

## Term time Holidays

Below is some important information on changes to the way Derbyshire County Council will be dealing with Fixed Penalty Notices.

In September 2013 the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 came into force. These regulations make it clear that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. These regulations also state that holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively.

**We would like to thank the overwhelming majority of you who always take your family holidays during the school holiday periods.**

Any requests should be on an official school absence request form and handed into the school office for consideration 10 days prior to any holiday/leave arrangements being made.

As part of the Government approach to ensuring that children do not miss out on their education because of term time holidays, and to be fair to families who comply with the system, Schools & Academies can apply for a Penalty Notice in respect of any unauthorised holiday / absence taken during term time. Larklands Infant & Nursery School have used this guidance and will request that the Local Authority issue a Penalty Notice if a child is taken out of school for an unauthorised holiday / absence.

You may be issued with a Penalty Notice should leave be taken which is not authorised. If left unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996.

Please be aware that Penalty Notices carry a fine of £60 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days or £120 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days.

**Since May 2016, Derbyshire County Council has only been issuing fixed penalty notices for students who have an attendance of below 94%. From September 2017, fixed penalty notices will be issued irrespective of a students overall attendance.**

## **RAISING CONCERNS**

**Could we please ask that you do not approach any member of staff or other parents using abusive language or threatening behaviour. This will NOT be tolerated and you will be asked to leave the premises and risk being banned from the school grounds.**

If you have any query or concerns you would like to raise with your child's teacher or Mrs Smith please try to see them briefly in a morning. If you feel you need more time please ask to make an appointment to see them.

## Macmillan and School Council Dress up and Dance.

We are pleased to say that the final money raised from the Dress up and dance event is now £1,767.00.

We have now sent a cheque for £885.00 to Macmillan Cancer support and the school council have proudly put the new buddy bench in place on the school playground during gold book assembly .

Thank you for all your support and generosity.



### *Term Dates for 2017/2018*

<b>TERM</b>	<b>TERM STARTS</b>	<b>TERM ENDS</b>
TERM 1	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October
TERM 2	Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December
TERM 3	Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February
TERM 4	Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
TERM 5	Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May
TERM 6	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July

Inset days:- Monday 4th September 2017, Friday 20th October 2017, Tuesday 2nd January 2018, Friday 2nd February 2018 and Monday 18th June 2018.

**SCHOOL CLOSURES ON FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2017 AT 3.15PM  
FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS**