

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### Headteacher's Update

The final term of the school year is well under way and the children are working hard in their lessons. We have a lot to look forward to in the final weeks of the school year... You may have noticed that the stage is up in the hall - Year 6 are busy rehearsing for their end of year performance of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. Nursery children have been coming over to the main building to prepare them for 'big school' in September. Many year groups have visits planned for this term which the children are looking forward to. We also have Sports week later in the term – weather permitting, of course! An updated list of dates can be found at the back of this newsletter, on the website and on the school app. Here's to a great term ahead!

### Arts Week



Children enjoyed an artistic and musical journey around the world in their 'Arts Week' at the end of last term. During the week, different year groups explored art from different countries, for example, South American street art and Swedish abstract art. On the Friday, 84 young musicians performed in a concert at St John's Church, including the choir, Year 5 brass players and solo instrumentalists. Arts Week was a huge success, providing children with an opportunity to explore and participate in art and music, as well as entertaining school families and the wider community in the St John's Concert. Thank you to everyone who came along to St John's.

Please click on the link to see a gallery of work and photographs from the week: [Arts Week May 2019](#)

### Preparations for the new school year

We are currently working on classes and arrangements for September in order to enable a smooth transition from one year to another. Throughout the year, staff are assessing children and identifying their strengths and needs. Teachers will be meeting this term to pass on information to new teachers in readiness for September.

### Transition Week – 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July

Children will be told which class they are in on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July ready for Transition Week. Following the success of Arts Week, our Transition Week this year will also have an art theme. Children from Reception to Year 5 will spend Monday morning, all day Wednesday and Friday morning in their new classes. During these sessions, children will start to get to know their new teacher and complete some activities about themselves, as well as finding out about some of their topics for next school year.

## New Reception starters



Last week, we held an information session for new Reception starters and we are happy to welcome new families to our school. Children will be having 4 transition sessions in the coming weeks - parents/carers have been informed by letter of dates. Children in our own Nursery will be

having the opportunity to come across for extra visits throughout this term. If you were unable to attend the new starter evening, or have any questions about your child starting school, please contact the school office.

## Year 6 Update

Year 6 children will be visiting their new secondary schools this term, spending a day in their new forms. Some ex-pupils and staff from the secondary schools have been visiting to meet the Year 6 children and answer any questions they have. Year 6 are continuing to wear their Harpur Hoodies on a Friday and are setting a great example in and around school too!

## Year 5 Brilliant Brass



Year 5 gave a brilliant brass performance last Friday in a concert for parents/carers and Year 3/4 children. The children have worked really hard in their music lessons with Darren this year and we're really proud of what they've achieved. Well done, Year 5 and thanks to Darren and families for coming to their performance and encouraging the children all year.

Year 5 children have the opportunity to continue playing brass individually or in a small group. Please ask at the school office if you are interested. We hope some children continue next year!

## Buxton Schools Walk to School Day – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Along with other schools in Buxton, we are taking part in a town-wide 'Walk to School' Day on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. We would like to see as many children as possible walking to school rather than using cars. Children may also like to ride bikes or scoot. Even if you are unable to walk all the way, please consider 'parking and striding' away from the school gate. This will help to reduce congestion and pollution, and also help to keep the area around school safer for everyone. This is part of the Buxton Town Team 'Keep Buxton Moving' Project, in partnership with Derbyshire County Council, Derby University and Derby and Leek College and other major employers across town to encourage active and sustainable travel throughout Buxton. On Monday, in assembly we will be discussing road safety as well as the benefits of walking to school. Please follow up road safety messages with your child at home.



## Attendance

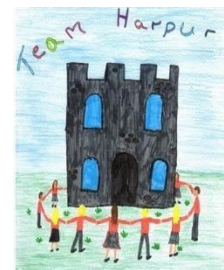
Headteachers of COBRAS (Collaboration of Buxton and Rural Area Primary Schools) met recently and decided to issue a joint newsletter item for parents and carers to clarify our joint approach to term-time absence for holidays as we have all noticed an increase in requests for term-time holidays.

