

HARPUR HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th June 2021

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

The final term of the school year is now well under way. The children have made a great start with this term's topics, and have been enjoying sport and lots of outdoor learning. Year 2 had an enjoyable 'Inspirational People' Day last week, finding out about different people who have made great contributions throughout history, as well as people in their families and school who are an inspiration. Yesterday, the Y6 classes had a fantastic day when they visited Lea Green. They took part in a variety of activities including high ropes, climbing wall, obstacle course, an adventure trail, water irrigation and bushcraft. The children worked really well as a team and challenged themselves to overcome their fears with the high ropes and climbing wall. They toasted marshmallows on a fire and returned to school after an evening meal together.

Coronavirus Update

As I am sure you are aware, this week, the Prime Minister announced that Step 4 of the government's 'road map' has been delayed. The changes to restrictions have been announced due to a rise in infections and therefore, we need to keep our existing safety measures in place, such as the separate bubbles, staff face masks and enhanced cleaning etc. Fortunately, many of the things we were hoping to do in school over the coming weeks can still go ahead, but will need to be carried out following the latest guidance.

What to do if you or your child develops COVID-19 symptoms

If your child develops one or more of the main symptoms of COVID-19 (new continuous cough, high temperature, or a change or loss of sense of taste or smell), they must not come to school and should stay at home and self-isolate until 10 days from the day after their symptoms started. Anyone with symptoms should arrange a PCR test. All other household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This means staying at home and not going to work, school or college, or any public areas. This includes anyone in your support bubble or childcare bubble. Please inform the school at the earliest opportunity if your child has symptoms or has tested positive. We continue to have plans in place to identify and get in touch with contacts in the event of a confirmed case of coronavirus in the school community.

Sports Days

The latest government advice states that Sports days can go ahead but children must remain in their bubbles and not mix with any other children. Therefore, Coach Danny is organising separate bubble Sports sessions. Unfortunately, due to the safety measures, we are unable to invite parents/carers into school to watch Sports days; however, we will share photos of the events with you on Facebook and our website.

‘Moving Up’ Sessions

Towards the end of term children will be spending time with their new teachers, for a short time, in their existing bubbles, in their new classes for September. Your child will be told which class they will be in during our Transition Week (12th – 16th July).

Remote Learning

We hope that we can reach the end of term without groups or classes of children having to isolate. However, it is still important to have plans in place in the event of children and/or staff having to isolate. Staff are ready to revert to Remote Learning as before if needed and your child’s teacher will be in touch if needed to share arrangements.

Start and End of the School Day

The start and end of the school day arrangements are continuing to work well - thank you for your patience and co-operation.

May we remind you of the following:

- Please continue to wear a face covering on the school run as advised by Public Health
- Please drop off and collect your children at the correct times.
- Do not congregate in groups outside the school gates and observe social distancing.
- Send your child straight into school as soon as you arrive at your allotted time and send your child straight into school to avoid congestion.
- One adult only to bring child/ren to reduce the number of people on the school journey and outside school.
- Please walk to school wherever possible to reduce the amount of traffic on the roads outside school.
- Please take care when driving outside school or on the main car park.
- Please park safely and considerately, without blocking pavements and driveways. Do not park on the zig zag markings.

Sun Safety

Please could we remind you of the following regarding sun safety:

- Please ensure children come to school with a sun hat (with their name in) that offers protection to the neck as well as the face.
- Please apply waterproof sunscreen which gives complete protection (of the highest factor available) to all exposed areas of the skin prior to sending your child to school.
- Some sun screens offer 10-hour protection which would avoid the need to reapply during the day. This would be preferable if possible.
- If your child needs sunscreen reapplying during the day, we would encourage them to do it themselves, depending on their age. For younger children or those who may struggle to apply sunscreen, ideally we would as that you send in a spray-type which staff can apply and pupils can rub in, thereby reducing the need for physical contact. This should be labelled with your child’s name and not shared with others.

Art Competition – Images of Lockdown

Isabelle Moore in Year 4 has won the Lions Art Competition for her Images of Lockdown picture. The winners of this competition are on display in the Green Man Gallery. Well done, Isabelle!

Finally...

Let’s hope we can have a great end to the school year and that the good weather continues! Thank you for all you are doing to support your children and our school. Stay safe and have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Giliker (Headteacher)

ADMINISTRATION

Dogs in School

Just a polite reminder – in line with Derbyshire County Policy, dogs are not allowed on the school premises unless they are assistance dogs.

Contact details

Kindly inform school of any contact changes – address/telephone/email.

Absentees and medical appointments

If your child is poorly and will not be in school, kindly phone the office to let us know. If your child is attending an appointment before starting school, again kindly let the office staff know in advance. This helps the administration staff a great deal as they have to order school dinners accordingly. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 28 th June & Tuesday 29 th June	Bikeability for Y6 children parents advised
Tuesday 29 th June	New Nursery children to visit their classroom and teacher in the morning
Thursday 1 st July	Y6 transition afternoon @ B.C.S.
Friday 2 nd July	School Council book sale
Tuesday 6 th July	Years 4, 5 & 6 – Peak Moorland trip to Glossop
Wednesday 7 th July	New Reception children to visit their classroom and teacher in the afternoon
Thursday 8 th July	Nursery Sports Day
Monday 12 th July	KS2 Sports Day (Years 5 & 6)
Tuesday 13 th July	Moving up sessions
Tuesday 13 th July	New Reception children to visit their classroom and teacher in the morning
Wednesday 14 th July	KS1 Sports Day (Parrots and Tigers) in the morning KS2 Sports Day Years 3 & 4 in the afternoon
Thursday 15 th July	Moving up sessions
Thursday 15 th July	New Reception children to visit school in the afternoon
Friday 16 th July	Year 2 and Giraffes Sports Day
Wednesday 21 st July	'The Harpurs' Year 6 Event at 6pm (children only)
Thursday 22 nd July	End of term