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Monday 10th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Star Week & Assessments and Parents Consultations



This week along with the next couple of weeks, staff will be busy working alongside your child to assess their current knowledge, skills and understanding against the different areas of the curriculum.

Information gained through these assessments will support your child's on-going assessment for learning and will inform their personalised learning plan and next steps.

We will be holding 'Parent Consultations' on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025 for Columba and Hydra class and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 for Draco where you will be able to book an appointment with your child's class teacher/teachers to discuss their learning to date and their next steps for development.

A separate letter has been sent home and e-mailed out today with details of how to book an appointment.

### Attendance Celebration



Congratulations to our Reception Class! We are thrilled to announce that our Reception class has won last week's attendance achievement with an impressive 90%! 🏆 Attendance is incredibly important for our learners' success, and we are so proud of each and every one of you for your dedication and commitment. A big congratulations to all the learners in Reception class We hope you enjoyed having Cyril the Squirrel with you in class last week. 🐿️ Keep up the fantastic work!

### World Book Day 2025



We are thrilled with the incredible support and enthusiasm our learners showed on World Book Day last week. **Everyone looked absolutely fantastic** in their creative costumes, bringing many of our favourite book characters to life.

We want to extend a special thank you to the parents and carers for your support in helping to make this event such a success.



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**Zoolab - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**



This year your child will have the opportunity to enhance their learning, as we have invited ZooLab into school to deliver a workshop. This will take place on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**. Each class will receive their own bespoke session. In order to support the school's budget for learning outside of the classroom, we kindly ask for a contribution of **£5.00**, payment to be made via ParentPay please.

**Academy Photography - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025**



Academy Photograph will be visiting our school on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025**. They will capture memorable moments of our learners, including class group photos, Year 4Leavers', and graduation photos. Please ensure that your child is wearing their correct uniform and look their smartest so that you can treasure these memories forever.



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### Year 4 Leaver's Hoodies Orders



Just a reminder that the **closing date for website to order Year 4 leavers hoodies is the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025. 17/3/25.** Leavers hoodies for 2025 at a cost of £18.50 each. This price includes a high-quality hoodie with the school logo embroidered on the front and a back print featuring the names of all the leavers.

Additionally, for an extra £3, you can opt for further personalisation to make the hoodie even more special. Let's make this a memorable farewell for our Year 4 students!

To buy a hoodie please visit the following link:

<https://smartuniform.co.uk/product/squirrel-hayes-leavers-hoodies/>

### Edwards and Ward Catering Firm Update



Unfortunately, we have been made aware that the catering company that provides lunches for the school is due to increase their meal prices due to cost pressures. See below:

Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 school meal prices will increase from £2.95 to £3.20 this change will not come into effect until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

### Unwanted/old school uniform?



We are excited to announce a new initiative in collaboration with our uniform provider, Smart School Uniform. If your child has outgrown their school uniform, we kindly ask you to consider donating any items that are still in good condition.

You can bring the unwanted uniforms to the school, and we will pass them on to Smart School Uniform. They will then include these items in their pre-loved uniform service, offering them free of charge to other parents and carers in need.

This initiative not only helps other families but also promotes sustainability by giving uniforms a second life.

### Important Dairy Dates



Please find below a table of events that have been planned for the Spring Term. Please note that we always try our best to stick to the planned dates and times but on occasion's changes have to be made due to unforeseen circumstances. If this is the case, we will always try to give you as much notice as possible. **Please note dates in blue have been added or changed:**



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**SPRING TERM 2<sup>nd</sup> Half 2025**

DATE	EVENT	CLASS
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Inspire Dance Show -Biddulph High School	Inspire Dance learners
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Full Governing Body Meeting 6:00-8:00pm	Governors
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Parent Consultations 1.00pm - 3.00pm & 3.30pm-6.30pm	Columba and Hydra
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Parent Consultations 1:00pm - 3:00pm - 6:00pm	Draco
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Zoolab - Educational Workshop in school	All Classes
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Academy Photography	All classes
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Celebrations Assembly - Easter Bonnet and Easter Scene creations - 9:30am	Parents/Carers invited
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for pupils and staff at 3:15pm for the half term holiday.	All classes
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens for staff and pupils 08:45am	All classes

Yours sincerely,  
 Mrs E. J. Pickford (Headteacher) & Team