

NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The new term is in full swing and children are working hard at their new topics. We have introduced a new English scheme from Year 1 to Year 6 and children have been producing some fantastic writing and enjoying reading some new and exciting texts. This newsletter includes a few highlights from this week as well as some information about events coming up in the weeks ahead...

Welly Wednesdays & Diwali



Children in Nursery and Reception have been learning about Diwali this week and working carefully together to create some wonderful Rangoli patterns.

Reception children have been out and about on their Welly Wednesdays. This week, Tiger class have enjoyed exploring the woods and finding insects, signs of Autumn and even a fairy house door!



Bikeability

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children have completed their Bikeability training this week. They started by riding their bikes in the school grounds and progressed to learning how to ride safely on local roads. Despite the weather, they all worked hard and kept smiling! Well done, everyone! Two more groups are starting next week – fingers crossed for better weather.



Anti-Bullying Week

Along with many schools all across the UK, next week we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week, which is coordinated in England, Wales and Northern Ireland by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year the theme is 'Make A Noise About Bullying' and will take place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November. The week will be kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, where children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all special and unique.

Remembrance

On Monday in assembly, we talked about Remembrance, what happens on Remembrance Day, and why we wear poppies. Some of our children will be taking part in events in Harpur Hill and Buxton this Sunday, with Brownies, Scouts and other organisations. 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 2024 to apply for a school place:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 you'll need to apply for a school place at Harpur Hill Primary School by 15 January 2024. Children will be eligible to start school in September 2024. You should apply for a place online. The application system is now open and will close at midnight on Monday 15 January 2024.

If any prospective new parents/careers 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, friends you may know who may be interested.

Children in Need

Next Friday, 17th November is Children in Need day. The School Council have discussed what we could do to show our support this year and we would like to invite children to come in pyjamas if they wish. Donations for this will be optional. You can send money into school or donate via the link if you would like to do so: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Online Safety

Our children are growing up in an increasingly complex world, with exciting technologies and different ways of communicating. Research and our own school surveys tell us that children are spending more time online. We want to equip our children and their families with the knowledge needed to make the best use of the internet and technology in a safe, considered and respectful way, so they are able to reap the benefits of the online world. You can find more information about online safety and links to useful websites by clicking on the link to our school website:

<https://www.harpurhill.derbyshire.sch.uk/key-information/online-safety>

Online Safety Family Workshop

Children in Year 5 and 6 will be having an online safety workshop on Wednesday 22nd November at 2.30pm in the hall and we would like to invite their parents/carers to join us for this. This will be an opportunity to discuss online safety and social media with experts in the field and will be hosted by the Online Safety Hub. We hope to see as many Year 5 and 6 parents/carers as possible.

Finally...

We have lots of exciting learning and events for the remainder of the term. Please make a note of the dates coming up. As always, thank you to all our families for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mrs Giliker (Headteacher)

RELATIONSHIPS AND HEALTH EDUCATION

In our last Newsletter we included information on relationships and health education.

You can find more information and the policy on our school website:

<https://www.harpurhill.derbyshire.sch.uk/our-classes/rshe>

The DfE have produced guides for parents on Relationships and Health Education:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools>

At Harpur Hill Primary School, we welcome feedback from parents and carers. If you have not had chance to complete this questionnaire, which was in our previous newsletter; kindly complete before Friday 17th November.

The replies from parents helps us to review our practice and provision and to ensure that we are meeting the needs of children and parents. After kindly taking the time to read our RSHE policy, we would be grateful if you could fill in the following questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/e/dt5msRMq5g>

If you would like to know more about Relationships and Health Education, please contact your child's classteacher.

TEAM HARPUR

AGM

Please come along to our AGM on Friday 17th November at 9.05am in school. Whether you wish to be an active member or can just help out and volunteer for the occasional disco or event, please come along. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Fair

On Friday 1st December, we will be holding our Christmas Fair. Choir, Ukulele and Club will be providing musical entertainment.

Please get in touch if you would like a stall.



CRAFT FAIR AT THE HARPUR HILL SPORTS CENTRE

The poster for the Gift and Craft Fair has a light blue background with white snowflake patterns. At the top, the title "Gift and Craft Fair" is written in a large, green, cursive font. Below the title, the date and time "SAT 11TH NOV 10-4" are displayed in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The central text lists various items for sale: "Cute and kawaii, Wood crafts, Fused glass Sweets, Jewellery Greetings Cards Accessories, Christmas gifts, Bath goods, Toys Macrame, T-shirts Pet accessories". This list is flanked by two green Christmas trees with orange trunks. The tree on the left has the text "Free Entry" written on it, and the tree on the right has "And much more!". At the bottom of the poster, a white rectangular box contains the text "Support gold-winning paralympic athlete, Tully Kearney MBE, at her stall" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13 th November – Thursday 16 th November	Bikeability – parents advised.
Monday 13 th November – Friday 17 th November	Anti-Bullying Week.
Monday 13 th November	‘Odd Sock Day’ children to wear their uniform with odd socks
Thursday 16 th November	9.00-10.00am – ‘SEND Parents Forum’ lead by Miss Marsh, parents invited.
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need – dress up day, children may come to school in their pyjamas – (donations welcome, thank you).
Friday 17 th November	Team Harpur – PTFA’s AGM commencing 9.05am in school. Everyone welcome.
Monday 20 th November	Reception and Year 6 to have their height and weight recorded by the NHS nurses.
Monday 20 th November	Year 4 to visit the Haddon Hall Care Home.
Wednesday 22 nd November	Year 3 and 4 to visit the Buxton cinema.
Wednesday 22 nd November	Online Safety with Year 5/6 children and parents, 2.30pm – 3.30pm.
Thursday 30 th November	Reception children’s ‘Polar Express Evening’ at school from 5.00pm – 6.00pm, details to follow.
Friday 1 st December	PTFA Team Harpur – Christmas Fair 4.00-6.00pm.
Tuesday 5 th December	‘Deck the classroom’ – Reception parents to be invited from 3.00 – 3.30pm, details to follow.
Thursday 7 th December	‘Christmas Jumper Day.’
Thursday 7 th December	Buxton Opera House ‘Hare & Tortoise’ workshop for Reception and all Infants, details to follow.
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity – parents will be asked to bring their child’s costumes into school in a named bag before this day.
Wednesday 13 th December	KS1 Nativity – Parents to be invited for 9.15am.
Thursday 14 th December	KS1 Nativity – Parents to be invited for 2.00pm.
Thursday 14 th December	Nursery’s Brilliant Bears’ parents to be invited to their ‘Christmas event’ from 2.45 - 3.15pm.
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas party day.
Thursday 21 st December	School closes at 3.30pm.
Friday 22 nd December	Staff INSET day.
Monday 8 th January	Start of a new term.