



# Crich Carr Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter 11 – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

### **Classes for 2024-2025 academic year**

We have now finalised our class structure for 2024-2025 and wish to inform you of our plans for the coming academic year.

Next year we will have two classes in school. Class 1 will be for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and will be taught by Mr Robson, supported by Ms Fairchild and Mr Cash. Class 2 will be taught by Mrs Pawlitta supported by Mrs Redgate.

We cannot support three classes with current pupil numbers and with existing financial constraints. Class sizes will however remain small. Currently there will be 21 children in Class 2 and we estimate 18 children in Class 1. On that basis, class sizes remain smaller than typical and your child will receive a lot of adult attention and support.

We believe the structure we have decided upon for 2024-2025 will ensure that good progress continues in the future.

### **Teaching of Reading in Reception and Year 1**

We have now started to use our Little Wandle scheme for phonics and early reading. The scheme focuses much more on developing fluency and, as such, there are changes to how we teach as well as the resources we give the children to bring home to support the development of their reading.

The first aim for fluency is that the children can read 60 words per minute by the time they have finished the phonics scheme at the end of Year 1. The books we send home will be ones the children have read in school. The aim with these books is to build fluency and to move towards sight recognition as soon as possible.

Along with books to build fluency we recommend sharing picture books or other stories to be read to your child. We will be providing your child with picture books from school. We will continue to do this in school, sharing a range of stories with the younger children.

### **Reading in Year 2 and beyond**

After completing the phonics scheme the aim is for the children to build fluency until they can read at a speed of 120 words per minute.

At this speed children are reading automatically. The load on their brain is actually reduced, as reading is an automatic process, and they can focus on comprehension as they read.

We have purchased resources to support building fluency, guided reading sessions will focus much more on fluency in Years 2 and onwards, and we encourage children to read out loud as often as possible at home to build fluency. They will be given the book they are reading in their fluency lessons to bring home after three days of teaching to allow them to continue to practice and to build fluency through reading that book. Along with books to build fluency we still recommend sharing other stories, which we will continue to do in school. We will also provide other books to share at home and develop the children's love of reading.

<b>DATES 2024</b>	
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Derbyshire Fire & Rescue to talk to children
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Year 5&6 Athletics Moorways
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Year 5&6 Tri Golf Year 1&2 Athletics
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 1&2 trip to Lea Green
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Class2&3 residential – until Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Well dressing on display in Crich
July 8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Careers Week
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day 1.30pm
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair 2.30pm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 2&3 at Fritchley all day play rehearsal
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 2&3 Play at Fritchley 6pm
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Assembly 1.30pm Break-up for summer
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep	INSET Day
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Back to school!
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Break-up for half-term
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	INSET Day
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School starts after half-term

### ***Class 2&3 Residential Parents' Meeting***

We will be holding a parents' meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June straight after school regarding the Class 2&3 school residential trip to Lockerbrook. It will be held in Class 3.

### ***Leavers Assembly***

Our leavers assembly for our children going on to secondary will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July starting at 1.30pm.

### ***Attendance at school if not going on trips***

We have a number of trips coming up before the end of term, including our KS2 residential. Please note that if your child is not going on the trip, they are expected to attend school as usual.

### ***Year 1 and Year 2 Trip to Lea Green***

We would ask that parents drop their child off at Lea Green at 9.00am and pick them up at 3.00pm if possible. Please let us know if you can not do this and we will make other arrangements. The children will need a packed lunch for the trip.

### ***Reports***

We will shortly have assessment week for the children in school. Following that we will write our end-of-year reports, which we will aim to send out to you on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024. If there is anything in the report you wish to discuss with your child's class teacher, you will have the opportunity to make an appointment during the final week of term.

### ***Careers Week***

Mrs Pawlitta has organised a very exciting Careers Week on July 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. We have lots of volunteers coming in to school to tell the children about their jobs and inspire them for the future. A big thank you to all our parent volunteers who have offered to support!

### ***Fire Safety Talk***

Alison from Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service has been in to school today to talk to the children about how to reduce the risk of fire in their homes. The children have learnt lots of useful information about the Fire Triangle, ignition sources and how to prevent fires in the home.