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Learning for Life

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 19th October 2017

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe we are coming to the end of the first term! It has been a great start to the new school year with lots of exciting things going on in school. Thank you for the support you have given to your children in their learning and coming into school for different events including parents' evening this term. It is much appreciated and makes a real difference.

Harvest

Well done to Year 3 who led our Harvest Assembly all about apples. The afternoon included sharing work, interesting facts about apples, a short play and ended with sharing apple muffins with families. Thank you for coming along to the afternoon – it was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Homework

Thank you for supporting your children in the revised homework this term. Most children in the infants are reading almost daily with an adult at home and juniors several times per week. Children have completed creative and interesting homework activities in different classes this term. Thank you for doing these activities with your child – many children and parents have said how much they enjoy them and prefer the choice of activities too. Junior children are enjoying learning their tables through the Superhero Challenges and are completing their MyMaths and other online homework. If you need any help or advice about homework or reading, please talk to your child's teacher.

Whitehall

Year 5 pupils had an amazing time visiting Whitehall Outdoor Education Centre. They took part in various adventurous activities such as high ropes, den building, archery and team building. It would be fair to say, some children were a little nervous about taking part in some of the activities; however, everyone showed great courage, determination and teamwork. Great work, Year 5 – we're very proud of you!

Online Safety and Mobile Phones

We have been aware of incidents where children who have Instagram and similar apps, posting photographs of other children without permission. We strongly advise that the use of Instagram and similar apps are not appropriate for primary age children and make it makes them vulnerable online. Children are taught about online safety as part of our curriculum, including the potential dangers and how to keep themselves safe online. Please take time during the holiday to discuss online safety with your child and check what your child is using and doing online regularly. We do not allow children to have mobile phones in school; however, we are aware that occasionally children may bring their phone to school if they are staying with a different family member. Therefore, we ask that children leave their mobiles in the office with Jane Brzozowski until the end of the day.



Healthy School Communities Award

We were very pleased to receive recognition for our work promoting healthy eating and healthy lifestyles and were presented the Derbyshire Healthy School Communities Award for improving health and wellbeing across the school community. Special thanks to Mrs McNamara who arranged the Healthy Choices Day in the summer which was a huge success. To achieve the award, we had to demonstrate that the school had improved health and wellbeing; our focus areas are: healthy food choices, playground buddies and enterprise. Well done, everyone and thank you, Mrs Mac!

Nursery

The new Nursery is up and running. Children have settled well into school and enjoy a range of play-based learning activities in nursery and beyond. They have visited the main school several times and have been for walks in the woods. The school nursery caters for children aged 3-4 and rising threes (children can start during the term in which they will have their third birthday). Sessions are from 9am until 12 noon, and 12.30pm until 3.30pm. Children can use their 15 hours 'universal' with us, as well as the full 30 hours for those eligible. Playdays are able to provide Breakfast and After School provision for nursery children. If you would like to know more about our nursery or book a place later in the year, please get in touch with the school office or email

earlyyears@harpurhill.derbyshire.sch.uk. We are now taking names for after Christmas, Easter and September 2018 starters. We welcome visits from prospective parents/carers. Please feel free to tell others about our nursery.

British Values – Democracy in action

Our democratically elected new School Council have been busy this term. They had the task of surveying the school to come up with new names for our four school houses. We are looking forward to finding out what they come up with! Over the next term, they will be doing more work on healthy choices and homework.

Finally

Have an enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing you next term on Monday 30th October.

Yours sincerely,

V Giliker – Headteacher

Our Learning Journeys

Nursery	
Reception	Light and dark. We will be reading lots of books about nocturnal animals, such as owl babies and learning all about the Festival of Diwali
Year 1	Why did people want to explore the Antarctic? Next half term we are studying Ernest Shackleton and Antarctica. We will read non-fiction books and make fact files about polar animals and explorers.
Year 2	Why and what do we remember on Remembrance Day?
Year 3	What rocks in the Peak District?
Year 4	Why is Manchester such a cool place to live?
Year 5/6	Why should gunpowder, treason and plot never be forgotten? In literacy we will be using the book Mr William Shakespeare's plays by Marcia Williams.



Diary Dates	Please note sometimes it is necessary to change the dates
Friday 20 th October	Staff INSET day
Monday 30 th October	School opens at 9:00am
Wednesday 1 st November	Nursery open afternoon for prospective parents of children aged 2 and 3. Visits available from 1:30pm-3:00pm and 4:00-6:00pm
Thursday 2 nd November	Parents of year 1 children are invited you to a Phonics' session. There will be 2 sessions, one at 2.45pm and one at 6pm. The session aims to support parents with how reading is taught in Y1 and let you know more about the Y1 phonics assessment in June 2018.
Saturday 4 th & Sunday 5 th November	High Peak Community – 'Get into Golf' 2:15pm – 3:15pm FREE—if interested phone David Cullen on 07754 992286 for details
Friday 10 th November	Year 4 anti-bullying workshop
Monday 13 th November	Road Safety talk
Tuesday 14 th November	Road Safety talk
Wednesday 15 th November	Year 5/6 visit Jodrell Bank parents advised
Friday 1 st December	Team Harpur to host the Christmas Fair
Thursday 7 th December	NHS – flu immunisation day for reception and year 1 – 4 children
Friday 8 th December	9:10am year 1 parents to be invited into school for Christmas crafts
Tuesday 12 th December	Infant Nativity 1:45pm parents to be advised
Wednesday 13 th December	Infant Nativity 1:45pm and 5:45pm, parents to be advised
Thursday 14 th December	Early years foundation stage and KS1 Christmas party
Friday 15 th December	Lower KS2 Christmas party
Monday 18 th December	Upper KS2 Christmas party
Tuesday 19 th December	School closes at 3:30pm
Tuesday 2 nd January	Staff INSET day
Wednesday 3 rd January	School open at 9:00am



A huge congratulations, everyone!
We have been awarded the Derbyshire Healthy Schools Community Award for promoting and improving health and wellbeing across the School community.

