



CJS BUZZ



Happy New Year to everyone!

The start of a new year is always a good time to reflect on what we have achieved and to look forward to the future with renewed hope and enthusiasm.

In our assemblies this week we have been thinking about New Year resolutions and celebrations around the world. If you are interested, BBC Newsround has some interesting clips regarding time zones and what's coming up in 2017 (www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/38345077). We listened to the music of Gary Barlow and a new song called 'Dare'. The words below are from the musical "The Girls" and helped us all to think what we could achieve in 2017, if we dare!

Dare (by Gary Barlow and Tim Firth)

*There is a courage you only ever find
If you dare
Just for once don't stop and stare
Spread your wings and trust the air
When you feel you've gone too high
Keep climbing
If you dare
There are coastlines in your heart
That you won't reach if you don't start
Set a course for off the chart
And keep sailing
If you dare*

Mr Beeston covered a New Year quiz in his assembly. See if you can identify these ten different languages saying 'Happy New Year':-

1. "Gung Hay Fat Choy"
2. "Godt Nytt År"
3. "Bonne Année"
4. "Gutes Neues Jahr"

5. "Feliz Ano Novu"
6. "Shana Tova"
7. "Buon Capo d'Auno"
8. "Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu"
9. "Gelukkig Nieuwjaar"
10. "Godt Nytt År"

West End in Schools

Today we welcomed a theatre group, West End in Schools, who performed 'Scroogical'. There were only two cast members, but they put on an extremely entertaining show which was thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils and staff. A big thank you to our PTFA for funding this event – what a great treat for everyone at the start of term!

Attendance Winners

Well done to the following classes who had the highest attendance during Autumn Terms 1 and 2:-

Autumn 1	Year 3 – Ashbourne
	Year 4 – Chatsworth
	Year 5 – Castleton
	Year 6 – Hope
Autumn 2	Year 3 – Tissington
	Year 4 – Foremark
	Year 5 – Castleton
	Year 6 – Edale

Mrs Slack has arranged for the children to have a cake today (Castleton will be getting a further treat next Friday for having the highest attendance in both terms). Excellent attendance at school is very important to help children make the best progress possible, so thank you to those parents who support the school by ensuring that children attend school regularly!

Holidays in Term Time

Parents are reminded that leave of absence can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Family holidays during term time are strongly discouraged; parents may face a fixed penalty of £60 per child per parent if unauthorised holidays are taken. Thank you for your support.

Car Park Safety

The school car park entrance is not a safe place to drop children off. During the Autumn Term we had some 'near misses' due to parents stopping and turning in the school gates. This is particularly the case before school when Maple Drive is very congested. I ask that all parents heed this advice and we work together to keep everyone safe.

Google Expedition

Next Thursday we have an exciting day planned by colleagues from Google Expedition. They will be spending the whole day in school to give pupils the experience of virtual technology to enhance learning linked to our themes. Each class will have a 30 minute session. This may involve pupils wearing a headset for a short period of time, under adult supervision. Further information is at the end of the newsletter.

Please be assured that health and safety aspects have been assessed and any child who feels uncomfortable will be allowed to stop at any time. There is also the option to use an ipad rather than a headset. If parents have any concerns about the day, please contact the school to discuss this further.

Star Total Winners

Well done to all the Star total winners from the Autumn Term who are having their non-uniform day treat today:-

Autumn 1	Year 3 – Tissington Year 4 – Chatsworth Year 5 – Castleton Year 6 – Edale
Autumn 2	Year 3 – Tissington and Ashbourne Year 4 – Glossop

Year 5 – Bakewell

Year 6 – Ticknall

We aim to promote positive behaviour and reward pupils wherever possible. Tissington were the only class to win the Star totals in Autumn 1 and Autumn 2; they will have an additional non-uniform day next Friday (13th January).

Data Update

All parents should have received a pupil update form which will help us to complete our School Census. Thank you to parents who have already returned the sheets. It is important that the school has accurate and up-to-date information on pupils so that we can provide the best quality care for everyone. Please return the forms by Wednesday, 18th January at the latest. Thank you.

Inset Day

A reminder that school is closed to pupils on Friday, 27th January as this is a training day for staff. We are joining other local schools to participate in training on 'Growth Mindset'.

