



Lydgate Junior School

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Dear parents

As ever we have a busy Summer term planned ahead and finally some sunshine to enjoy too.

Staff News

We are delighted to share that Mrs Hayden (3H/S) is pregnant and will be starting her maternity leave early September.

Gold Award

We're proud to have been awarded the Gold Rights Respecting School Award and have planned a whole school event to celebrate on the last day of this half term, Thursday 23rd May. We are inviting the press and guests from Sheffield to this event, if parents have any contacts to the media that would be helpful to know too. Our Gold Award letter with more information has already been sent to emails. We were also published in First News, celebrating our Gold award. [The RRS report](#) has now been received, please have a read. We are so pleased that the assessor could see that we have inclusion at the heart of our school.

Soccer Aid

Before the Easter holidays some of our Y6s represented school and were filmed to be part of Soccer Aid this year. Look out for them, Soccer Aid is on the 9th June. We will let you know when we find out the footage is being shared.

Transition (and plans for next year)

We are very mindful that as we head to the Summer, families would like to know whether classes will be split. As an SLT we are currently working out what the best plan is for Teaching and Learning. We understand that everyone will have an opinion about class splits and what they feel is right for their child. Last year we split several classes as we felt classes had not been changed for some time due covid. We will let you know our plans before the Spring Bank holiday and also inform you of the plan for where teachers will be next year as soon as we can after the Spring Bank holiday. The notice period deadline for teachers leaving is the beginning of the Summer term, so we have to wait until then. Giving children time for transition is really important. This year our whole school transition day is on the 3rd July, on this day the whole school will move to the next year group, more details to follow.

Dates or your Diary

13th May is our SATS week for the Y6s.

St Mark's Spring Concert is on the 21st May at 7pm.

Sports day weather permitting (though it did pour last year!) will be on Wednesday 19th June.

Reports

Reports for Y3 – Y5 will be sent home with the pupils on Friday 12 July and on the 15th July for our Y6s as we will be returning from the Edale residential on the 12th July.

Thanks for your continued support and enjoy the long weekend due to the Bank Holiday.

Mrs Rachel Hurding
Headteacher

