

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Brown

Big Toddle

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the Big Toddle to Monyash. We had a sunny and successful walk to the park where we all had an ice cream donated by Annabelle's mum and dad at the Old Smithy cafe: a big thank you to them! We also had a drink of squash donated by the Bull's Head so thank you to Sharon too. We raised a grand total of £260 for Barnados. I'm very proud of our children for walking such a long way without complaining, to help children less fortunate than themselves: great effort everyone!

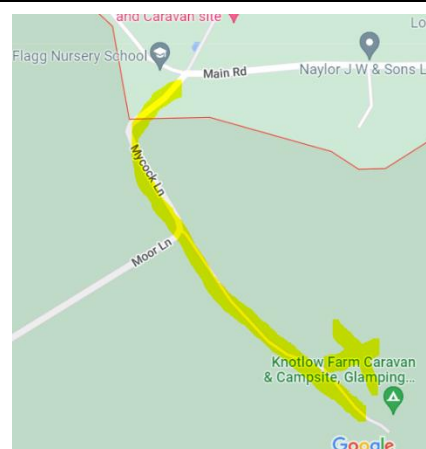
School Trip to Peak Wildlife Park

A big thank you too to all of our parent and governor volunteers who joined us on the trip to the Wildlife Park. We had a lovely if very hot day at the park and all enjoyed a mini milk at the end of the day, all funded by the money we raised at the Strawberry Fayre.

Sports Day and Family Picnic

Sports Day this year will be held on Tuesday 9th July at Knotlow Farm.

For children who are already in nursery that day we will walk to Knotlow Farm at 12.15pm, **you are welcome to walk with us. For families with children not in nursery on Tuesdays, please meet us at Knotlow farm at 12:30pm with a picnic (see map on the right, there will be parking available).** Parents, grandparents and siblings are very welcome to attend. **School will not be open for the afternoon and everyone will need a packed lunch and drink.** We will be eating our picnics until about 1.15pm and will then have informal races. There will sports toys to play with for the children who don't want to join in with the races or for when the children are not racing. If the weather forecast is wet have a backup date of Tuesday 16th July.



Please note that if you or another responsible adult are with us for the afternoon then we expect you to ensure your child's safety. It is a working farm and campsite and there are associated risks: machinery, livestock, strangers staying on the site, a pond on the way to the toilets. Staff cannot watch so many children or take them all to the toilets as they will be looking after children who are there without their parents. Please ensure that you have eyes on your child at all times and do not let them wander off on their own. There will be an understanding for you to sign on the day. Thank you.



Leavers Assembly

On Thursday 18th July we are having a leaver's assembly. **All children going to school in September are invited. If Thursday is not your normal day: please arrive at 1.45pm.** There will be a short singalong and gift giving at 2.00pm to which all **parents of leavers** are invited.

Goodbye and Good Luck to all of our leavers. We wish you all the best in your new primary schools and look forward to seeing you at our 'Reception Tea Party' in October. Look out for an invitation in the post!

Parentview

As we are approaching the end of the academic year I would be very grateful to hear your thoughts and opinions about our nursery school. I am sending out questionnaires to everyone via Microsoft forms and I would be grateful if you could fill them in. We are always striving to improve and we do act upon parents' suggestions: some ideas we have implemented to date include sports day and fundraising ideas such as the Easter chocolate bingo.

There is also a link to Ofsted's Parentview on our facebook page. You can follow it here :

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

It only takes five minutes and is extremely helpful to us. Thank you.

Governors

- Governors would like to welcome Kate Pogmore & Rachel Mycock to the Governing Body and say big thank Johnathon Figg for his 4 year term. Jonathon has helped us to update our website and also helped with support around the curriculum, assessments and planning. Thank you Jonathon.
- A big thank you to Kate Pogmore who is running a toddler group over the summer holidays on behalf of our PTFA, the Friends of Flagg.
- Governors are looking at ways to be more sustainable. Ian Daniel, Simon Amm and Leyanne Simpson are completing a carbon footprint assessment and are looking at ways in which to reduce this.
- The Governors would like to thank everyone who got involved with fundraising this year for our PTFA the Friends of Flagg. In total with the Halloween disco, Valentine café, Easter Chocolate Bingo and Strawberry Fayre, we raised £3,500 which has been used to pay for school trips, gifts for children at Christmas and when they leave nursery, animal workshops, living eggs and sports coaching amongst other things.
- We have started discussing the School Improvement Plan for 2024-25 and our draft targets will be to monitor and improve teaching and learning in three areas:
 - Communication and Language
 - Maths
 - ICT
- In order to try and mitigate against rising costs the Governors have decided to put up our charges from September. Please see the attached price list for information about this.

September Sessions

Those of you who will still be with us in September will have received an FE1 form to complete. Please make sure that you have confirmed your place and returned your FE1 form by Friday 5th July 2024. **If you are intending to claim any type of funded hours, you must complete and return this form otherwise you will be charged for your child's sessions.**

Just to clarify the funding arrangements: from the term after your child turns three everyone is entitled to 15 hours of free nursery funding. This equates to five mornings (9am until 12pm) or two and a half days (a full day will be from 9am until 3pm) or any other variation of sessions. You do not need a code for this but you do need to complete an FE1 form.

Many families are eligible for 'working family entitlement' which provides 15 hours of funding to 2, 3 & 4 year olds. This can be used alongside the universal entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds and children of this age can receive up to 30 hours of funding. Eligibility depends on if you are working, your income (and your partner's if you have one) or if you are in receipt of certain benefits. To apply you need to go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Once you have successfully applied you will be given an 11 digit code which you need to include on your FE1 form along with your national insurance number. The funding needs to be in place the term before it is to be used so if you need the funding in September 2024 you need to apply before 31st August 2024 and preferably before we break up for the summer holidays. If you need the funding in January 2025 then you need to apply for it before 31st December 2024. If you need any help with your 30 hour application or FE1 form, just pop in to the school office.

If you have a code, please ensure that you reconfirm the code when requested by HMRC.

Tax Free Childcare

If you are paying for any sessions and/ or breakfast club, you may also want to apply for a Tax-Free childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay nursery fees. You can use this at the same time as using your 'working family entitlement'. To see if you are eligible and to set up an account, please go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

ParentPay

Please ensure that all balances and payment items are paid in full by 31st July 2024. This is particularly important for the families of children who are leaving as your accounts will no longer be active in September. If you are unable to do this for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9th July 2024	Sports day and family picnic 12.15 pm
Tuesday 16th July 2024	Backup sports day date
Thursday 18th July 2024	Leaver's assembly 2pm
Tuesday 23rd July 2024	Break up for the summer holiday
Wednesday 4th September 2024	INSET day, school closed to children
Thursday 5th September 2024	Back to school
Monday 9th September 2024	New children start
Thursday 24th October 2024	Break up for half term
Friday 25th October 2024	INSET day, school closed to children
Monday 4th November 2024	Back to school
Friday 19th December 2024	Break up for Christmas holiday
Monday 6th January 2025	Back to school
Friday 14th February 2025	Break up for half term
Monday 24th February 2025	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 25th February 2025	Back to school
Friday 4th April 2025	Break up for Easter
Monday 21st April 2025	Bank holiday
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Back to school
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank holiday
Tuesday 6th May 2025	INSET day, school closed to children
Friday 23rd May 2025	Break up for Spring Bank holiday
Monday 2nd June 2025	Back to school
Wednesday 23rd July 2025	Break up for summer holiday
Thursday 24th July 2025	INSET day, school closed to children

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