



Zouch Academy School Newsletter 35  
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## Term 6 Week 4

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## Message from Mrs Johnson

### Latest News



*1 - I hope you have all enjoyed the lovely weather we have been blessed with this week. It has been extremely warm in school, but we have done everything possible to keep our children cool and hydrated. Please, please make sure your children bring in a water bottle each, a sun hat and wear sun cream so that we can continue to work together to keep the children safe in the warm weather.*

*We had a real treat in celebration assembly this week where two of our Y6 girls, Ella and Hannah, played their instruments whilst the children entered/exited our assembly. We all really enjoyed listening to them and the girls received a heartwarming applause at the end. This was a brilliant example and celebration of the confidence and courage which is developed within our pupils at Zouch and within our families too.*

*If any of your children play a musical instrument, please ask them to inform us of this, so they to get a shot of playing to an audience in assembly.*

*Finally, we are hoping that our Ofsted report will be ready to share with you all next week, if not, then definitely the following week.*

*Wishing you all a peaceful weekend and some quality time with your family.*

## Resource base at Zouch Academy

**Here is some more information ref the resource base we will be opening in Sept 24 at Zouch.**

We have been supporting the Local Authority for the last two years by running a fully funded, bespoke classroom at Zouch, for pupils who have been waiting for a resource base or specialist provision place in the community. This classroom has been an integral part of our school, ensuring high quality inclusion and meeting individual pupils' needs.

The resource base will continue in the same building as we have previously run our Puffin Class. We will have the same number of staff in there (a teacher and 4 TAs) and children (up to 10) for the next

academic year. The following year we will receive a new modular build classroom, which will replace the old mobile and we will increase numbers for Sept 25 to 20 max (requiring more staff).

The Local Authority will consult the school on individual children who need a resource base for communication and interaction to decide who will be placed at Zouch. Some of our current Puffin children will now remain at Zouch. which is fabulous news!

It will be vital that we have access to as much support as possible in this area given the transient nature of the population, as well as the deprivation levels and other needs. Too many children with a significant SEND are currently in the wrong provision due to lack of spaces. By opening this resource base at Zouch, we hope to support the Local Authority, the community, the parents and most importantly, the children who deserve the right provision to meet their needs. All children who would attend the resource base will have an EHCP with a designation of resource base for communication and interaction, some children may have additional needs too.

If you would like to meet me on a Teams meeting to have a further discussion about the new resource base as an opportunity for you to ask questions during the consultation period. Then please join via the link which will be emailed to all parents.

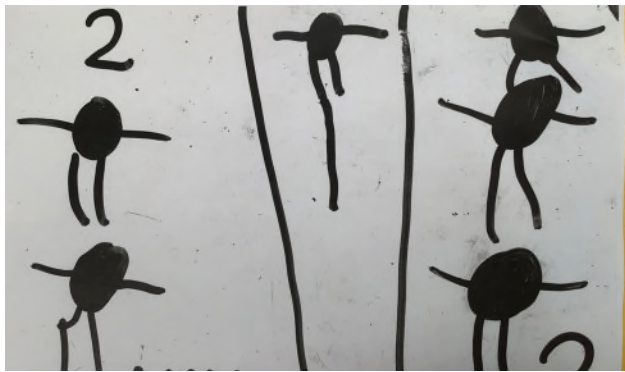
This Teams meeting will be scheduled for

## **What's been happening in school?**

Reception have had an exciting week as they continue to explore the new outdoor equipment. Children are becoming more confident on the monkey bars and are excitedly using their imaginations to build a whole host of imaginative creations using the resources that have been purchased to further enhance the outdoor provision for the children in Wren and Robin class. Both classes showed the value of responsibility and resilience as they walked all the way to library supported by staff, parents and our reading leaders. Please accept our gratitude and appreciation to all those that have supported the children in Reception.







## Safeguarding Update



2 - Mrs N Johnson - Designated Safeguarding Lead



3 - Mrs J Udale - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead





*4 - Mr N Morris - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead*

My child is gaming with strangers - what should I do?

Online gaming can be a fun and engaging activity for children, but it also comes with significant risks, especially when playing against strangers. Interacting with unknown players can expose children to inappropriate language, bullying, and even potential predators. Strangers might also attempt to gather personal information, which can lead to privacy breaches and other safety concerns. It's essential for parents to monitor their children's online interactions and educate them about the importance of staying safe and maintaining privacy while gaming. Encouraging children to play only with friends they know in real life can help reduce these dangers.

We have a robust online safety curriculum that is embedded from Nursery all the way up to year six, where we teach the children how to use technology safely. As parents it is important that we stay up to date with current dangers so that we can protect our children in the real and online world. Below is a link to more information on this topic:

[My child is gaming with strangers – what should I do? - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

## My child is gaming with strangers – what should I do?

### Uniform Expectations



As you know, we have high expectations of everything, and everyone, at Zouch and it includes the uniform that the children wear. The Zouch Academy uniform is very important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family, and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity that supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. All children are expected to wear our uniform, and we encourage them to maintain an acceptable standard of clean and tidy dress in school.

**The commitment to wear our agreed school uniform will be a key feature of our home/school agreement.**

As with this year, expectations for children to wear the correct uniform will continue. We have noticed that a number of children are wearing footwear that are clearly trainers. Next year, anything resembling a trainer will not be tolerated - children need to be wearing a black school shoe with white or black socks.

**Starting next academic year, if a child comes to school wearing anything other than a school shoe or the incorrect uniform, we will contact parents to bring in the correct uniform in.**

We are notifying you of this now so that you have time to purchase the correct uniform and that you do not waste money on black trainers or clothes that are not in line with the expectations of uniform.

