

HARPUR HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

16th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

The new term is in full swing and children are working hard at their new topics. This newsletter includes a few highlights of our term so far, as well as some information about events coming up in the weeks ahead...

Anti-Bullying Week

Along with many schools all across the UK, this week we are taking part in Anti-Bullying Week. We started the week with an assembly about bullying, including cyber-bullying. Children will be taking part in different activities throughout the week, related to this year's theme: 'Reach Out' to stop bullying. We have also been wearing odd socks to show we are all unique and celebrate our differences.

Benedetti Foundation



Last Tuesday, we had a marvellous musical day with the amazing [Benedetti Foundation](#) as part of their [Peak District Music Centres](#) residency. Children from Reception to Year 6 enjoyed making music in workshops in the morning, and the staff joined other local schools, for a training session in the evening. On Friday, four of our Harpur string players spent the day at St John's Church, working with professional musicians and playing in an orchestra along with over 70 other string players from the

area. If you would like your child to learn a musical instrument, please get in touch and we can talk to you about what is on offer.

Buxton COP 27

Whilst world leaders have been busy in Egypt, discussing climate change, some of our Year 6 children attended the 'Buxton Students Together for Our Planet' COP27 Conference at the Octagon last week. They visited the 'Dennis to the Rescue' recycling lorry and took part in activities led by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, High Peak Borough Council and Buxton Town Team. Young people from Buxton schools shared what they are doing already to protect our local environment and the planet, and then discussed ideas and planned future initiatives and activities. Our Year 6 representatives were excellent ambassadors and we are looking forward to helping them put their ideas into action.



Remembrance



On Friday 11th November, two of our Year 6 pupils led our Remembrance Assembly. They talked about why we have Remembrance, what happens on Remembrance Day, and why we wear poppies. Darren Lloyd, our brass teacher, ended the assembly with the Last Post and Reveille. Reception children have created some lovely poppy paintings.



Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal and the work of the British Legion.

New Reception Starters

Derbyshire School Admissions are now inviting new Reception Starters for September 2023 to apply for a school place: <https://derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions/Primary>

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 you need to apply for their primary school place by 15th January 2023. They will be eligible to start school in Reception, in September 2023. You should apply for a place between Monday 7th November 2022 at 9am and midnight on Sunday 15th January 2023. If any prospective new parents/carers missed our Open Afternoon & Evening, please get in touch and I will arrange a visit and tour of the school. Please share with other family or friends you know who may be interested.

Children in Need

Children in the School Council have discussed what we could do to show our support for Children in Need this year. On Friday 18th November, children may come to school in their pyjamas/onesies, and donations for this will be optional.

Staffing Updates

Congratulations to Mrs Conway (née Wetton) who celebrated her wedding at the start of the term! Mrs Rushworth will be returning from her maternity leave at the start of December and Ms Stanway will be moving to support the KS1 team. Mrs Rushworth will be teaching Year 4 Ash class on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. Ms Williamson will continue to teach Ash class at the start of the week.

Finally...

We have lots of exciting learning and events for the remainder of the term. As always, thank you to all our families for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mrs Giliker (Headteacher)

SPORTS

World Cup

The World Cup 2022 kicks off this Sunday, with England's first match on Monday 21st November at 1pm. Some of the children have asked if they will be able to watch the match in school and we have agreed, for those who wish to do so. Children will take part in learning activities, linked to the World Cup, using age appropriate material. We will also use BBC Newsround to explain some of the other issues surrounding the World Cup (depending on their age) such as human rights:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/63557689> Children may come to school in sports kit, or football shirts on the 21st if they wish to do so.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 17 th November	NHS to take the height and weight of our Reception and Year 6 children.
Thursday 17 th November	Year 4 - Roman activity afternoon from 2.30pm parents invited.
Friday 18 th November	Children may wear their pyjamas/onesies in school. As the theme for this year is to 'Be SPOTacular', anything spotty is also welcome!
Tuesday 22 nd November	Team Harpur (PTFA) meeting 7pm at The Valut to discuss the Christmas Fair Everyone welcome.
Wednesday 23 rd November	NHS nurse to visit. To administer flu vaccinations to anyone who was absent last time. Parents have been sent the NHS link to register if required.
Friday 25 th November	Dress your best day – in return, if you are able to send any items to school that would be suitable for the Christmas Fair tombola it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.
Wednesday 30 th November	Last day to bring in second hand uniform and Christmas jumpers for the Christmas Fair stall.
Friday 2 nd December	Christmas Fair from 4.00 until 6.00 pm
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 8 th December	Reception childrens' Polar Express evening from 5.00 until 6.00 pm
Monday 12 th December	Reception Nativity – 2 tickets per family performance starts at 9.15 am
Tuesday 13 th December	Y1/2 Nativity – 2 tickets per family performance starts at 9.15 am
Tuesday 13 th December	Reception Nativity – 2 tickets per family performance starts at 2.00 pm
Wednesday 14 th December`	Y1/2 Nativity – 2 tickets per family performance starts at 2.00 pm
Friday 16 th December	A visitor from Parliament to speak to Year 5
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Fair raffle ticket draw
Tuesday 20 th December	Christmas party day
Wednesday 21 st December	Last day of term, school closes at 3.30 pm
Thursday 22 nd December	Staff INSET day

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.

Kindly let the school know any changes in your address/telephone/email details, so we can amend our records to enable you to receive texts/emails.

Start and end of school day

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

May we remind you of the following: -

- Please do not congregate in groups outside the school gates, 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.