As you are aware, at Harpur Hill we stress the importance of good attendance and, like all schools, we have to follow the Local Authority procedures and guidance from Derbyshire County Council about the issue of penalty notices for unauthorised leave for the purpose of a family holiday. If you request a holiday during term-time, schools have no choice but to mark it as unauthorised absence, unless there are exceptional circumstances, and you may be issued with a penalty notice. The schools will not benefit at all from any monies received from penalty notices as these are issued by the local authority. Please ensure that you make a formal request if you are intending to take a holiday or leave of absence during term time. Each request will be considered on a case by case basis.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs V Giliker - Headteacher

## P.T.F.A. -Team Harpur



The Family Fun Run will be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 11.30am in the Pavilion Gardens. There will be the option of 1 or 2 laps (half a mile or a mile) depending on how far your child/ren wants to run. Sponsorship forms will be available from the school office. We are also going to have a picnic in the park after the run (weather permitting) so please feel free to bring some lunch and join us. This year, we asked the children to vote on a theme for the carnival float and the winning idea was Toy Story. Those who have confirmed their place will receive more details shortly. There is still time to join in but places are limited so let the office staff know asap. The summer Fair is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 4-6pm. If you would like a stall or know someone who would, please email:

**[teamharpur@harpurhill.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:teamharpur@harpurhill.derbyshire.sch.uk)**. If any parents/carers are available to marshal at the Fun Run, assist with the carnival float or the Summer Fair please get in touch. We can't do these events without your support. Thank you.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Supervision of children

School staff supervise children from 8.50am when the doors open for children to go into their classes. Children should not be in school before 8:50am. If you require care for your child before 8:50am we can offer you Playdays who are in our Nursery building. Their staff take care of children from 7:30am – 9:00am and from 3:30pm – 6:00pm. Kindly contact Mr Andy O'Connor at Green Lane Nursey on 01298 767505, mobile 07870221375, or just pop in to speak to Jenny during their hours. Thank you.

### 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

### Water Bottles

We have school water bottles in stock at a price of £1.00 each. We like to encourage the children to drink plenty of water during the day. As we have a very limited stock of plastic cups which we let the children have if they leave their bottle at home, we would like to suggest that a water bottle is purchased to make sure your child has a regular drink at school.

**Dates for your diary (may be subject to change)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Details</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Walk to school day	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Terrific Tigers to walk to the Haddon Hall Care Home. Children to read with residents.	@ 2:00pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Parents/carers from Jolly Giraffes invited to help their children with their vehicle workshop	@ 2:30pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 6 to visit Lea Green Outdoor Activities Centre	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception childrens' transition morning, followed by school lunch if desired	Letters sent to parents
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Barry Gordine's multi-skills Year 1-6	From 3:30 – 4:30pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception childrens' transition morning, followed by school lunch if desired	Letters sent to parents
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Infants' sports day	Information to follow
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Junior sports day	Information to follow
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Barry Gordine's multi-skills Year 1-6	from 3:30 – 4:30pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Y5 to visit the Goyt Valley Outdoor Ranger	Letter sent to parents
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Transition Evening meeting for parents	Reception – Year 1 @ 6:00pm Year 2 – Year 3 @ 6:30pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Induction day at St Thomas More school for a few of our Year 6 pupils	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 and 4 to visit the Blue Planet	Letters sent home
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 to perform The Tempest	Performances at 1:45pm and 6:00pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA Team Harpur's Summer Fair	4:00 – 6:00 pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 'transition week' to B.C.S.	Information to follow
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition week	Children will be spending time in their new classes.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 to visit Crich	Letters sent to parents
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 parents/carers invited to class to celebrate their children's Log Book Showing evidence of Arts Award	@ 3:00pm
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA Team Harpur's carnival float	Theme: Toy Story
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 to visit the Peak Wildlife Park	Letters sent home

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	All Year 3 parents/carers invited to class to celebrate their children's 'Why is the Planet so Blue?' topic work	@ 2:30 – 3:30pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	'The Harpurs'	@ 6:00 pm. Awards & disco
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term	School closes at 3:30pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Staff INSET day	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Staff INSET day	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of a new term	