For the full details of the uniform policy here, please follow the link: [School Uniforms | Zouch Academy & Nursery \(twhf.org.uk\)](https://www.twhf.org.uk/school-uniforms)

## School Values



In this week's Monday assembly I focused on the profound concept of happiness as viewed through the lens of Buddhism. We explored the Buddhist teachings on finding joy and contentment within, understanding that true happiness is not tied to external circumstances but cultivated through mindfulness, compassion, and inner peace. The assembly not only introduced the children to valuable life skills but also enriched their appreciation of different cultural and religious perspectives.

We also looked at the important factor that happiness doesn't come from having more of something, but appreciating what we do have.

## Principal's Gold Awards!

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*We end each week with a Celebration Assembly where teachers celebrate the children by awarding a Class Teacher award, Resilience Award and a Values Award and Mrs Johnson awards one child per class the Principal's Gold Award. Below are the awardees for this week for engaging with the theme of the term.*

*Puffins: Brody*

*Wren: Jaxson*

*Robin: Ella*

*Skylark: Marshall*

*Nightingale: Reggie*

*Woodpecker: Cayden*

*Kingfisher: Oliver*

*Merlin: Miguel*

*Eagle: Chanelle*

*Osprey: Ashlesh*

*Kestrel: Michael*

*Peregrine: Enya*

*Sparrowhawk: Ariel*

*Snowy Owl: Prajit*

*Tawny Owl: TJ*

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## Class Attendance Winners



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*Last week's winners were **Eagle Class in KS2** with **100%** attendance and **Kingfisher Class in KS1** with **99.29%** attendance. Well done!!*

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## Wellbeing Curriculum - Kind Minds



This week, the children have been using the 'Kindness Circle' technique during mindfulness time. This is when you get into a circle and hold hands or reach out your arms to touch each other's finger tips.

Take 3 deep breaths altogether.

Touch your heads and say "Kind Thoughts"

Touch your mouths and say "Kind Words"

Wrap your arms around your body and say "Kind Actions"

Hold your hearts and say "Kind Hearts".

## Summer Leavers

We are aware of a number of families will be leaving us at the end of the summer term.

If you are going to be posted away or moving over the summer, please pop into the office for a leavers form. We will then get their books ready to go home for their last day with us.

## Sports Day



Next week, on Wednesday, July 3rd, we will be hosting our annual sports day. Parents are warmly invited to join us on the main field to enjoy the morning and watch their children participate in a variety of sporting activities. The schedule is as follows:

- 9:00 am: Nursery, Reception, and KS1 classes (Years 1 and 2)
- 10:30 am: KS2 classes (Years 3, 4, 5, and 6)

Details about the event were sent out at the end of May. If your child has started after this date, details will have been sent home with them this week. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or inquire at the office.

## Year 4 Recorder Concert



To honor the remarkable progress and resilience demonstrated by our Year Four students in their music lessons this year, Mr. Bead, our dedicated music teacher, will be hosting a short concert. This event will allow the children to showcase their achievements to parents and carers. The concert will take place in the KS2 hall on Tuesday, July 9th.

Children in Osprey class will perform at 1:30pm.

Children in Kestrel class will perform at 2:30pm.

We would love to see as many parents and carers as possible join us to listen to the concert and celebrate the hard work and achievements of our Year Four children.

## September 2024 Meal Bookings



Meal selections for September 2024 are now available to book on your Parent Pay accounts. The deadline for the week commencing 2nd September is midnight **Tuesday 23rd July 24**. If your child has not been booked on for meals by this time, you must provide a packed lunch for the first week back.

## School Ties

School ties for our current Year 4 children are now available to be purchased on Parent Pay.

The uniform policy states children in Year 5 and 6 must wear a white school shirt with our green clip tie. We will monitor the payments closely and children will be given the school ties during the day for them to bring home.

If you wish to collect the school tie, please come to the school office.

## Parent Pay Balances



As we come to the end of the summer term, please check your parent pay accounts and clear any outstanding balances.

We regularly check Parent Pay for payments due and you will be required to pay these before the end of July, unless you have already been contacted by the school office.

## Dates For Diaries



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### *Term 6*

*Tuesday 2nd July - Summer Disco - KS1 5.00-5.45pm KS2 6.00-6.45pm*

*Wednesday 3rd July - Sports Day - 9:00am: Nursery, Reception and KS1 classes*

*10:30am: KS2 classes*

***Monday 8th July - Teacher Training Day - School Closed***

*Friday 12th July - Bastille Day - children to wear French colours*



*Thursday 18th July - Mrs Pelling Coffee Morning in KS2 Hall, 9.00-10.00am*

*Thursday 18th July - 14:00 - 15:00 Year 6 performance to parents*

*Thursday 18th July - 17:00 - 19:00 Year 6 leaving party.*

*Friday 19th July - Year 3 Trip to Langford Lakes*

*Friday 19th July - 14:00 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly*

*Tuesday 23rd July - 09.15 - Year 5 Parents Dance Performance, KS2 Hall*

*Wednesday 24th July - Last day of term! **Finish at 13.10pm***

***Term Dates 2023/24:***

*Term 1: 4th September - 18th October 2023*

*Term 2: 30th October - 20th December 2023*

*Term 3: 4th January - 9th February 2024*

*Term 4: 19th February - 28th March 2024*

*Term 5: 15th April - 24th May 2024*

*Term 6: 3rd June - 24th July 2024*

***TD Days 2023/24:***

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- *1st September 2023*
- *2nd September 2023*

- *9th October 2023*
  - *4th January 2024*
  - *8th July 2024*
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