



Dates for your Diary

July 2013

8th - KS2 are Swimming

9th - Go Green Day

10th - Operation Red Rabbit

11th - PTA Coffee Afternoon

15th - Governors Meeting 7pm

16th - Year 6 Leavers Concert

17th - Teddy Bears Picnic
Open Evening

22nd - Last Day in School

School Lunchtime Questionnaire

The replies have been collated and the results can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill in and return this

Go Green Day - Tuesday 9th July

As next week is 'Recycling Week' on Tuesday 9th July the Eco-Committee are hosting a 'Go Green Day' and are encouraging children to come dressed in green clothing to support this initiative.

We are starting the day with a whole school litter pick around the village followed by an Assembly presented by Recycling Advisors, Nick and Nat from Derbyshire Dales District Council. They are providing a talk to the children about the impact of recycling, and how this benefits the environment.

School will not be using lights or computers for the day and lunch will be sandwiches, biscuits and drinks as cook is not using her oven or fryer!!

In the afternoon we will be going on a nature walk to carry out a tree and wildlife survey of the areas surrounding our school.

Please send your child to school with



Year 6 Trip to Alton Towers

Sid the Sloth heard how fantastic our Year 6 are and was on hand to meet and greet us as we arrived at Alton Towers. We had a great but very soggy day!



French Club

Many thanks to all the parents who came to our end of year performance. The children were fantastic!

Please could any outstanding payments be sent into school as soon as possible.

Sue Hughes

School Meal Price Increase

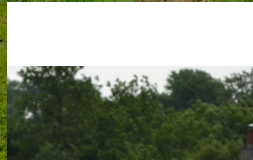
CAYA Catering Services are proposing to increase the selling price of school meals from 4 September 2013. Primary school meals will increase to £1.95, an increase of 5p per meal and adult meals to £2.74, an increase of 8p. We will advise you in September if these increases are not get agreed by Cabinet.

School Absence

A polite reminder; please ensure you inform school BEFORE your child is absent either by email, telephone or letter if you know in advance. Any holidays MUST be requested using a School Holiday Request form. This is available from staff on duty and from September will be available on our new school website. Please report all illness by 9am on the first day to the school office, we will as matter of school policy contact you if we haven't heard from you by 9.15am.

Sports Day 2013

This year's Sports Day was a huge success. Thank you to all that showed their support by joining us on the day. A massive thank you to Shaun Marshall for giving up his time to transport some of our equipment to and from the Cricket Pitch. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed a fun-filled, sunny afternoon!



Fire Engine Visit

On Monday 24th June, Firefighter Jones, from Ashbourne Fire Station, visited the children for an educational talk about how a Fire Engine operates and the role of different firefighters and their equipment. The children enjoyed trying on fire kit, squirting the hose, sitting and riding on the fire engine.



Mini Olympics 2013

The children had a fantastic time at the Mini Olympics on Tuesday 25th June, which was hosted by pupils from QEGS.

They had the chance to try out some different sports including javelin, long jump, hurdles and relay races.

The children were a real credit to the school!!



School Lunchtime Questionnaire 2013 - 13 Replies

CHILDREN'S SECTION – Parents please feel free to help your child complete this part of the form



Do you have a school lunch or sandwiches?

Lunch	11	Sandwiches	2
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Have you tried a school dinner?

Yes	9	No	1
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Which class are you in?

Infant	9	Junior	4
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Do you agree with statements? Please tick the ones you agree with.

The Midday Supervisors are friendly	13	There is plenty of choice	9
We are encouraged to try new foods	9	Seconds are always available for me	9
There is a good choice of food offered	11	The food is healthy	11
There is enough room, I'm not squashed when eating	10	I am never told to be quiet	7
We don't have to wait long in the queue to get food	7	My food is always hot, even on the last sitting	9
They don't run out of 'nice' food before I get my lunch	8	The portions are just right for me	9
The vegetables are cooked nicely	9	I can sit with friends in other classes	12
I don't feel rushed to finish my dinner	11	There are plenty of fun activities to do at lunchtime	12

What's the best thing about lunchtimes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing with my friends • All staff listen and try to make your ideas happen • We get to play on our scooters • Playing on the bars
What's the worst thing about lunchtimes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When no one plays with me • People spoiling games and being bullies • Peas! • When it's raining and my hair gets wet • Waiting for lunch
What would you like to see more of at lunchtimes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Lego • More bars, swings and slides • Chocolate sprinkles! • Sports
Do you have any suggestion to improve games and playtime?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use computers more • A Trampoline • Play will dolls • Treasure hunt • More Sport

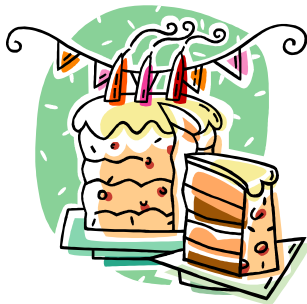
PARENTS SECTION – Children please feel free to help your Parents complete this part of the form

Please feel free to add any comments below regarding the current lunchtime provision for your children.

- My child has an excellent relationship with the lunchtime staff and particularly enjoys her jacket potatoes.
- I think it is a shame children cannot play football at lunchtimes. I think a rota would work well where they are allowed to play 2 - 3 times a week.
- Children make strange food choices at lunchtime e.g. pasta, sweetcorn and baked beans. This does not seem like a balanced meal.
- Vegetables I am told are always overcooked.
- They seem happy with activities at lunchtimes generally.
- Could they have something other than their sleeve to wipe their mouths on?

School Reply: We have looked at the provision at lunchtime with the Midday Staff and will implement the following:

- Our Playleader is arranging more sports and is looking to introduce Sports Leaders in September.
- We are looking at the resources we have currently and will be purchasing supporting items shortly.
- Paper towels are always available; we will encourage children to use these and not their sleeves!
- There are lots of other sports to consider as well as football. We try to be fair in the use of this area of the playground so all children get to play a range of different activities i.e. Scooter Day, Basketball, Dodgeball etc.
- We have spoken to cook about the preparation and storage of cooked vegetables to improve the quality served.
- The menus at school are devised by Derbyshire County Council and are based on providing a balanced meal, more information on these menus can be found at www.myschoollunch.co.uk/derbyshire/parents/menus/default.asp



COFFEE AFTERNOON!

PARWICH PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA



THURSDAY 11TH JULY

2pm to 3.30pm in the Memorial Hall

Please visit our Coffee Afternoon for tea, coffee and cakes on Thursday and help us to raise money for Parwich Primary School. Delicious homemade cakes and biscuits etc. for sale!

Donations of cakes, biscuits etc to sell would be very gratefully received. Please give to Karen or Sam L, into school, or bring them with you on the afternoon!

Look forward to seeing you there!

Headlice - Once a Week Take a Peek!

Yet again I am receiving complaints from parents about headlice across the school. I cannot stress how important it is to check your child's hair weekly and treat necessary.



Head lice are caught by head to head contact with someone who already has them. Although anyone can catch them, they prefer the heads of 4-11 year olds. Clean hair is no protection against them. When heads touch, the lice simply walk from one head to another. Adult lice take every opportunity to exchange hosts to avoid extinction through in-breeding.

Shared brushes and combs can also transmit lice so discourage children from sharing combs and brushes.

Shared hats, headphones and jackets hung close together do not, however, present a risk. This is because head lice that involuntarily fall off the head or clamber on to clothes or other articles, such as pillows or cuddly toys, are dying and harmless.

For more information visit:

<http://www.chc.org/homedir/thebugbusterkit.cfm>