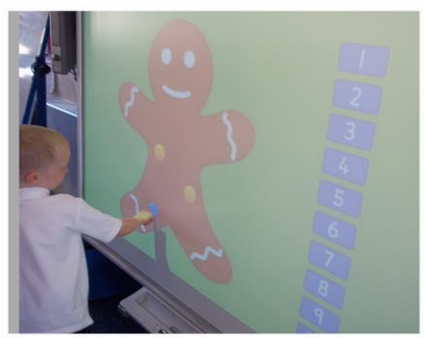
Special thanks to Mrs McNamara for arranging the Healthy Choices day and making our school a happy and healthy place to learn!



As part of their topic work on the senses, the Reception children went on a Gruffalo listening walk in the woods.



We had a nursery rhyme walk in the woods. Our Nursery children went hunting for nursery rhymes and we sang them, each time they were found! We stopped for a rest and sat down for a rewarding hot chocolate drink and a biscuit before walking back.



Both Reception classes have been super busy learning about the Gingerbread Man and our sense of smell! We have loved playing in the gingerbread playdough, making collages, building houses for the Gingerbread Man, exploring the smelling pots and lots more!



Project Playground continues with work being carried out on the conservation area. Miss Marsh would like to thank The Community Payback Team for all their hard work. Special thanks also to Lucy, Matt, Bridget, Duncan, Jackie and Lis for their support too.

Thank you to those who came to our Reception Open Afternoon. It was lovely to meet new families. If you were unable to visit, or know anyone with a child who would like to start in Reception in September 2018, they are more than welcome to come and visit our wonderful school.

Phone 01298 23261 to make an appointment or email info@harpurhill.derbyshire.sch.uk. Please share.



Mrs Martland and Mrs Smith's class have enjoyed following instructions and have made their own model mammoths!



Year 4 have been mummifying oranges as part of their Ancient Egypt topic. What sticky fun!





Year 4 have made some amazing pyramids as part of their Ancient Egypt homework.



As part of the Y5/6 topic on Rainforests, the children completed a summer homework project and produced this fantastic work.



Our Year 5 children visited White Hall's Activity Centre. White Hall is one of the country's leading Outdoor Education Centres. White Hall has given thousands of people unforgettable learning experiences since it opened in 1951 as Britain's first Local Education Authority Outdoor Centre.



White Hall is ideally located to deliver a huge range of educational, challenging and adventure activities, it provides high quality outdoor education for everyone, helping them to discover the joy of learning through adventure.



On Sunday October 1st 2017 we had our family fun run. Thank you to everyone who helped during the morning and of course everyone who attended.



Our year 3 pupils hosted the Harvest Festival, thank you to all the parents/carers who attended.

Our children had a busy morning baking special apple muffins which were served with tea and coffee after the assembly.





Sport Harpur recently attended the Buxton Cluster meet for the local school's football competition.



Thirty children attended the event in three teams – two boy's teams and a girls' team. Overall, Boys B finished 4th in a very competitive group where they were commended on their team spirit by other schools. The girls finished third in their group, with Leah Dunstan scoring a notable 6 goals in their first game. Harpur Boys A advanced from their group to meet strong opposition in the semi-final, where despite a spirited performance, they were knocked out at this stage.

Thanks to Leanne Carr, the Buxton Girls Football team for the new team shirts that were worn for the competition! Also a big thank you to Mrs Moss who very kindly embroidered them for our team.

....CAR PARKING – SAFETY....



PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

VOLUNTARY ONE-WAY SYSTEM

DERBYSHIRE POLICE SUPPORT THIS SCHEME - We kindly ask you to follow our voluntary one-way system during school dropping off and collection times!

ENTER TRENT AVENUE----> ALONG FERNEYDALE ---> OUT AT FERNEYWAY



Please do not park your car, in the concrete area on Trent Avenue, the NO PARKING SIGN is there for a reason. This area is for vehicle access to the properties on Trent Avenue. The children regard this area as a safe zone and do not necessarily look for cars while running to meet their parents. We kindly ask that you do not drive your car to the main entrance. Please park in the car park or permitted places outside the school grounds. **Please do not park**

in front of any of our neighbours' driveways. Thank you

ADMINISTRATION

If your child needs to bring money into school please make sure that it is an envelope/plastic bag with your child's name, class, reason for payment and amount clearly written upon it.

On-line dinner money payments, if you wish to pay for the term October – December the total amount will be £74.00.

Please check that all items of clothing for school have your child/ren's name clearly marked in them. Also kindly check names to make sure that your child's/ren's uniform does not belong to someone else!

We have had a few reports on head lice, please check your child's/ren's hair regularly and treat accordingly if you find any lice, thank you.