**Biggin C of E Primary School’s**

Newsletter 1 for Summer Term One: 9th April - 25th May 2018

***Congratulations!***

**to Tom Fentem as Bonus Ball number 49 was drawn on Saturday 24th March, and to Ms Wotton as Bonus Ball number 39 was drawn on Saturday 31st March and to Sarah Williams as Bonus Ball number 13 was drawn on Saturday 7th April**.

Please remember: numbers 9, 19, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57 and 59 are free if anyone would like to join in at just £1.00 per week. Winnings are 50% of each week’s takings with double payouts at Christmas and Easter.

Thank you to those who contributed to a bouquet of flowers and a coffee machine and/or provided their own gift for **Ms Swinbank’s retirement**. The presentation was well attended followed by an enjoyable and delicious Afternoon Tea at Biggin Hall with school staff.

**Privacy Notice**

You are all receiving another copy of our Privacy Notice.

This is because the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) will come into force May 2018.

The new Derbyshire County guidance on retention periods for school will come into force this month and both will be published on our website under policies in due course.

**Reminders:**

We collect used stamps for the Air Ambulance, your washed plastic bottle tops for Fibromyalgia and used ink cartridges which are exchanged for M&S vouchers for our raffles.

**Clerk to the Governors of Biggin Primary post** has not been filled, if anyone is interested, please contact school a.s.a.p., training is available!

**HYPAC** will start back 30th April 2018, information will be sent out the week beginning 23rd April.

**KS2 parents to complete, sign & return to school a.s.a.p. please**

All ‘within school time’ sport events will have transport provided and we expect your child to attend. The ‘after-school’ events are optional which we hope your child will be allowed to attend – we also need to ask if you can provide transport either to or from or both (and stay to support?) or we could arrange transport if needed.

I (name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ agree to my child/ren (names) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

attending the after-school events at Q.E.G.S. beginning at 4.00pm, finishing by 5.30pm

**for years 3 & 4** on Thursday 26th April (football), I can/cannot provide transport there/back

**for years 5 & 6** on Thursday 12th July (rounders), I can/cannot provide transport there/back

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Summer Term One 2018**

Wednesday after-school Music club for those in years 4, 5 & 6 (*not 23rd May*)

Thursday afternoons: - Violin lessons for those in year 3 (*not 17th & 24th May*)

* Derby County sport coaching for all
* Derby County sport coaching after-school for those in years 1 - 6

**Summer term 2018** will begin on Monday 9th April.

We have a few dates already in place: -

Summer Term 1

Thursday 12th April Years 3 & 4 netball at Q.E.G.S. - transport provided

Monday 16th April Finance committee

Tuesday 24th April Parents’ meeting with Matt Bawden

Thursday 26th April Years 3 & 4 football at Q.E.G.S. after-school – offers to transport please

Tuesday 1st May Full Governing Body meeting

Friday 4th May Years 3 – 6 to Q.E.G.S. for an Orienteering Festival - transport provided

Monday 7th May Bank Holiday

14th – 17th May SATs week

Thursday 24th May Quad Kids for years 5 & 6, transport provided

Friday 25th May Break up for the half-term holiday

Summer Term 2

Monday 4th June INSET day – staff training

Tuesday 5th June School re-opens to pupils

Wednesday 6th June Kwik Cricket for years 5 & 6

Friday 8th June Whitehall payments due from those in year 5

Monday 11th June FOBS meeting

Tuesday 19th June Tri-golf for years 5 & 6

Tuesday 26th June Quad Kids for years 3 & 4

Tuesday 3rd July Rounders for years 3 & 4 /

Year 6 transition day 1 & Induction evening at Q.E.G.S.

Wednesday 4th July Year 6 transition day 2

Thursday 5th July Year 6 transition day 3

Thursday 12th July Rounders for years 5 & 6

Friday 13th July Mini-Olympics for KS1

Monday 16th July Sports Night

Tuesday 17th July Leavers’ Concert in the village hall

Thursday 19th July Mrs Gosney’s Leaving Day at school

Pupils break up for the summer

Friday 20th July INSET day

**‘Show and Tell’ Thursdays**

*Year 6 to provide a 20 minute presentation; everyone else - just 5 minutes for one item please!*

12th April Alyssa (Y6) & Harvey

19th April Archie, Brooke, Carrie & Finley Ho

26th April Jacob (Y6) & Daisy L

3rd May Ruby, Chloe, Jorge & Kyle

10th May Jasmine L (Y6) & Ebony

17th May Sophie, Charlie, Daisy H, Harry &

 Isabelle

24th May Jasmine M (Y6) & Finley Ha

To contact school and/or reply to messages: - send a note via pupil-post (or leave it in the letter-box), email info@biggin.derbyshire.sch.uk, pop into the office, or leave a ‘phone message on 01298 84279

Please see the school’s website on [www.biggin.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.biggin.derbyshire.sch.uk) for the weekly newsletter, calendar and lots of information. Is there anything in particular that you would like to access on here?

