

**Welcome back to a new school term!**

Happy New Year!

We have had an exciting start to our new school term with our annual Spanish day celebrations taking place last week with dressing up, dancing, language lessons and even cookery. This week we have all of KS2 visiting The Briars, in Crich for their retreat day, which this year has a focus of collective worship.

**Gates.**

Our pedestrian access gate has now been connected so it can be locked/unlocked from inside the school office. The gate is at the bottom of the path leading up the field towards school. This gate will be opened from 7.30am to allow anyone attending Kidzone, and coming into school to walk up the path safely. It will be locked from 8.55am onwards, if you are running late please ensure you are buzzed in and bring your child to the school office. Please do not allow children to walk up/down the school drive.

**Medicine**

Please continue to ensure medicines are correctly labelled with names, the dosage and times required. Mrs Hyde and the office staff will endeavour to administer medicines whenever possible.

**Recycling**

Our next date for recycling and supporting Starlight Children's Charity is Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Please bag old/unwanted clothes up and bring to the school porch that day. Thank you to Mrs Clarke for continuing to organise this.

**Staffing**

Mr Webster has now been appointed year 4 teacher for the rest of this academic year, he will be working full time with Padley Class, they have made a fantastic start together and I know you will all welcome him to our St Elizabeth's family.

**Keeping children safe at the end of the school day**

Please keep your children close by at the end of the school day, especially as the cars are moving on the playgrounds and down the drive. May I take this opportunity to remind everyone that the ramp up to the KS1 playground is for vehicles only - no pedestrian access at any time. Children should be able to say how they are getting home, if you need to change their plans/get delayed during the day then please phone the office and we can keep children indoors until you meet them, or send them to Kidzone.

**SATs**

SATs for both Y2 and Y6 will be in May, there will be no absences authorised during this time. Please try to book holidays in the school breaks. Thank you for your continued support with this.

**Dates for your diary:**

**January...**

13<sup>th</sup> Jan Y5 trip to Briars  
14<sup>th</sup> Jan Y6 trip to Briars  
15<sup>th</sup> Jan Y4 trip to Briars  
16<sup>th</sup> Jan Y3 trip to Briars  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jan KS1 Dodgeball coaching  
30<sup>th</sup> Jan KS2 Dodgeball coaching

**February**

6<sup>th</sup> Feb SEA cake sale  
13<sup>th</sup> Feb Starlight recycling day  
13<sup>th</sup> Feb Valentine's disco 6-7.30pm  
14<sup>th</sup> Feb Break up for Feb half term  
**INSET 24<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
25<sup>th</sup> Feb children back to school

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The staff wish you and your families a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year!