

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us last week for sports days. Sports days is always a key indicator that the end of the school year is fast approaching. Next week is transition week across Derby City.

Our current year 6 children will be spending time in their new secondary schools but we know that some of these plans have had to change. The secondary schools will have liaised directly with Y6 parents so please look out for their recent letters or emails. If your child's secondary school is closed on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July due to the NEU strike action, your child should attend Grampian as usual.

Here in school, we will be going ahead with our planned three-day transition. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the children will spend the day with their new teachers in their new classrooms.

### Class Arrangements for September 2023

Nursery – Mrs. Favell & Mrs. Clarke

Reception – Miss. Sheffield

Year 1 – Miss Comery

Year 2 – Miss. Gerver

Year 3 – Miss. Jones

Year 4 – Mr. Higgins

Year 5 – Mrs. Keresztury

Year 6 – Mrs. Barker

Mrs. Hanser will begin her maternity leave at shortly after we return in September. Both our existing Assistant Headteachers, Mr. Carpenter and Mrs. Brooks, will be covering her period of leave and acting up as Co-Duty Headteacher. Both Mr. Carpenter and Mrs. Brooks will support teaching and learning across their respective phases but they will not have a class teacher responsibility.

Miss Comery will be joining us in September and teaching Year 1. Mrs Brooks will be supporting her induction to Grampian, ensuring the year gets off to a great start. Miss Comery is unable to join us for the transition days but she will be in school the following week so we will ensure she spends time getting to know the children.

Sadly, Mr. Charles will not be with us in September. He has worked at Grampian for two years whilst he completed his teacher training. Mr. Charles is planning to relocate later in the year. We will miss him greatly but we wish him all the best in his new chapter.

### Transition days Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, the children will be welcomed and registered by their current teacher in their current classroom. After registration, the children will go into assembly where they will be introduced to their new teachers and taken to their new classrooms. At the end of the day, they will be dismissed from their new classrooms. On Wednesday morning, the children will go straight to their new classroom and be greeted by their new teacher.

**\*\* The current Year 3 and Year 4 children, who usually go swimming at Moorways on Tuesday morning, will be going swimming as usual. Please ensure that the children have their kit in school as usual \*\***



## Pupil End of Year Reports

The children will bring home their end of year reports on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Should you wish to discuss your child's report with the class teacher, please speak to the school office who will be able to organise for the class teacher to contact you.

## Important Reminders

### Attendance

We are seeing an increasing number of children absent from school for unauthorised reasons. Research has always shown that for a child to reach their full educational potential a high level of school attendance is essential.

Ahead of the new school year, we wish to remind all parents and carers that term time holiday cannot be authorised. School can only grant a leave of absence during term time under exceptional. These are often circumstances that are rare, significant or unavoidable. Such events will only be considered by the school if the event could not reasonably be scheduled for another time. The length of the authorised absence, as well as whether absence is authorised is at the Headteacher's discretion. If term-time leave is taken without prior permission from the school, the absence will be unauthorised.

### Key dates

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Y4 & Y5 Team Swimming Gala
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> July - Transition Days
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Key Stage 2 trip to Carsington Water
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Leavers Trip
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July - End of reports issued
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Graduation \*\*further letter to follow\*\*
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Achievement Assembly 9:15am
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Showcase 2pm

### Term dates

End of term: The children's last day will be Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023. School is closed to pupils on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 for staff INSET.

New school year: Pupils return to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024. School is closed to all pupils for staff INSET on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Murfin