

NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th July 2019

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy year we have had! And what a good year we've had! This term has been packed with great learning as always and almost every year group has been out on a visit to bring children's learning to life. We have also had a lot of family events and many of you have been able to come into school and celebrate children's learning. Thank you for coming along to these events and supporting our work.

Transition Year 6 have had visits to Buxton Community School, St Thomas More and other secondary schools. Our new Reception starters have had several visits to our school and we are looking forward to them joining us in September. All of the children have had moving up sessions in their new classes last week.

Staffing Update Miss Kirk, Teaching Assistant in Year 2, is leaving us this term to start a new job as an art therapist. We thank her for all she has done over the last 7 years!

Mrs Nuttall and Mrs Burton have received long service awards after 25 years working at Harpur Hill Primary School. Congratulations to them both.

Year 6 Super Science Year 6 enjoyed taking part in a Science workshop with Mrs Parker this week, investigating how tablets dissolve in different solutions.

They worked scientifically and carefully recorded measurements and observations. Thank you, Mrs Parker!



RDA This week it was the last RDA session for 3 of our Y6 pupils who have been horse riding for 3 years.

They received certificates and rosettes for outstanding riding. We're very proud of your achievements – well done!

Year 1 Crich Year 1 children had a super day at Crich Tramway Museum, linked to their Transport Topic. They learnt all about how trams have changed over the years, exploring why and what they are used for and they loved travelling on a tram!

They took a woodland walk and used their senses to describe what they could see, hear and feel. But their best bit was probably the park and the yummy ice-cream at the end of the day!



The Tempest



Year 6 put on an excellent performance of Shakespeare's The Tempest this term. The singing, dancing, acting, costumes, set and lighting were fantastic. Children also rose to the challenge of learning lines from the original play.



Year 3/4 Why is the planet so blue? Children in Year 3 and 4 have been learning all about the oceans this term. They visited the Blue Planet Aquarium and saw sharks, stingrays, poisonous frogs and an octopus!

Also, as part of this topic, children have been finding out about plastic in the oceans and the impact of plastic pollution.

Year 2 Peak Wild Life Park Year 2 visited the Peak Wildlife Park as part of their 'Let's go on safari' topic. They learned about the different animals and even had the chance to pet pigs, goats and giant rabbits!



Food waste and recycling – what a load of rubbish!

Do you know how much food we waste? Do you know what weighs a ton? Do you know what happens to our food waste? These were some of the questions children were exploring in a whole school assembly led by Alliance Environmental Services through High Peak Borough Council.

Children found out some interesting facts about food waste and recycling and how we can all play our part in helping the environment.

Children came home with a roll of food waste bin liners and learned what rubbish goes in what bin.

Year 5 – Countryside Learning Year 5 took part in a countryside learning experience at the Goyt Valley earlier this term.

Among the activities were: moors for the future, healthy peat bogs, wildlife management, water cycle, Peak Park Rangers, fire watch, upland sheep farming, habitat management and wild fires, Police and rural crime.



Year 6 Lea Green

Year 6 had a wonderful visit to Lea Green. They took part in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities, including high ropes, archery, obstacle course, bushcraft and shelter building. They slept under canvas and had a fabulous time.



Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!

Perfect Parrots and Terrific Tigers have had a holiday themed topic this summer. Children loved the role play chip shop and enjoyed a beach party with paddling pools, sand and summer disco. Thank you to families for joining us.

Year 6 Leavers This week we are saying goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. Last night we celebrated their achievements in 'The Harpurs'. They have been a fantastic group of children and we wish them all the very best for secondary school and beyond.

Finally...

On behalf of everyone at Harpur Hill Primary School and Nursery, thank you to all our families for all you do to support our wonderful school. We hope you have a lovely summer holiday and look forward to seeing the children in September.

Mrs V Giliker (Headteacher)

Year	Next term's learning journey topic
Nursery	My Family
Reception/Year 1	Jungle
Year 1	What makes a Superhero super?
Year 2	What's brilliant about Buxton?
Year 3	Autumn Watch
Year 4	What rocks in the Peak District?
Year 5	Can you survive...like Bear Grylls?
Year 6	How could Hitler have convinced a nation to follow him?

Sport



We have had a super last half term for sports here at Harpur. We won our Buxton School Quad Kids tournament with a dominant display and made it through to the High Peak round, wearing our brand new hoodies and t-shirts kindly sponsored and donated by Lhoist UK Ltd.

