacher and I am sure both children and parents alike will feel the same.

Mrs Whitney will also join myself on the Senior Leadership Team and lead English, with which she has extensive expertise.

It is however with sadness that I deliver the news that Mrs Simpson will be leaving us at the end of next month/June, as she is relocating. Mrs Simpson currently teaches the Owls for two afternoons a week. We will certainly miss her positive energy within school but I am sure that, along with all of us at school, you will wish Mrs Simpson all the best for the future. Her last day in school will be 29th June and so we will be celebrating and saying goodbye to her then.

Class Teachers – 2022/23

Robins – Mrs Bates & Mrs Clarke

Teaching assistants = Miss Beresford and Mrs Narraway

Woodpeckers – Miss Townsend*

Owls – Mrs Whitney**

*1x afternoon taught by Mr White

**2 x afternoons taught by Miss/Mrs Piper

Move-up days

23rd June – Reception 2022 – 1/2 day (excluding lunch)

29th June – Reception 2022 – 1/2 day (including lunch)

5th July – whole school move up day (all children will be in their new classes/year groups)

5th, 6th & 7th July – QEGS transition days

EMBARK Award

This week's focus is:

'Bring in an individual award that you have achieved outside of school'
(Success #20)

School photos

Please note that the photographer is in school on Wednesday (18th) for whole class photos (+ individual ones for Y6s)

Derbyshire Constabulary – Primary School Competition

Derbyshire Constabulary are inviting primary school pupils to create an advice/top tips picture for a key safety topic.

The picture needs to be on an A4 piece of paper and designed in the landscape position. It should give helpful safety advice that other children would find useful or that parents/carers would need to know.

Key safety topics:

- Darker Nights safety
- Internet Safety
- Sharing worries or concerns
- How to contact the police
- Walk/cycle to school safety
- Outdoor safety
- Water safety
- Road Safety
- Bullying and your own safety
- Halloween Safety
- Bonfire Night Safety
- Christmas Safety

Please follow this link for more information, including how to submit an entry:

<https://www.derbyshire.police.uk/news/derbyshire/news/campaigns/2022/january/Primary-school-calendar-competition-now-open/>

Next week:

Monday 16 th	Tuesday 17 th	Wednesday 18 th	Thursday 19 th	Friday 20 th
	Response marking for parents	Photographer in school 1.30pm – Longford Little Ones	Red Cross in to deliver First Aid workshop to the Y6s	Whole school online safety assesmbly - AM



Important dates for this half-term:

9th May-12th May – KS2 SATs week
13th May – whole school walk
17th May – response morning
18th May – school photos (class groups and Y6s)
18th May – Longford Little Ones
27th May – School Service (Jubilee Celebrations) – on the school field + break up for half term

Future dates to get in the diary early:

Thursday 23rd June – Reception cohort in for half a day (excluding lunch)
Wednesday 29th June - Reception 2022 cohort in for half a day (including lunch)
Friday 1st July – Sports Day & Family Picnic
Tuesday 5th July – whole school move up day (full day for new reception children)
5th, 6th & 7th July – QEGS transition days
Friday 15th July – Y6 sleepover (more details to follow in due course)
Wednesday 20th July – Speech & Sparkle
Friday 22nd July – Y6 Leavers Service (& last day of term)
Monday 5th September – Children return to school

