



Learners for Life...

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FLOWERS

Dear all,

Where has this year gone, or going? I can't believe how time flies. In fact I've had a realisation that as of this term I have been at Castle View for 4 years and oh my goodness how I love it and how much has changed.

Each Friday morning I meet with the staff to talk through the following week and organise what will happen, when and where. One part of this is sharing magic moments of the week; I struggle to choose because there are so many, but I wanted to share just a snap shot of these discussions. This weeks' has to be Danni in Y2 who blew us all away with her

confidence and success in maths. She was able to subtract two digit numbers with ease. The staff were bursting with pride. We've called her 'Dynamo Danni', this was such an achievement for her. Well done Danni.

If that wasn't enough; we had an architect visit to look at how we might make best use of the buildings for the children and you as parents (please see the governor section). His first Response, after a walk through, was 'this is such a happy place and the children are so polite'. I agree they are amazing. The best bit for me is I know that in their classrooms they are fabulous learners and children take on the role of helping each other to learn.

Today it made me think just how far we have come in such a short space of time. So onwards and upwards for the next 4 years and beyond !

Regards  
Clare Peat

Parent flyers are winding their way to you today.

We hope these give you an insight in to some of the exciting learning that will take place for your child this term. It's a short one and believe me the staff are cramming a lot of fun and excitement in! There is already a Magna visit planned for the Year 4s to find out what 'Brilliant minds' can really achieve, as well as a wild adventure in Y2s and so much more.

### **It's that time of year again.**

Over the last few months children have been working tirelessly towards their SATs tests which will all be within the next few weeks.

The children will take a series of tests which include Reading, Maths, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.

These will be for both Key Stage 1 and 2.

In addition the Year 1 pupils will be taking a test in phonics in June.

I am so proud of how hard they are working and know they will do exceptionally well.

If you have any questions about these tests then please do not hesitate to ask.





## **Governors and our school.**



Yes you can guess it we are still waiting to convert to join the QEGS multi-academy trust. The building contracts and negotiations are taking a lot longer than initially thought. One part of this is with regard to the Sure Start Centre being located on site. The Governors intention is to continue to support the service that the Sure Start offers, but re-locate it to the dining hall (after adaptations are made) so that the current space used by the Sure start building can become part of the main school site.

Governors have met this week and their intention is to extend our Nursery provision for pupils from 2 to 4 and offer extended provision i.e. full days and potential breakfast and after school provision. Currently we have enquiries for places on a daily basis and are full but only due to the lack of space. Governors want to ensure that they meet the needs of the Matlock community and embrace the fact that so many people want to join us at Castle View ( I can't blame them)!

This will mean that in addition to any funded places parents receive they can top these up by paying for additional sessions; which will be at an affordable rate. They believe that offering a full days child care may help those of you who are working or studying, etc. They hope to have this in place for September, but this all depends on the legal department sorting the buildings and releasing the Sure Start building back to the school. Fingers crossed it's done quickly, as there will be a lot of work to do to get us ready for September.

The local authority have agreed to do this, so fingers crossed this happens. We really need it! They believe this is achievable, lets hope so; I'll keep you posted.

### **A new face around school...**

You may remember nearly 3 years ago we appointed two new apprentices; Miss Sharkey and Mr Rees. They were so successful in completing their course that they joined us as full time members of our team.

With such a success we wanted to offer the same training for others, so before the holidays we advertised and interviewed for a new apprentice.

We were very pleased to be able to offer Mr Handley a post. He has started this week and has already made a great start and impression on the children. Erin and Lilly were quick to ask him to coach the girls team for the Bunting cup and as he has a sports background they may have just hit gold.

### **Reminder;**

we are a uniform school and expect **all children from Reception upwards** to be in school uniform. No other clothes or footwear out of our policy will be accepted.

This does include caps, so If you haven't got one already school caps can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £1.50. No other caps will be allowed.

Remember please write the name of your child in all of their clothing. Trying to match a jumper with it's owner can be very challenging with over 130 pupils.

**Reminder: School closed Monday 1st May due to being a Bank holiday.**



## Dates for your diaries

### May

*Mon—Fri 8th - 12th SATs week for Year 6 children*

*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 1.00-3.00 Quad Kids Year 5 children to Higfield's*

*Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Computer enrichment day for 2 pupils at Lea Primary.*

*Mon-Thurs 22nd—25th SATs week for Year 2 children.*

*Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Pre competition for Tri golf ;5 girls and 5 boys .*

*Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Y6 height and weight check carried out by the school nurse.*

*Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Bunting Cup, football competition.*

*Friday 26<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY - school closed to pupils.*

### June

*Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Parent RSE workshop in the hall.*

*Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Phonics check for Year 1 pupils*

*Mon and Fri 12<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> Highfiled's visits for pupils. Details to follow.*

*Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> PARTY in the PARK. Please note some letters went out with July as the date. Sorry for the error!*

*Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> South Peak Sports 5.45-6.30*

*Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Alternative South Peak Sports date.*

*Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Summer Fayre 3.30-5.00*

### **INSET days for 2017**

26th May

**Friday 7th July**

**Sports Day (weather permitting)**



A very special thank you to the friends of Castle View who raised over £165 at the Easter Bingo. It was fantastic and enjoyed by all. One of the children has since asked; can we have one at Christmas and Halloween. I think the Friends of Castle View would be shattered!

Reminder the school website address is:

[www.castleviewmatlock.com](http://www.castleviewmatlock.com)