After School Clubs

All after school clubs are listed on the school website and will appear on your ParentPay account as long as there are places still available. There are still some spaces available for most clubs this half term.

Please make a note of the dates and times for the club when making your booking, as we do not send out reminders about these.

We will, of course, continue to send a text message should we need to cancel a club at late notice for whatever reason. Thank you.

School Crossing Patrol Service – Derby Road, Chellaston

Derby City Council have informed us that there will be an intermittent school crossing patrol service at the Derby Road, Chellaston (Tesco's) crossing during the coming week.

Here's wishing that 2017 is a happy, safe and successful year for everyone!

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Emery
Headteacher

What is Google Expeditions?

THE CONTENT

Expeditions is a revolutionary tool that teachers can use to make lessons truly immersive. With the use of Virtual Reality headsets; pupils can view an exciting variety of 360° photo spheres and 3D images including The Great Barrier Reef, the Amazon Forest and even outer space. The teachers are able to see the images annotated with details, highlights, and questions that make them easy to integrate into curriculum already used in schools. To create these magnificent Expeditions, we've been working with partners such as David Attenborough, the Royal Palaces, and TES to create over 300 Expeditions specifically mapped to the national curriculum, ensuring that the experience can complement existing classroom plans.

For more information on the Expeditions we're offering, please check out <https://goo.gl/5rhAEZ>.

THE APP

Expeditions are accessed and viewed through the Expeditions App. Teachers can choose an Expedition and lead a group of students through a virtual field trip, selecting the content they're viewing and pointing out specific points of interest along the way. Teachers are able to pause trips to get the class's attention, keep an eye on where individual children are looking and even let students explore on their own.

THE HARDWARE

While Expeditions can be used on devices already in the classroom, they come alive with Google

Cardboard. Our Pioneer Program kit is a collection of all the hardware needed to go on Expeditions — a tablet for the guide, VR viewers for each student and a durable box to transport, charge and store it all. We know many schools don't have great Internet service (or any at all) so we built Expeditions to work without it! The kit includes a router that allows Expeditions to run over its own local Wi-Fi network.

WHAT IS THE AIM OF THE PROGRAMME

The aim of the program is to provide teachers with the opportunity to try Expeditions, a new virtual reality app, in the context of a lesson they are teaching. The hope is that teachers are able to see how Expeditions can be a valuable teaching tool; one that allows them to create immersive experiences that they would otherwise not be able to experience. Most importantly, we want pupils to be able to see the world in a way that will enable them to get even more value from their lessons. To ensure that we build a product that people want to use, we want to hear feedback from both pupils and teachers on what you feel is great about the product and areas where we can improve to make this an even better tool.

WHAT HAPPENS ON THE DAY

Each class will have a session of about 20-30 minutes. The Google Expeditions associate will be on hand to help with everything technical.

WHAT AGE IS APPROPRIATE FOR GOOGLE EXPEDITIONS?

Google Expeditions can be used with students from age 5 and above. Google Cardboard is approved for students age 7 and above.

WHY ARE GOOGLE OFFERING THIS?

Google is passionate about education and wants to help teachers create powerful learning environments that can prepare students for the future. Virtual Reality takes a huge step to creating that powerful learning environment and the best people to pioneer it and provide valuable feedback are the teachers and pupils. We want as many

people as possible during this programme to experience Expeditions so that we can make this product the best that it can be.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The Google Expeditions Pioneering Programme is absolutely free. We want to make this programme as accessible as possible to enable as many schools as possible to take part. There is also no obligation to purchase anything you see. The app is absolutely free to download and there are also instructions on how your pupils can make their own VR viewers!

HEALTH AND SAFETY

We designed Google Cardboard to be used for short periods and following the [safety guidelines](#). Expeditions is recommended for users over the age of 5 and only with adult supervision for users under the age of 14. Students should stop using Expeditions if they experience any discomfort. This age was determined after consultation with educational and medical experts, and in consideration of the safety of the product and the character, duration, and educational relevance of the experiences it provides. The teacher should determine when and which students should use Google Cardboard over the age of seven or full screen mode. All pupils will have the support of school staff in the classroom and will be allowed to stop using the equipment at any time if they feel uncomfortable.