# September 2024

# School Contact Details

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We are so pleased to see our Dilhorne family back in school and to welcome four new pupils into Reception and three in other years. We look forward to getting to know Harvey, Ava, Alfie, Joel, Heidi, Finnlay & Edi-Lynn and their families over the coming weeks.

# **Diary Dates**

18th September—Craft Club Starts—3.30-4.30pm

27th September-Macmillan Assembly 2.30pm. Details to follow.

9th October—Flu Vaccinations

11th October—Harvest –2.30pm

14th October— Open Morning for prospective parents 9.30-10.30 and Parents Evening 3.30pm—5.30pm

25th October—Non-Uniform day– Details to follow.

11th November—Academy Photography 8.30-10.00 and Remembrance Service 10.30-11.30

15th November—Children in Need Assembly 2.30

18th November-Open Morning 2 for Prospective parents –11.00-12.00

29th November— Christmas Assembly/Fair

4th December—New Vic Theatre Trip-details to follow

6th December—Christingle & Community Assembly

9th December—Nativity performances—Afternoon & Evening

20th December—Christmas party and School Closes

More details will follow nearer to the events.



Please be reminded that children are required to wear PE kit on their PE days.

Monday -Classes 1 & 3

Wednesday—Classes 1 & 2

Thursday - Classes 2 & 3



## **Class 3 Swimming**

Years 5 and 6 now swim on Tuesdays. At Blythe Bridge High School Pool. Please note **all** pupils need to wear a swimming cap to protect the pool filters, girls will need to wear a one piece costume and boys are not allowed to wear baggy shorts.



Thank you to everyone using our Arbor Parent Portal.

The portal can be used to access your child/children's profiles and to top up your child's dinner money account (years 3 to 6 only).

Please pay for toast separately, either by cash or cheque as this is provided by the school, not the catering service.

We have found that the desktop version of Arbor works best on a laptop, or tablet, where there is an add to basket feature for topping up different accounts. There is an app version available for smart phones, however this does not have the add to basket feature at present.

We would kindly ask that you "top up" your child's account in advance.

If you are having trouble accessing or navigating the site, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help.

Please can all parents/carers be reminded that dogs are **NOT ALLOWED** on school grounds. Thank you for your co-operation.

## TMPF - Term Dates 2024/2025

#### **Autumn Term 2024**

Inset Day for staff (schools closed): Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Term starts for pupils: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Half Term: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

**Inset Day for staff (schools closed):** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Term ends: Friday 20th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd

January

# Spring Term 2025

**Inset Day for staff (schools closed):** Monday 6th January

Term starts for pupils: Tuesday 7th January

**Half Term:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Inset Day for staff (schools closed):** Monday 24th February

Term ends: Friday 11th April

Easter Holiday: Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April

# Summer Term 2025

Term starts for pupils: Monday 28th April

May Day: Monday 5th May

Half Term: Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May

Term ends: Friday 18th July

**Inset Day for staff (schools closed):** Monday 21st July.

**Summer Holiday:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>July – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August

As we commence a new school year we wish to remind you **not** to book holidays in school time. We cannot authorise these and you risk receiving a penalty notice from the Local Authority if your child does not attend school.

# **Sickness**

May we remind you that as advised by the Health Protection Agency, all children must be kept away from school for 48 hours, after their last episode of sickness, or diarrhoea.





# SIMPLY PLAY!



Scan the QR code for more information

10 Weeks Course Starting @Beresford Primary Leek 12th September 12:30-2pm









Would you like to feel more confident in your parenting? Would you like to learn more about your child's behaviours and their emotional development? Then Pram to Primary might be the course for

9:30am -11:30am

We offer free courses for parents of 0-11 year olds with both face-to-face and virtual options available.

contact: Groupwork@staffordshire.gov.







Scan the QR code for more information

To register your interest, please



## Year 6 Transition to High School

Please be aware that the closing date for Year 6 parents to apply for a high school place, for their child, is **31st October 2024.** Please ensure that you have made your application before this date. Applications can be made using the online application service, which is available at <a href="https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/admissions">www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/admissions</a> and by following the links to 'Apply online'.

# IT'S GOOD TO TALK

Don't wait until you can't cope before you seek help. For good days, bad days and all the in-between days, there are lots of places you can turn to for support.



Please ensure that your child's name is on their uniform, ties, PE kit, bags, water bottles etc.



## A helping Hand With Meals

We understand that families may have had a change in circumstances. Whichever year group your child is in, if you think you may now be eligible for income-based Free School Meals, we would urge you to submit an application. This also applies to children who currently receive a lunch due to being in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.

Applications are quick and easy with an instant yes, or no answer as to your entitlement. The link can be found on the website at <a href="https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx">https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx</a>

Please contact us at office@dilhorne.staffs.sch.uk if you need any help.



## **Starting School in September 2025?**

IT'S ALWAYS OK TO ASK FOR HELP

Do you have, or know anyone who has, a child who is due to start school next September? Parents of these children are warmly invited to come and have a look round school on one of our Open Mornings, or by arrangement, and see what we have to offer.

## **Every Mind Matters**

Every Mind Matters is a new resource from the brilliant NHS. It contains practical tips and videos from experts about dealing with stress and anxiety, boosting your mood, dealing with change, coping with money worries, sleeping better and looking after your wellbeing.

