



Friday 28th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parents Consultations - Draco



We will be holding 'Parent Consultations' for Draco class on Monday 31st March from 1:00pm - 3:00pm and on Tuesday 1st April from 3:00pm - 6:00pm.

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

Packed Lunches - Recycling



In our effort to encourage responsible recycling and reduce waste, all non-recyclable and recyclable waste from packed lunches will now be sent home with the children. This initiative supports our goal to foster eco-friendly habits both at school and at home.

We kindly ask parents to ensure that their child's packed lunch includes reusable or recyclable containers wherever possible. Together, we can make a positive impact on our environment, one lunch at a time!

A Special Thank you!

Thank you



We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Gabriella John and Mark Unwin for their invaluable assistance in the removal process of the old play equipment from the top of the field. Their dedication and support have been instrumental in moving this project forward. We are now excited to share that steps are being taken to prepare the area for new equipment and further development of our 'outdoor learning' area..

Zoolab - Wednesday 2nd 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 2nd April**. Each class will receive their own bespoke

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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 7th April 2025



Academy Photograph will be visiting our school on **Monday 7th April 2025**. They will capture memorable moments of our learners, including class group photos, Year 4 Leavers', 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.

WCET Celebration Concert 2025



As you will already be aware, as part of your child's curriculum they have been learning to play a musical instrument. Hydra have been learning to play the Recorder whilst Draco have been learning to play the Ukulele. Letters have been sent home regarding the learner's participation in a Music performance at the Symphony Hall Birmingham on the 16th June 2025. Further details will follow nearer to the time of the visit.

Easter Bonnet Parade & Assembly



On Thursday 10th April 2025 at 9.30am, the learners at Squirrel Hayes First School will be taking part in our end of term Easter Celebration Assembly and Easter Bonnet Parade. More details will be sent home in a separate letter.

Parents/Carers and family are invited to come along and join in our Easter celebrations. The Assembly and parade will commence at 9:30am and will take place in the school hall. Please report to reception on arrival. Funds raised from Friends of Squirrel Hayes events will be used to buy prizes for the best Easter Bonnets and Egg Scenes in each class.

Reception - Height & Weight Checks



We are pleased to inform you that, as in previous years, the Families' Health and Wellbeing (0-19) Service has once again been commissioned by Staffordshire County Council to deliver the National Child Measurement Programme. They will be visiting our school on **19/05/2025** to carry out this important programme.

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Letters with further details have already been sent out to parents and carers. If you have any questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

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

Changes to contact details



Please can we remind parents that if any circumstances change i.e. phone numbers, emails or address details please could you let the school office know so we can update the system and have the correct details on file. We always need two contact numbers in case of an emergency.

Easter Holidays



- School will close at the usual time of 3:15pm on Friday 11th April 2025 for the start of the two-week Easter Holiday.
- School will re-open to both staff and learners on Monday 28th April at 08:45am.

5-19 Drop in Schedule for Staffordshire Schools

Families Health and Wellbeing Service MPFT

SCHOOL NURSE VIRTUAL DROP IN CLINIC

Hosted by School Nurses this is open to parents/carers and young people of Staffordshire. Takes place every **Thursday** between 3.30pm and 4.30pm, even during the school holidays.

The School Nurse is here to help children and young people, aged 5-19, feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and get the best from their education.

- Scan the QR code, or type in the link <https://mpft.live/schoolnurse>
- Enter your contact details
- Wait in the private virtual waiting room (no one else will know you are waiting)
- Your School Nurse will let you in to the virtual room where your conversation can begin

If you need to speak to a School Nurse outside of these times please call the freephone number: 0808 178 0611 & press option 1

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Health Nurses are here to support children/ young people with any health or wellbeing concerns they may have. In addition to the virtual School Nurse Drop-in sessions there are a number of communities Drop in sessions you can access too, see details in the link below <https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing/staffordshire-clinics/drop-schedule-5-19>

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:*

SPRING TERM 2nd Half 2025

DATE	EVENT	CLASS
Monday 31 st March	Parent Consultations 1:00pm - 3:00pm	Draco Class
Tuesday 1 st April 2025	Parent Consultations 3:00pm - 6:00pm	Draco Class
Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	Zoolab - Educational Workshop in school	All Classes
Monday 7 th April	Academy Photography	All classes
Thursday 10 th April	Easter Celebrations Assembly - Easter Bonnet and Easter Scene creations - 9:30am	Parents/Carers invited
Friday 11 th April	School closes for pupils and staff at 3:15pm for the half term holiday.	All classes
Monday 28 th April	School re-opens for staff and pupils 08:45am	All classes

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

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