Community notices

# New guide to the countryside out now - a free booklet packed with fun activities and events taking place at our countryside sites is out now to help you enjoy the great outdoors this Easter and over the year ahead.

The Countryside Destinations and Events 2018 booklet, available online and from countryside centres, tourist information centres and libraries is packed full of events across the county with many for free or for a small cost. There's something for everyone from popular seasonal events, family fun and festivals to skilled workshops, wildlife and heritage events.

Events throughout the year include:

* Wildlife Week Nature Trail, Saturday 26 May to Sunday 3 June. Follow the FREE onsite photo trail and discover the fantastic facts about the wildlife of Cromford Canal.
* Middleton Top Cycle Hire Centre, Saturday 9 − Sunday 17 June. Visit the centre during National Bike Week and you can hire one and get one free. A fantastic offer to get you exploring the beautiful High Peak Trail. In June pedal through the countryside while it blooms with wild flowers and herbs. For more information and to book call Middleton Top on 01629 533294.
* Woodland Festival at Elvaston Castle Country Park, Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 September, 10am − 5pm. Celebrating traditional and contemporary woodland crafts, watch experts at work or have a go yourself. Quality arts and crafts, bespoke gifts and delicious food. Special event parking charges apply all weekend: £10 per car/£5 per motorcycle all day. Weekend tickets are £15. www.derbyshire.gov.uk/woodlandfestival
* Wild Food Forage, Shipley Country Park, Sunday 14 October, 10am − 12:30pm. A walk around Shipley Country Park in search of useful trees, plants and fungi. This walk will concentrate on exploring seasonal wild food, medicine and craft materials in the area. It will also look at bushcraft basics such as fire lighting. The cost is £5 per person and parking charges apply. Call 01629 533991 to book.

The booklet also contains location maps and information about countryside visitor centres, cycle hire, family attractions and disabled access to events and venues. You can pick up a copy of the booklet at any of our [countryside visitor centres](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/countryside/countryside_sites/default.asp), [libraries](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/find_your_local_library/default.asp) or tourist information centres.

It is also available to download from [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countrysideevents](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/countryside/whats_new_this_season/default.asp)

# NHS Diabetes Prevention Week runs during April - type 2 diabetes is on the increase and Derbyshire residents are being reminded to be aware of the risks during the NHS Diabetes Prevention Week that runs from 16 to 22 April 2018. Currently, nearly 60,000 people in Derbyshire have Type 2 diabetes, which is largely preventable through lifestyle changes, and more than 70,000 are thought to be at high risk of developing it.

Patients at high risk of Type 2 diabetes in the county are benefiting from a new programme to help them avoid developing the condition. The NHS Healthier You: Derby and Derbyshire Diabetes Prevention Programme aims to help patients change their lifestyles. The programme includes education on healthy eating and lifestyle changes as well as bespoke exercise sessions, all of which have been proven to reduce the risk of developing the disease. Find out more about the [Derby and Derbyshire Healthier You programme](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social_health/health-and-wellbeing/your-health/diabetes/healthier-you/default.asp), and how you can take part.

Five of the main risk factors for developing Type 2 diabetes are:

* age - being over the age of 40 (over 25 for South Asian people)
* genetics - having a close relative with the condition (parent, brother or sister)
* weight - being overweight or obese
* ethnicity - being of south Asian, Chinese, African-Caribbean or black African origin
* pregnant women who have gestational diabetes are at an increased risk of developing Type 2 diabetes later in life

Some of the main symptoms of diabetes include:

* urinating more often than usual, particularly at night
* feeling very thirsty
* feeling very tired
* unexplained weight loss
* cuts or wounds that heal slowly
* blurred vision (caused by the lens of the eye becoming dry)

