

HARPUR HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Friday 17th June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the warmer weather. This week has been 'Wild Week' and the children have enjoyed taking part in outdoor activities, learning about plants, animals, habitats and the importance of looking after our natural world. We held our new Reception starters' evening for parents/carers this week and we are looking forward to welcoming the children to their first taster visits next week.

Year 4 and 5 Brass

A huge 'well done' to the Year 4 and 5 brass players who gave an amazing performance to parents and families this morning - thank you for coming along to the concert. We hope to see lots of Year 4 children continuing with their brass instruments next year.

Sports Days

We are pleased to be able to invite parents/carers to our Sports Days once again. These will be held on the school field (weather permitting) on:

- **Tuesday 28th June at 1.30pm - 3.00pm - Juniors** - **Thursday 30th June 10am - 11.00am**
- **Nursery** - **Thursday 30th June 2.00pm - 3.00pm Reception and KS1**

To ensure Sports Days run smoothly and safely, Coach Danny has asked me to remind you of the following:

- Please make sure pupils have the correct PE kit, sun hats and water bottles
- Juniors are invited to wear their house colours (but please do not buy anything specially)
- Please keep to the designated areas
- No smoking or dogs on the school field
- Please keep little brothers and sisters with you at all times and do not allow them to run onto the track
- Please do not take photographs/videos of children

Thank you for your support – fingers crossed for good weather!

Parking Issues

In recent weeks, I have spoken with several parents/carers about parking issues in the school grounds and the roads nearby. In order to keep your children safe, please may I remind you to:

- Take care when driving on the school site and nearby roads
- Please park safely and considerately – do not block, driveways, footpaths or roads
- Do not park in disabled spaces – these are only for badge holders
- Please drop your child and leave fairly quickly to make room for other parents/carers
- Keep younger children with you and do not let them run around in the car park or roads near the school

We know that the majority of parents/carers park considerately and safely – thank you. Children can be dropped off between 8.45am and 9am to allow more time for the drop off. Also, you may like to consider the following:

- Walk or cycle to school when you can
- Use parent or neighbourhood groups on social media etc. such as Whatsapp to arrange a walking bus or take it in turn to bring each other's children to school
- Park a little further away from school and walk the last five minutes to avoid the roads next to school

We are concerned that on occasions it would be difficult/impossible for emergency services to access the school or the houses on Trent Avenue, Dane Grove or Ferneydale Avenue in the event of a fire or other incident. The Fire Service and Police are helping us to try to come up with solutions and will be doing patrols to check access and address illegal parking. Thank you for your support.

Uniform

If you have any items of uniform to donate, please drop them off at Reception or send them in with your child. We will be setting up a stall for uniform at the Summer Fair for you to collect for a voluntary donation. Thank you.

Nursery

Our Nursery is very popular and places are filling fast for September and beyond. If you require a place for Nursery, please complete the electronic form via the link in the separate email sent by Fran this morning. Any questions, please pop in and ask, or give us a call.

Finally...

Have a lovely weekend!
Best wishes,

Mrs Giliker (Headteacher)

ADMIN UPDATE

Absence and medical appointment procedures

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school for whatever reason, please inform us as soon as possible, before 9am. You can contact us to report an absence by:

- phoning the school office 01298 23261 (you can leave a message on the answer machine if you phone before the office is open)
- emailing - sreception@harpurhill.derbyshire.sch.uk
- texting school on 07786 207779 or by replying to a school text.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 20 th June	Year 6 to have lessons covering puberty, relationships and sex education.
Tuesday 21 st June	Year 5 Activity Day at B.C.S. 10.00am – 2.20pm. Children will need to take a packed lunch. Packed lunches will be supplied to those who receive free school meals.
Wednesday 22 nd June	Year 5 Activity Day at St. Thomas More 1.15pm – 2.45pm.
Wednesday 22 nd – Friday 24 th June	Year 6 to visit the Lea Green Centre.
Tuesday 28 th June	KS2 - Junior sports day am. Parents welcome from 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Thursday 30 th June	Nursery sports day 10.00am – 11.00am. Parents welcome. If your child does not normally attend Nursery on a Thursday, you and your child are more than welcome, (you will be responsible for your child).
Thursday 30 th June	Reception and KS1 - Infants sports day am. Parents welcome from 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Monday 4 th July – Wednesday 6 th	Year 6 transition days to B.C.S. Dinner arrangements to be confirmed.
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 3/4 to visit Mossy Lea (Ash and Willow classes).
Thursday 7 th July – Friday 8 th	Year 6 transition days to St Thomas More.
Monday 11 th July – Friday 15 th	Transition week for the whole school, children visit their new classrooms and class teachers.
Tuesday 12 th July	Y5 trip to Eyam (Elm and Birch).
Tuesday 12 th July	Y6 School performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.
Wednesday 13 th July	1.45pm Y6 performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, parents to be invited.
Thursday 14 th July	6.00pm Y6 performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, parents to be invited.
Friday 15 th July	4.00pm – 6.00pm Summer Fair.
Monday 18 th July	Messy play afternoon for Bear Cub Parents from 2:00pm.
Wednesday 20 th July	Nursery leavers celebration 2:00pm.
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 Harpurs' from 6pm. Details to follow.
Friday 22 nd July	End of term.
Thursday 1 st September	Staff INSET day.
Friday 2 nd September	School open to children.