



Dear pupils and parents,

As we approach the end of the school year I just wanted to take the opportunity to write one last newsletter before we break up for the Summer holidays.

We have had a busy term which included our amazing whole school trip to the Space Centre. The children had a fabulous time taking part in the workshops and exploring the centre. We received compliments from both the staff at the centre and the general public about how well behaved all the children were, a true credit to school and you as parents. We have our amazing PTA to thank for not only paying for entry and the workshops but also for the transport - Thank you so much!

Tuesday 4th July marked transition day for the whole school where the children got the chance to spend the day in their 'new' year group and classroom. We also welcomed our new reception children for the day.

Diary Dates

Please see below dates and events planned for the start of the new academic year.

New School Year	
Monday 4th September	Inset Day
Tuesday 5th September	School Re Opens
Thursday 7th September	Year 4 - 6 Swimming Hathersage
Thursday 14th September	Year 4 - 6 Swimming Hathersage
Thursday 21st September	Year 4 - 6 Swimming Hathersage
Thursday 28th September	Year 4 - 6 Swimming Hathersage
Wednesday 4th October	Y5 & Y6 Tag Rugby HVC 1.30pm - 3pm
Thursday 12th October	Rec and KS1 Fundamentals festival HVC 1.30pm - 3pm
Saturday 14th October	The Grindleford Gallop
Wednesday 18th October	KS1 and KS2 Cross Country Qualifier HVC 1.30pm - 3pm
Monday 23rd October	Year 6 Bikeability PM (school)
Tuesday 24th October	Year 6 Bikeability All Day (school)
Friday 27th October	Inset Day

Staffing Update

Mrs Scott has asked me to let you all know that sadly her husband has recently passed away. This is obviously a very difficult time for her and her family. She is very much looking forward to coming back to work at some point in the near future but understandably this will not be in September. She would like to thank everyone for their support this year.

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The current arrangements with Mrs Slack working four days (Monday - Thursday) supported by Mrs Farrell (Fridays) are in place for the start of the year and we will keep you updated on any changes. Miss Moore continues in Class 2 and Miss Grant in Class 3.

Results

We would like to congratulate all our pupils for all their hard work this year. We have seen some amazing progress and are very proud of all of them.

This year's SATs results are fantastic!

KS2	Reading	100% Achieved	71% Greater Depth
KS2	English Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling	100% Achieved	57% Greater Depth
KS2	Maths	100% Achieved	43% Greater Depth
KS2	Writing (Teacher Assessment Moderated)	86% Achieved	

KS1 Reading

Due to the low cohort number we are unable to report the results publicly. However, we would like to congratulate all of the children on their fantastic achievements.

Greater Level Development (GLD) EYFS End of phase outcomes - 89% Achieved the outcome

School Information

Please ensure that the yellow update forms are completed and returned to the office if not already submitted and you continue to tell us about any changes to medical needs for your children. You should also email the office with any changes to your contact details (e.g. email / phone numbers, addresses etc).

It is really important that all children have a water bottle, coat and PE kit with them everyday. We would really appreciate your help ensuring the children have these items in school everyday.

School Attendance

Good attendance at school is critical to success in learning. This includes being on time for lessons in the morning as children who are 'rushed into school' or habitually the last to arrive can find this very unsettling. Please do try to be on time although we do understand, there are always 'those mornings' when things do go wrong. Your child will not be told off for being late so please do reassure them of this if needed. If you are struggling with arriving on time, please contact the school as support may be available.

The full guidance on term-time absence is available on the website or on the Government [School attendance and absence: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/school-attendance-and-absence-overview)

The rules regarding term-time holidays have not changed and only in exceptional circumstances are these allowed. There is a form to complete if you need to request time off during term time and this is available from the office or on our website. Please note, 14 days' notice is required. If you are unsure about the rules, please contact the school office.

School Opening:



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Gates open at 08:40 and close at 08:55. Registration is from 08:45 closing at 09:00 for all children. From 08:40 - 08:55 children will be set morning work (appropriate to their age and stage of learning) by the class teacher. This is an important time to ensure the children are settled and ready to learn.