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# We're pulling out all the stops to fix county potholes - we're stepping up our efforts to fix the county's potholes following the worst winter weather to hit the area for 10 years. Extra roadworker gangs have been mobilised across the county, and they will be working longer hours including at weekends, to tackle potholes reported on the county's roads. There will also be extra equipment including more 'hotboxes' which keep Tarmac warm and make it easier to transport around the county, and two Jetpatchers which will be used on mainly rural roads. The condition of many of the county's roads has deteriorated over the past few weeks after long periods of severe winter weather. The constant freezing and thawing, prolonged rainfall and heavy snow cover has led to roads cracking, resulting in a significant rise in the number of potholes and carriageway deterioration. In December 2017 the number of potholes listed for repair in Derbyshire was only 120 but by the beginning of March the number had risen to more than 3,000. The teams have already brought this total down to 2,500 despite dozens of new potholes being reported every day. We had already set aside £4m to spend on pothole repairs, and last week this figure was boosted by just over £2m extra funding from the Government. The £6m is being spent drafting in the extra roadworker gangs and a range of machinery, as well as stepping up highways inspections to ensure teams know where to target resources. The county has doubled the number of 'hotboxes' and teams using them from six to 12, which will speed up repairs. The rapid response teams will be responding to all urgent defects as they are reported, travelling across the county on all roads, from main A roads to minor and rural roads fixing potholes where they've been reported. More 'patching gangs' will also be working on the county's roads to tackle the backlog. The patching gangs will repair larger sections of road where a cluster of potholes has been reported. The extra teams are also being backed up by two Jetpatchers which will concentrate on repairs to rural roads. The Jetpatcher uses a high velocity air stream to clear existing holes of any debris and water as well as laying and compacting new Tarmac. People can help by continuing to report potholes via our website so that we are aware of where they are and how serious they are. We are inspecting roads as fast as we can but we still need people to tell us so we can get on to them as soon as possible In addition to the pothole budget of £6m, we're already spending nearly £16m patching, surface dressing and resurfacing the county's roads and pavements and fixing drains and gullies. [Report a pothole](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport_roads/roads_traffic/road_fault/default.asp).

# Have your say on minerals plan - we, along with Derby City Council, are inviting local people to have their say about the Minerals Local Plan for the area. Together we are drawing up a draft plan to guide mineral-related development within Derbyshire and Derby, except in the Peak District National Park, until 2030. Minerals produced include limestone, sand and gravel, brick clay and shale, sandstone, vein minerals such as fluorspar, coal and gas − including gas in deep shale which could only be removed by the hydraulic fracturing process known as 'fracking'. The plan will set out where quarrying and mining is expected to take place and the principles we will use to decide on planning applications for mineral development.

Specific sites identified for mineral working include extensions to the following quarries:

* Swarkestone Quarry - sand and gravel
* Willington Quarry - sand and gravel
* Whitwell Quarry - industrial limestone
* Ashwood Dale Quarry, Buxton - industrial limestone
* Mouselow Quarry, Glossop - brick clay.

The latest version of the plan is available to view and comment online and a series of drop-in sessions are being held so that residents can talk to council officers about the plans at:

* Chapel-en-le-Frith Library, Thursday 5 April, 2pm to 6:30pm
* Barrow on Trent Village Hall, Thursday 5 April, 11:30am to 6:30pm
* Dronfield Library, Monday 9 April, 11:30am to 6:30pm
* Ripley Library, Thursday 12 April, 11:30am to 6:30pm
* Bolsover Library, Friday 13 April, 11:30am to 6:30pm
* Long Eaton Library, Wednesday 18 April, 11:30am to 6:30pm
* Chesterfield Library, Tuesday 24 April, 11:30 am to 6:30pm
* Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale, Thursday 3 May, 11:30am to 6:30pm

Councillor Richard Iliffe, Vice Chairman of the Derbyshire and Derby Development Plans Joint Advisory Committee, said: "Minerals are important to our way of life, not only in building houses, factories and roads, but also in the manufacture of a huge rage of everyday products such as paints, paper and toothpaste. They are also important in the production of energy used to heat our homes and fuel our industries. Derbyshire is rich in minerals, making the county one of the most important in the UK for resources particularly limestone. But the same geology which gives rise to this wealth of resources also creates the striking landscapes which are important to Derbyshire people, the visitor industry and the local economy. Unfortunately, mineral working almost always causes some impact on the environment and local communities. The challenge now is to set the minerals guidance and polices for the new plan so that all the relevant factors raised by these competing interests are addressed effectively − and this is where we need local people to help." To view the Spring 2018 consultation or have your say go to [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/minerals (opens in a new window)](http://derbyshire.gov.uk/minerals). The deadline for comments is Friday 18th May.