Our children achieved 3rd place in the High Peak round they all performed fantastically!

We also attended the Buxton years 3/4 Football Tournament at Buxton Silverlands.

Our younger boys team came 3rd in their group only losing 1 game!



Our older boys team got to the final not conceding a goal and scoring 17 goals! We unfortunately lost on penalties to Burbage after a dominant 0-0 display from our team.



Lastly our girls team won the girls tournament. They achieved what our professional Team England Lionesses couldn't and won the tournament winning every single game along the way! Well done ladies.



Some of our Year 5/6s competed in the Buxton swimming Gala finishing a respectable 4th.

After a great year of sport, we can eagerly look forward to the future. We have some amazingly talented sports stars at our school and hopefully we can win even more trophies and medals to add to our shelf!

Dance Abigail has been very busy with her dance lessons and has worked hard to receive some fantastic awards. Well done Abigail!

Social Dance Award - "I had to do a solo rumba, kick and cross dance for the rosettes and waltz with a partner".

Freestyle 1st Gold Bar (Honours) "For this freestyle I had to do show, dance, freestyle/Cotton Eye Joe, The Little Mix dance and I Will Survive".

Report by Abigail



P.T.F.A.

Team Harpur



It's been a very busy year for Team Harpur. We have raised a large amount of money at various events and this has been spent ensuring the children have extra resources, such as books for the library, workshops and parties during school, and subsidising school trips.

We will be having our AGM on Wednesday 21st August at 7pm in the Parks Inn. A few of our committee members will be standing down from their roles this year. During the meeting, we will be appointing new people where necessary. It is a great opportunity to meet the pre-existing members, volunteer for a role or put forward any ideas you may have. We don't expect you to help at every event or attend every meeting but we welcome any parents/carers who can assist us with the planning or undertaking of any of our events.



Thank you to everyone who helped with the carnival float, our theme was 'Toy Story' and we were awarded 2nd prize! Fun was had by all especially as it was a lovely Summer's day.

Thank you for all of your support this year and we hope you have a fantastic summer break.

Team Harpur

ADMINISTRATION

Safeguarding Would you kindly make sure your child knows that if they cannot find who is supposed to meet them at 3.30pm that they must return to school and report to the school office so we can contact parents by telephone.

Eduspot – online payments We would like to encourage parents/carers to use our online payments facility. If you are encountering any problems that will not allow you to use this method of payment, kindly contact the school office and we will endeavour to help you. If you wish to pay for school dinners for the next Autumn Term 1 (4.9.2019 – 25.10.2019) it will be £79.80. In the meantime if you need to send any money to school would you kindly place it in an envelope with your child's name, amount and reason for payment upon it?

Contact Information If you change your details (telephone, email, address etc.) please let school know as soon as possible. If we are not notified the online payment system will still have your old information and will not work until these changes have been applied. If your family circumstances change kindly advise our office staff so we can update your child/ren's records.

Dates for your diary (may be subject to change)

Date	Event	Details
Friday 19 th July	End of Term	School closes at 3:30pm
Tuesday 3 rd September	Staff INSET day	
Wednesday 21 st August	P.T.F.A. Team Harpur's A.G.M.	Parks Inn @ 7.00pm Everyone welcome
Wednesday 4 th September	Start of a new term	
Monday 9 th September	Jolly Giraffes	Come to school dressed as your favourite Superhero
Tuesday 10 th September	Year 6's 'Journey of Destiny' workshop	For the children
Wednesday 11 th & Thursday 12 th September	Year 5/6 Bikeability lessons	Information to follow
Friday 13 th September	Year 6's 'Journey of Destiny' performance	Information to follow
Monday 23 rd September & Tuesday 24 th September	Year 5 to visit White Hall Education Centre	Parents advised
Tuesday 1 st , Wednesday 2 nd , Monday 7 th & Tuesday 8 th October	Year 5/6 Bikeability lessons	Information to follow
Tuesday 15 th October	Year 6 to visit National Holocaust Centre	Information to follow
Wednesday 23 rd October	Year 6 'World War 2 Day'	Information to follow
Thursday 24 th October	Tempest individual photographs	Information to follow
Friday 25 th October	End of Term	School closes at 3:30pm
Monday 4 th November	Staff INSET day	
Tuesday 5 th November	Start of a new term	