



## Pottery News April News 2019

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### What's happened?

#### Comic Relief

We sold 250 red noses and raised £300 on our PJ/red day. Many thanks for all your support for this charity event.

#### School Budgets:

Our new school budget year has begun once more (1<sup>st</sup> April). Many of the national funding formulas are 'free school meals' led so it is imperative that all those who are entitled to claim free school meals do so (thousands across Derbyshire go unclaimed). Apart from bringing more general income to the school it brings a nominated amount of funding for each child called 'pupil premium' (approximately a thousand pounds) that can be spent in a number of ways to benefit the individual child e.g. school tuition, additional support in class, music tuition. Even if free meals are claimed for only one month it currently entitles the child to 6 years worth of additional funding. I would encourage parents of junior children (infants are already checked when applying for universal free school meal) to log on to: [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) to check if they are eligible. If you are, then please claim. We can provide a hot meal in the dining room or alternatively a packed lunch. If you don't have access to the internet please speak to a member of the office staff.

**Plant Appeal:** It is that time again when the children 'garden.' We are seeking bedding plants, bulbs and anything else you can donate to make 'Pottery in Bloom!' Please send to class teachers or straight to the school office.

#### Parent/Chef Cooking Competition.

Any parent/grandparent that would like to take part in the Derbyshire cookery competition to win a set of cooking kit for our school can download details and a registration pack from [www.myschoollunch.co.uk/derbyshire](http://www.myschoollunch.co.uk/derbyshire) or email: [becky.clarke@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:becky.clarke@derbyshire.gov.uk)

#### Bullsmoor

A local resident has appealed for any stories/poems or pictures relating to the Bullsmoor area as part of a music project. These can be sent to <http://www.belperartsfestival.org/music.html>

### Diary for April

#### Year 6 statutory test week

commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May. Any absences other than illness will not be authorized for year 6 during statutory test week.

PLEASE NOTE: STATUTORY TESTS FOR YEAR 5 CHILDREN IN 2020 IS THE WEEK BEGINNING 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY WHEN THEY ARE IN YEAR 6.

8/9/10<sup>th</sup> April is parent consultation evenings for parents.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April is a school INSET day so children break up at the end of the school day on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April and return on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Coming soon:

**Summer term parents briefings** in the hall at 9am:

Tue 30<sup>th</sup> April year 3 & 4 parents

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May year 5 & 6 parents

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May reception

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> May year 1 & 2

**MAY DAY** - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May school is closed

#### Special Mentions

To Isaac E, Orla M, Jasper T and Leah W who won the Belper inter school tennis tournament last month and came back with a lovely trophy for the school trophy cabinet. Congratulations, we are very proud.

To Ellie and Olivia T (year 3) Congratulations on completing stage 6 in swimming. Love Mum, Dad and Aimee.