

NEWSLETTER

12th November 2021

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a restful holiday. The new term is in full swing and children are working hard at their new topics.



Remembrance

Thank you for supporting the British Legion poppy appeal once again this year. This week in assembly children learned about Remembrance. We talked about the poppy symbol, how remembrance is commemorated nationally and locally, in Buxton and Harpur Hill. Some classes have completed poppy artwork and others have read poems about World War 1. On 11th November at 11am, classes held a 2 minutes' silence – the children have been very sensible, respectful and thoughtful throughout.

Buxton COP 26

World leaders have been busy in Glasgow, discussing climate change. Here in school, children have also been following the developments at COP 26, and last week a group of Year 6 children joined other local schools as part of a 'Buxton COP 26 Conference'. They completed a range of activities to explore the impact of climate change, and worked in groups to come up with ideas for things we can do in Buxton and also at school. One of their suggestions was to set up composting bins and do more to recycle and reduce waste. Two of our governors came along at the end of the conference to hear the final presentations. We were all impressed by how well the children worked as a team and contributed their ideas confidently.



Children in Need

On Friday 19th November, we will be raising money for Children in Need. The children may come to school in non-uniform, donations for this will be optional. There will also be Pudsey merchandise available for the children to buy, if you would like your child to purchase any items, kindly try to send change rather than notes. Merchandise prices will range from £1.00 to £2.50 per item.

Team Harpur PTFA Christmas

Please find 2 attachments

- letter from Team Harpur and
- template for your child's artwork/order form for this year's Christmas gifts.

If you would like to place an order please complete the template, and send with payment to school by the 22nd November.

Start and end of school day

Thank you for your continued help and co-operation with the start and end of day arrangements.

May we remind you of the following: -

- Please do not congregate in groups outside the school gates and send your child straight into school as soon as you arrive, to avoid congestion.
- 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.
- Although not enforced, but endorsed by the Police, it helps congestion if more people observe the following one-way system - please enter via Trent Avenue road and exit using Ferneydale Avenue onto Fernway, exit onto Harpur Hill Road. Thank you.

Healthy Eating

Some of the Year 6 children are going to be leading an assembly about healthy lifestyles soon. The Head Boy and Girl, their Deputies and House Captains, have noticed that children are bringing in unhealthy snacks for break times. They have asked if we could remind you of the following:

At Harpur Hill, we want to encourage children to eat healthily, exercise regularly and learn to make healthy choices. Please may we remind you:

- Children should only be bringing in healthy snacks (fruit, breadsticks, veg sticks, cereal bars)
- Children should not be bringing in crisps or chocolate bars.
- Please check the ingredients and amount of sugar in cereal bars as some may contain as many as a bag of sweets.
- Birthday cakes – during the pandemic children were unable to celebrate birthday parties and some families sent in cakes and treats which were sent out with the children at home time. Now restrictions have been lifted, we will no longer be able to distribute cakes or birthday treats.
- Please make sure packed lunches have a balance of different food groups.

Have a lovely weekend. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Kind regards

Mrs Giliker (Headteacher)