



Harpur Hill Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th June 2018

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers

The final term of the school year is flying by and there are a lot of exciting things happening in the last few weeks, including trips out of school and transition activities. The Year 6 children will be having their visits to secondary school in the coming weeks and this week we welcomed our new Reception starters for the first of their taster sessions. Our Sports Days have been a great success and only one event moved due to the weather – which is unusual in Buxton! Thank you to parents/carers for supporting the Sports Days and other events in school.

Transition Week – ‘This is Me’

The week commencing 9th July will be Transition Week and this year's theme is ‘This is Me’. Your child will get to meet their new teacher in Transition Week and will spend the Monday and Friday mornings in their new classes, and the whole day on the Wednesday. They will take part in a range of activities to celebrate what makes them special and unique, for example painting portraits and sharing their hobbies, interests and talents. We will also be celebrating families and heritage. This will provide the opportunity for children to share things about themselves with their friends and new teacher. In preparation for this week, all children from Reception to Year 5 are asked to bring something in to celebrate their family/themselves. This could be:

- Photos or pictures about their family
- Family tree
- A piece of writing about their hobbies and interests
- A poster of what makes them special
- A fact file about themselves
- A favourite object to share

Items will need to be brought to school on Monday 9th July. As in previous years, the Wednesday will be a non-uniform day. In keeping with the theme of ‘This is Me’, children can come to school in clothes of their choice. For example, they can wear non-uniform; they may belong to a sports club and would like to wear their sports kit, Rainbow/Brownie/Scout uniform, dress as a book character, favourite football top, t-shirt or fancy dress.

Anti-Stigma Awareness and Wellbeing Campaign

As you may be aware, we are proud to be part of the Anti-Stigma Campaign, which is all about promoting mental health and wellbeing. Our three Year 6 Anti-Stigma Ambassadors will be running activities with different classes during our ‘This is Me’ Week.

Churches Fundraiser

I am sure you have heard about the burglary and vandalism at St James' Church and the Methodist Chapel last month. A number of children and staff have suggested we raise some funds in support of the Chapel and Church; therefore, on the Wednesday 11th July, during ‘This is Me’ week, children may bring in a voluntary donation to show their support of our wider community.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

V Giliker - **Headteacher**

Mobile App Update

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the school's app. We would like to encourage parents/carers to use this app as it is another way of keeping you informed about the life of the school and we hope that you will find it useful. We will be communicating with you using the following options in the app:





- School diary (Calendar)
- News
- Newsletters (also includes year group letters)
- Notices

The other menu options include:

- Links to other sites (e.g. the school website and Facebook page)
- Contact details for school
- Settings

In **Settings**, you will be able to set **push notifications** for **newsletters**, **news** and **notices**. We suggest that you limit these to your child's year group (select all those that apply if you have more than one child in school). If you want to, you can also synch your phone calendar with the school diary/calendar (this is **optional** and you will still be able to view the diary/calendar within the app if you choose not to sync it).

The download details can be found below:

<p><u>Android users</u> Go to Google Play, search for School Jotter or scan the QR code.</p>  	<p><u>iOS users</u> Go to App Store and search for School Jotter or scan the QR code.</p>  
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Once the App has been installed, type in Harpur Hill (or our postcode SK17 9LP) to find our school (there is a large list in the Jotter App). You will then be asked whether or not you want the App to use push notifications. We suggest that these are set to on if you want to be kept updated as soon as new communication is sent. You can of course, always set these up later from within your phone settings.

Bikes & scooters

We like to encourage children to come to school on their scooters or bikes: however, we cannot be held responsible for any damage or theft. If you have a suitable bike/scooter lock please let your child use it for extra safety.

Music tuition in school

We have a few options for tuition in school, if your child is interested in learning to play an instrument, kindly phone the person below for fees and details.

Lesson	Teacher	Telephone
Guitar	Mr Dave Morton	07931 761 144
Woodwind	Mr Ben Simnett	07946 748 623
Brass-Year 6 only	Mr Darren Lloyd	School office - 01298 23261

Our Year 5 children learn to play a brass instrument free of charge once a week with Mr Darren Lloyd through the Derby and Derbyshire Music Partnership's wider opportunities programme.

DIARY DATES Please note: sometimes it is necessary to change dates. The calendar will be updated on the website if any changes are made.

Date and time	Event	Extra Information
Tuesday 3rd July	New pupils to visit reception class with an option to stay for dinner	9:30 – 12:00
Wednesday 4th July	Sex Education	Year 5 and 6
Thursday 5th July	Sex Education Taster day @ St Thomas More	Year 5 and 6 Year 6 children involved, advised
Friday 6th July	Summer Fair	5:00 – 7:00pm
9th July – 13th July	'This is Me' week	See Headteacher's update above
Monday 9th July	Pupils to visit their teacher and spend time in their new classroom	Morning only
Tuesday 10th July	Year 1 parents invited to make vehicles with their children	From 2:30pm
Wednesday 11th July	Fund raising for Harpurs' St James Church and Methodist Chapel Pupils to spend time in their new classroom Transition meeting for parents From Reception to Year 1 From Year 2 to Year 3	Children may bring a donation to school to show their support for our wider community Morning only 6:00pm 6:30pm
Thursday 12th July	Crazy Composers workshop	1:30pm for our year 5 children
Friday 13th July	Decorate the carnival float New pupils to meet Miss Wallace Children to spend time in their new classroom	From 6:00pm everyone welcome 1:30 – 3:00pm All day
Monday 16th July	Year 2's trip to Peak Wildlife Park New pupils to meet Miss Wallace Year 5 & 6 parents invited to look at their child's work	Parents informed by letter 9:30 – 11:30am From 2:00pm
Tuesday 17th July	Year 1's trip to Crich Tramway Village Reception to visit Archie's Farm	Parents informed by letter. Parents informed by letter
Wednesday 18th July	Year 5 & 6 to join in a workshop at the Buxton Opera House, followed by a concert (pm) Year 3's Mediterranean picnic	Parents to be advised Parents to be invited from 2:00pm
Thursday 19th July	Year 6 Harpur Awards	6:00pm details to follow
Friday 20th July Monday 3rd September Tuesday 4th September	School closes at 3:30pm INSET DAY Children return to school	

Team Harpur



Thank you to everyone who gave tombola donations to school during dress your best day. We really appreciate your generosity and would like to ask for donations of cakes on the day or if you find any more suitable items please kindly send them to school: -

Raffle prizes, including tickets, vouchers, bottles of any kind for the bottle game, eg. shower gel, drinks of all varieties suitable for children and adults and any imaginative ones you can think of, children's 'as new' toys and pre-loved books.

In return we promise a fantastic fun-family day which will include:

* Face Painting * Glitter tattoos * Sweet stall * Book stall * Inflatables * Tombola * BBQ

We are really looking forward to our Summer Fair on Friday 6th July from 5:00 – 7:00pm.

Regards Andrew Dent - Chair of Team Harpur teamharpur@harpurhill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Administration

Contact Information

If you change your details (telephone, email, address etc.) please let school know as soon as possible. Also If your family circumstances change kindly advise our office staff so we can update your child/ren's records.

Thank you.