



# NEWSLETTER



April 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been lovely to see the children back at school this week. The summer term is one of my favourites at Primary school, from sports events to the end of year trips and leavers service, there is plenty to look forward to and lots to get organised for. We have lots of events planned for this term and have a list of dates to help you all plan ahead.

As a reminder could you please send your child to school with a water bottle, especially as the weather starts to improve. Also, that snacks for breaktime should be as healthy as possible, sadly not crisps or chocolate.

## Safeguarding

Using the internet and social media is an important part of life for children. However, Internet use can also expose children to dangers such as cyberbullying, online grooming and sexual abuse. At the same time mental health conditions are on the rise with recent data showing 1 in 8 children have a mental health problem. Please can we support our children by ensuring we are monitoring their social media usage and ensuring their privacy settings are high.

## Parent Survey

Last term we shared the parent survey results and one of the actions was to arrange a meeting for stakeholders to come together and discuss the school's communication strategy and how we can improve it. If you are interested in coming along we are meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April at 2:30pm. There will be drinks and cake and hopefully lots of ideas to help the school improve further. If interested, please arrive at the school office at 2:30.

## Staffing updates

Congratulations to Mrs Spall who got married in the Easter holidays ☺

In our office team, Mrs Ottewell is now our School Business Manager and Mrs Goddard has joined the team too. Now Miss Espada has started her maternity, if you need to contact the school office the main contact is now office@heath.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Quick reminder of the new structure at school. Mrs Brough has been appointed Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Hill will be our new Assistant Head. With my commitment at William Rhodes, due to be one day a week, we have also appointed Mrs Wild as an Acting Assistant Head.

## Attendance

Another huge thank you for all your support over attendance last term. Whilst our attendance remains below national, there was an improvement to 92%.

## Dates

25 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 dental survey	12 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening check (KS1)
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Coffee and Cake meeting (Communication plan for school review)	12 <sup>th</sup> June	Multiplication check (Year 4)
5 <sup>th</sup> May	King's Coronation (dress up in red, white and blue)	12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 Residential
9 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week starts for Y6 (Early breakfast in hall for all Y6 ☺)	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Market Event (usually from 2pm)
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception class Summer Festival (details to follow)	27 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole school move up day (new classes for September)
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Arts week	4 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Sports event (10:30 and 2:30)
	(whole school activities all week celebrating the arts)	5 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Sports event (1:30)
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of half term	6 <sup>th</sup> July	LKS2 Sports event (9:30) and UKS2 (1:30)
5 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens	7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sponsored Run
6 <sup>th</sup> June	World Bike week	12-14 <sup>th</sup> July	Performances (these will be in the evening)
	Year 2 trip to Eyam	18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 trip to Cleethorpes and EYFS Graduation (pm)
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-uniform towards Market and Exhibition event	19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Fun day
		20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers' service (2pm)
		21 <sup>st</sup> July	Final celebration assembly (9:15am)

Potential Strike days: 27<sup>th</sup> April and 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Inset days: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 (May 8<sup>th</sup> will now be a bank holiday)

More details on much of the above will be communicated once plans have been finalised.

Take care,

Mr Lynch and all the team at HPS

**'Respect, Achieve, Together'**

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