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A message from Miss Julian

I imagine lots of you are worried about it getting colder and the cost of energy and rising process all round. Please see a link to Derbyshire County Council sharing information regarding how to get help with the cost of living crisis. <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/cost-of-living/cost-of-living.aspx>

Royal British Poppy



Legion
Appeal

Thank you on behalf of the Royal British Legion as we managed to raise £200.02 in selling merchandise for the Poppy Appeal. Well done and thank you everyone.

Children in Need 2022

Thank you for your support for Children in Need last Friday. We raised a total of £409.10 from the non uniform day and coffee morning/ cake sale. AMAZING amount. Thanks to Mrs. Shaw and the School Council for organizing and running this.



High Sheriff of Derbyshire



The High Sheriff of Derbyshire came into school on Monday 14 November to deliver an assembly, telling the children all about his role and talked to us about aspirations and aiming high. It was really interesting to watch his presentation and the children asked some great questions.

Severn Trent Water



Severn Trent Water came in to deliver a water assembly last week.

As you'll be aware, we have just been through one of the driest summers the UK has ever faced. Demand for water has been at record high levels and many parts of the country were officially in drought status. With that in mind, it would be great if I could revisit your school to share our water saving messages. Our school is located in an area where demand for water is particularly high so we would love the opportunity to talk to the children about water efficiency and how precious water is.

The children were given some simple tips that they could adopt and bring home to share with you at home. This could help them save water, protect the environment and also conserve energy and save money too.

Could you click on this link [Severn Trent Education Survey \(office.com\)](https://www.severntrentwater.co.uk/education) and do the survey with your child.

Diary Dates

Upcoming events



Important DAYS for academic Year 2022/23

Friday 18 November – Children in Need – School council are organising this. See the front page of the newsletter for details.

Wednesday 14 December – Year 3 Christmas nativity (time in the afternoon but to be confirmed)

Friday 16 December – Christmas jumper day, Christmas crafts and Carol concert More details nearer the time as we are working on logistics!

Wednesday 21 December – Christmas dinner in school (wear your Christmas jumper too!) Make sure you fill in the form that Mrs. Jones put on dojo for your free Christmas dinner

Thursday 22 December – School closes for Christmas break

2023

Monday 9th January 2023 – Start of Spring term and children return to school

Friday 17th February – School closes for half term

Monday 27 February – INSET (day 4) school closed for children

Tuesday 28 February - School re opens for everyone

Friday 31 March – School closes for Easter Holiday

Monday 17 April – school reopens for everyone

Monday 8 May - Additional Bank holiday for coronation of King Charles III

Friday 26 May - school closes for May half term

Monday 5 June – School reopens for everyone

Monday 26 June – INSET school closed for everyone

Friday 21 July – school closes for summer holiday

Christmas in Swadlincote

Message from Derbyshire County Council regarding plans for Christmas in Swadlincote:

The Christmas lights switch on will take place on Saturday 26 November 4pm-8pm, there will be a Festive Fun Day on Saturday 3 December and Swadlincote Market's Festive market will take place on Saturday 10 December.

As usual there is no charge to take part in the events and most of the activities will also be free. For this year the fairground will only be operational on one day – Saturday 26 December and will not return to the town centre in the lead up to Christmas.

The programme of festivities is on the link below and provides further information to all of the event dates:

www.visitsouthderbyshire.co.uk/christmas

Tree planting

I had the pleasure of being with the Year 6 in the torrential rain yesterday as we went to plant trees at Cadley Park. Despite the rain, it was a great experience to know that we were planting a legacy for others to enjoy!

Well done

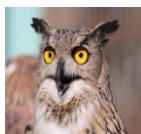


Macie Anne has been working hard and has been awarded the MTB Level 1 Award in Music Performance, passing with distinction her Grade 1 Piano performance.

Well done Macie Anne!

Reading awards

For this week Mr. Hoots was won by Pandas and Twig was won by Polar Bears – well done!



Times Tables

For this week Tommy the Times Tables Turtle has been won by Pandas – well done!



Achievement Award for demonstrating being ready, respectful and safe

Week ending 25.11.22

Orangutans – Phelix
Polar Bears - Bobby
Gorillas – Reece C
Tigers – Alex
Penguins – Max
Snow leopards – Ashleigh
Elephants – Alexis
Pandas –Kizzy
Rhinos – Taylor
Jaguars – Olly



House points

House points for 16.11.22

Miners – 450 **Brewers – 476**

Potters – 373 **Foresters – 270**

House points for 23.11.22

Brewers – 358 **Miners – 327**

Potters – 312 **Foresters – 290**

Dinner Money

Mrs. Jones has asked that parents/carers ensure that they are up to date with payments for their school lunches and for breakfast club. Thank you for your support in clearing this as school can not afford to run in to debt with this.

