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# Newsletter

## GPA Bubble Update

We welcomed some more children back to school last week. School is currently open for Reception class and our key worker families and vulnerable children from all year groups. With changes in the government guidance, we introduced our GPA bubbles—Tigers, Bears, Monkeys, Lions, Giraffes, Elephants and Whales.

The children did incredibly well and soon settled into the new routines of school. As most bubbles are a mixture of age groups, lots of children got to know some different children and adults a little bit better. They spent last week agreeing what they wanted their bubbles to look and feel like and agreeing how they were all going to help each other to stay safe.



We also wanted to say a huge thank you to the **parents and carers** who helped us greatly by keeping to their allocated drop-off and pick-up times and locations. With your support, we were able to get the children in and out of school safely.

Please continue to support us in keeping everyone safe by:

- Sending your child in freshly washed clothes each day. We ask that this is a white t-shirt or red jumper wherever possible;
- Bringing a freshly filled water bottle each day;
- Ensuring they have a jumper and coat each day (as the weather has certainly got cooler) or in warmer weather sun cream and sun hats;
- Making sure your child doesn't bring in anything else from home.



School will be closed to all pupils on the INSET days listed below

Monday 13th July 2020

Thursday 23rd July 2020

Friday 24th July 2020

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Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Friday 11th December 2020

Wednesday 31st March 2021

Thursday 1st April 2021

Thursday 22nd July 2021

### School Term and Holiday Dates 2020-2021

Legend:		
<span style="background-color: yellow;"> </span>	School Holiday	
<span style="background-color: lightblue;"> </span>	Autumn Term	
<span style="background-color: lightgreen;"> </span>	Spring Term	
<span style="background-color: lightpurple;"> </span>	Bank Holiday	
<span style="background-color: lightgrey;"> </span>	Summer Term	
<b>September 2020</b>	<b>October 2020</b>	<b>November 2020</b>
<b>December 2020</b>	<b>January 2021</b>	<b>February 2021</b>
<b>March 2021</b>	<b>April 2021</b>	<b>May 2021</b>
<b>June 2021</b>	<b>July 2021</b>	<b>August 2021</b>

195 Days – including up to 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff.



## Year 7 Transition

Normally, this is the exciting time when our Year 6 children begin to talk about their transition days where they get to spend some time getting used to their future schools. Unfortunately, with the current circumstances many of these dates have had to be postponed. The Year 6 teachers and Mrs Spooner are currently meeting with all the secondary schools virtually to make sure they are ready to welcome the children when the time comes.

In the meantime, the schools have begun to update their information about transition. Using the links below, you will find updates from the headteachers, welcome information about the schools, virtual tours, photos and information about some of the Year 7 teachers.

[www.cityofderbyacademy.org/year-7-transition/](http://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/year-7-transition/)  
[www.derbymoor.derby.sch.uk/Parents/Transition-Process/](http://www.derbymoor.derby.sch.uk/Parents/Transition-Process/)  
<http://www.bemrose.derby.sch.uk/year-6-7-transition/>  
<https://landau-forte.org.uk/parents/transition/>

We will also send this information out to the Year 6 students through Seesaw so they can view the videos. We will also begin our transition program through Seesaw so, if the children start asking questions about their secondary school, this could be the reason why.



Last week we launched our parents consultation with regard to the revised Relationship and Sex Education Policy for our school. Parents and carers can find all the information on the school website and a hard copy can be collected from the school office.

<https://www.grampianprimary.org.uk/parents/policies/rse-consultation>

The parent survey will remain open until Friday 26th June should any parent or carer wish to respond.

As parents may recall, school had planned to close for INSET on Monday 23rd March. However, to support our key worker and vulnerable families school remained open. We have an INSET on **Monday 13th July** and school will be closed as previously communicated.



In order to prepare for September, we have rearranged the missed INSET in March for **Thursday 23rd July**. School will also be closed on **Friday 24th July**. As I am sure parents and carers can imagine, the classrooms and school environments have had to be rearranged several times as we have implemented measures to minimise risk. There are lots of unused areas of school which need to be emptied, cleaned and prepared for the new year. We are sure there will be updated guidance, regarding social distancing and safety measures. School will need time to prepare for September and we are unable to do this preparation whilst school is open to pupils.

We are using all areas of the school grounds at the moment, both at the front and back of school. With this in mind we are having to carefully plan when visitors can or cannot access the school site. Expected visits, for example those collecting free school meal vouchers, are being given a time when they can come to school. It is really important that these times are adhered to. We are asking that other families who may need to collect letters or correspondence from school, ring school in advance so we are able to agree a suitable time to come onto the school site.



We continue to be very proud of the children at home. We have been thrilled with the learning that has happened whilst school has been closed for many children. Tapestry and Seesaw accounts continue to be very active as the children share their learning with their teachers. Now that the Summer term has started, we will continue to reward children's efforts at home through texts, Good News Notes and Smasher Certificates. In Year 1 to Year 6, class teachers continue to award the League of Rocks through the online platform so these achievements can be celebrated through the Seesaw Community.



Parents or carers who are considered to be key workers within the governments Covid-19 response must have contacted school by **Friday 13th June** if they wish their child to return to school before September. Emails should be sent to [GPA@grampian.derby.sch.uk](mailto:GPA@grampian.derby.sch.uk) All emails will be acknowledged by Mrs. Murfin.



## Reception

We are currently open for our Reception children—Mrs Wilson's Class. Parents and carers wishing their Reception child to attend school should contact the school office or email [GPA@grampian.derby.sch.uk](mailto:GPA@grampian.derby.sch.uk). All places must be booked in advance and school will confirm a return date and time.