Collection at 15:15

School Meal Prices September 2023

As previously communicated we have had notification that Derbyshire Catering Service has reluctantly made the difficult decision to increase the charge to schools for a paid school meal. This decision has been taken in the face of rising costs.

Therefore, from 1 September 2023 the cost of a school meal will be as follows:

- Paid Primary Meal - £3.25

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive universal free school meals.

I would like to reassure you that Derbyshire Catering Service is committed to pricing meals to only cover costs, without making a profit (as required by legislation).

If you would like to make any changes to your child's school dinner commencing in September 2023 please could you advise the school office by email by the end of this term (Thursday 20th July 2023)

Young Voices - January 2024

We are excited to share that we are registered to take part in the Young Voices concert in Sheffield on Thursday 8th February 2024. The children will get the opportunity to be part of the largest School Choir in the World. The children will spend the afternoon rehearsing and then perform in the evening. Parents / carers will have the opportunity to purchase tickets and enjoy the show. The children will be transported to the venue by coach with staff members but will need to be collected from the venue after the performance.

Young Voices is open to children in Year 4, 5 and 6. We will be running an After School Club on Thursdays to practise and learn the songs. The details of the club are below. Please confirm by Friday 25th August 2023 if your child would like to attend the Young Voices concert by emailing the office beccy@grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk as we need to submit our numbers to secure our place.

Reminder of the After School Clubs - September 2023

Please see below details of the After School clubs that will be running from September 2023.

Monday with Mrs Slack 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Construction club - Open to all - Max number 15 - £24.50 per child for 7 sessions (*Monday 4th September Inset Day*)

Tuesday with Miss Moore 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Netball Club - Open to Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Max number 15 - £28.00 per child for 8 weeks

Wednesdays with Matty Cooper (an external sports coach) 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Fitness Fun - including obstacle courses, circuit training and group games.

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Open to all children - Max number 15 - funded provision from Sports Premium

Thursdays with Miss Grant 3.15 - 4.30pm

Young Voices - Open to children in Year 4, 5 and 6 (who will be attending the Young Voices concert) - funded by school

After school clubs close at 4.30pm. Staff appreciate prompt collection.

If your child is already in After School Provision and they would like to join a club on that day then please let Beccy know and they will join the club and then rejoin After School Provision if they are staying until 6pm. There is no additional charge. If they don't join a club but are staying for afterschool, it will be child-led play.

Places will be allocated on a first come basis and if your child misses out due to numbers they will be placed on the waiting list for next half term. Please contact Beccy to make a booking beccy@grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk

Grindleford Gallop Saturday 14th October

Just a reminder that the rescheduled Gallop is happening on Saturday 14th October!

A big thank you to everyone that volunteered last time around and we would really appreciate it if you put yourselves forward again for the October event. We still need new volunteers for all the key roles, so if you weren't able to volunteer for the last event you can speak to Dave Kumar, Bryn and Rufus' Dad (07854 673970) or Liz Dew, Betsy's Mum (07852 974986), our volunteer coordinators and we'll gladly answer any questions. We have roles to suit everyone, whatever amount of time you can spare. Luckily, we've been doing this for well over 20 years so we know how to make it simple and fun for our fantastic volunteers.

For those that don't know, the Gallop is the annual fell race that is run by the Grindleford Primary School PTA, who use the money to buy vital equipment and to help the children access essential childhood experiences. The money we have raised has helped purchase new iPads for the classrooms and help fund the amazing trip to the National Space Centre.

The Gallop raises over £10,000 for the school, so please support it by volunteering and keep Saturday 14th October free in your diaries!

And finally, another big thank you to Anna Allaway for her time as race director! Anna has done an amazing job over the years, making sure the Gallop is an event that runners want to come to from all over the country. This means we are on the lookout for some new Gallop committee members. Helen Fulson is taking over the race director role but it would be great to have a few extra people to help out in the weeks leading up to the event.

Find out more <http://www.grindlefordgallop.co.uk/volunteer/>

I would like to extend my thanks to all the team who have worked so hard this year and for making me feel so welcome.



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Additionally, a big thank you to you all for your continued support. We wish our departing Year 6 pupils and families the very best and look forward to hearing about the children's future successes.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and we will see you in September!

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