Congratulations to Casey from Tigers and her team who came first in the National Dream Maker UK Dance Competition last weekend.

Safeguarding – everyone’s business

The safeguarding@springfield.derbyshire.sch.uk is monitored 24 hours. You can also call us for any Emergency safeguarding enquiries on **01283 217855 – OPTION 3 (24 HOURS)**

If you have any concerns that a child is at risk of serious harm, then please contact **Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190** or visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/startingpoint

NSPCC is a free 24 hour, 365 days a year helpline on **0808 800500** or visit www.nspcc.org.uk

Childline Help Number – **0800 1111**

Attendance Awards

Week commencing 7 Nov 22

1. Polar Bears – 99.41%
2. Penguins – 97.71%
3. Snow Leopards & Gorillas – 97.27%
4. Pandas – 96.47%
5. Rhinos – 95.38%
6. Orangutans – 92.94%
7. Tigers – 92.89%
8. Elephants – 91.91%
9. Jaguars – 91.87%



Congratulations to **Polar Bears** who have received the highest attendance for the week commencing 7 Nov 22 with 99.41%

Year Group attendance

Year 5 - 97% Year 3 – 95%

Year 6 & 4 – 94%

House attendance

Miners & Foresters – 96%

Brewers – 95% Potters – 94%

Week commencing 14 Nov 22

1. Jaguars – 98.75%
2. Elephants – 97.3%
3. Penguins – 96.36%
4. Polar Bears – 96.26%
5. Gorillas – 96.25%
6. Orangutans – 94.12%
7. Pandas – 92.35%
8. Rhinos – 92.22%
9. Snow Leopards – 90.91%
10. Tigers – 90.83%



Congratulations to **Jaguars** who have received the highest attendance for the week commencing 14 Nov 22 with 98.75%

Year Group attendance

Year 3 - 95% Year 4 & 6 – 94%

Year 5 – 93%

House attendance

Foresters & Brewers – 95%

Potters - 94%

Miners – 92%

Take care and stay safe

Sending best wishes to you and your families and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Julian ☺

Dear Parents/carers,

The Governing Body is responsible for both the conduct of the School and for promoting high standards. The Governing Body carries out its role by setting the vision for the School and then ensuring that the School works efficiently and effectively towards achieving its vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the School and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the School, and by ensuring accountability and compliance. The Governing Body of our School is made up of Parent Governors, Staff Governors and Community Governors.

Vacancies has arisen for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. The Governing Body is asking you to nominate someone with parental responsibility for a child at the School. If it receives more than one nomination, then a ballot will be held.

Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed stand yourself, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved. Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children and the time and willingness to get involved. The skills you have can be very useful to the Governing Body. At the moment the Governing Body is lacking Governors who have expertise in (insert the skills you require). If you are someone with the required experience, would you consider applying? Governors also need what is known as 'soft skills' – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question, and to make connections between different types of information. All Governors are expected to be able to read straightforward budget reports and data on school standards.

Our Governing Body expects Governors;

- To attend a number of termly meetings of the Governing Body
- Visit the school formally for monitoring purposes during the academic year
- Visit the school informally during a year
- Commit to and attend training courses, perform additional research as required and take part in monitoring

In return, our Governing Body commits to

- provide you with a structured induction
- provide access to quality training
- provide you with an experienced Governor as a mentor

Five benefits to being a school Parent Governor

1. You will add value, impact, and significantly help the Headteacher and Senior Management Team run the school smoothly.
2. It is rewarding. You will give back to the school and help shape the budget and influence policies which will impact hundreds of young people, not least your own children if they attend the school.
3. Due to the diversity of roles on the Board, being a Parent Governor offers opportunity for excellent networking opportunities and a chance to be at the heart of your local community.
4. You will offer a wealth and breadth of experience and a unique perspective that will enrich how the school runs.
5. You will gain skills in diplomacy, strategic thinking, chairing and communication which is great for your own personal development and may enhance your own career.

[great reasons to become a school governor | TheSchoolRun](#) a link to a useful website

If you would like more information about how you can contribute to the governance of our school, please call the school office and give them your contact details and I will then arrange a time for a conversation to discuss this further.