# Improvements to the 'Ashbourne Triangle' set to start

DCC will begin work to make safety improvements at an Ashbourne town centre traffic hotspot next month.

To minimise disruption, improvements to the 'Ashbourne Triangle' pedestrian refuge will be carried out in two phases to keep traffic flowing in one direction at a time. The work is expected to take two weeks. Starting on ***Monday 9 April*** the northbound carriageway of the A515 towards Buxton will be closed so the market place side of the triangle can be narrowed. The following week, starting Monday 16 April, the opposite carriageway heading into Ashbourne will be shut, so the other side of the triangle can also be slimmed down. This is to give traffic using the one way system on both sides of the A515 at the junction of St John's Street and Buxton Road more room to negotiate the narrow road and tight corners by providing more turning space. The pedestrian crossing on Buxton Road, outside the town hall, will also be upgraded while the road closures are in place.

Signposted diversions will be in place while the work is carried out. For the week starting 9 April the diversion for northbound traffic will be along St John Street, Hall Lane, King Street and Buxton Road. Southbound traffic will flow as usual. The following week's diversion for southbound vehicles will be Buxton Road, King Street and Hall Lane. Northbound traffic will flow as usual. Evening road closures will then be in place from 6.30pm to midnight between Monday 23 to Friday 27 April so that both sides of the carriageway can be resurfaced and white lines reinstated.

Plans for a new Ashbourne by-pass are also on the table. Last year the county council's cabinet gave the green light for investigation work to be carried out into the possibility of a by-pass. Options for long-term solutions to the town's traffic problems, other than a by-pass will also be considered. Evidence into the feasibility of a by-pass is now being collected. This will then be used to put together a business case to identify potential solutions to the town's congestion problems.

# New Matlock to Rowsley trail now open - the final piece of the jigsaw is now in place on a new multi user trail for walkers and cyclists from Matlock to Rowsley thanks to a project led by DCC. A new crossing has been built over the former Midland Railway Line between Matlock and Buxton to complete this five mile section of the White Peak Loop − a project to link the existing Monsal and High Peak Trails through Matlock in the south and Buxton in the north to provide a 60 mile continuous route. The trail will provide a safe and easy route for residents and visitors wanting to travel between the two areas either by foot or bike and it is also suitable for pushchairs and mobility scooters. Work to date on the whole of the White Peak Loop has been funded by a grant of £1.5m from the Department for Transport and £1m from us.

# 'Libraries for Derbyshire' - innovative new plans which aim to keep Derbyshire libraries open across the county by working with local communities have been revealed ‘Libraries for Derbyshire' which sets out its commitment to the library service and outlines a number of proposals to secure its future. DCC currently run 45 libraries across the county and two mobile library vehicles, but last year Cabinet agreed it must save £1.6m from the libraries budget by 2021. The 'Libraries for Derbyshire' draft plan sets out the challenges facing the library service, including falling numbers of people visiting and borrowing books, and the significant budget pressures facing the council as a whole. While the plan outlines a number of options that have been considered, including closing some libraries or outsourcing the service, a preferred option for the future management of the service has been put forward which would see 25 libraries remaining under council control & 20 libraries being taken over & managed by local community groups, interested parties or agencies. The library service is proposing using a tiered approach to providing its services & allocating resources in future. As part of the tiering system, it has ranked all 45 libraries in terms of their performance, e.g. number of books issued, visits, need in the local area and use of computers showing demand. Four tiers have been created, and it is proposed, subject to consultation, that libraries falling into tier four would be transferred to community management. Community-managed libraries would receive grant funding from the council for up to four years; people staffing them would receive full training & on-going professional support. Derbyshire residents are being encouraged to take part, give their views and make suggestions during the consultation, which will run for 12 weeks. A questionnaire will be launched on Monday 7 May, with people being able to access this via our website, with paper copies also available in county libraries. There will also be a variety of ways for people to give their views and take part in shaping the service, including drop-in sessions at some libraries and focus groups for more in-depth discussion around the plans. Proposed changes would include reducing opening hours at our libraries at quieter times and changing the way the mobile library service is run, with a view to this service being transferred to community management. The report also highlights that we're also looking at increasing the use of new technology, encouraging greater use of self-service facilities and could consider implementing 'Smart Libraries', which people can access using a card and PIN. These services could mitigate the proposed reduction in opening hours.