

Weekly Word

25.6.2021



To all Parents/Carers,

More from the outdoors this week! Year One children got a surprise visit from Cycle Derby the other day and received some bonus bike riding sessions, children in FS2 have been making bee gardens during their self-isolation period and children in Year Two went to Yorkshire Wildlife Park (KS2 went to Peak Wildlife Park). A big thank you to all the parents/carers who volunteered to help and to all the staff for making them happen. It's been a while since the children went on trips and we are delighted these could go ahead. And best of all, the children loved them!!!

In other news, we are delighted to say that our partnership with DCCT (Derby County Community Trust) is set to continue in 2021-22. DCCT are responsible for the organisation and delivery of city-wide sports competitions and also provide support in schools. By signing up to the enhanced package, we get access to all these competitions plus lunchtime clubs, reading/writing/maths interventions and after school clubs for the entire year. We hope this will build on the amazing work of the children and PE leads over the last five years so that our status as the only Platinum Award school in the city continues! We have tried to spread the clubs and interventions across all year groups and the office will be in touch in September to ask if your child wants to be involved.

Further purchases in school include 15 iPads. We have a good amount of android tablet devices but iPads just provide us with a bit of variety. They are currently being set up on the system and hopefully we will get some use out of them before the end of the year.

And finally, a quick reminder about some of the end of year activities currently in the diary. Sports Days will go ahead but unfortunately **we are not able to invite parents/carers to attend**. In terms of PTFA events, the school discos are all planned and ready to take place and the Summer Celebration, following a change of date, is also in the final stages of preparation. We hope these and everything else we have organised go ahead but we know that they are all subject to change. Let's hope the safe lifting of restrictions on the 19th July happens.

One more thing...thank you to those that have volunteered to help in school with 'general housekeeping' week beginning 26th July. If anyone else wants to get involved, drop me an email head@markeaton.derby.sch.uk

Thank you in advance and have a lovely weekend ☺

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