

NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th April 2019

Headteacher's Update

What a busy term we have had! I wrote to you earlier this week to inform you that following the Ofsted inspection on 27th - 28th February 2019, our Ofsted report is now available and we are now judged to be a 'good' school. The report can be downloaded by clicking the link on the school website homepage:



<http://www.harpurhill.derbyshire.sch.uk/>

Thank you once again for supporting our wonderful school.

Scary Visitors at Harpur Hill



Ofsted weren't the only visitors we had at Harpur Hill this term! A rather scary looking dinosaur visited last week. She enjoyed reading in the library, playing football in the hall and made a general nuisance of herself. Before she left, she exchanged her missing dinosaur egg for some chocolate Easter eggs for Tigers and Parrots.

A film of the dino visit can be found on our school facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/harpurhillprimary/>

Year 3 and 4 States of Matter



Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed their Science topic on states of matter, finding out about gases, liquids and solids.

Children investigated a material that can be a solid, melts at 36 degrees and becomes a liquid. Children then observed the material starting to solidify at room temperature around 22 degrees.

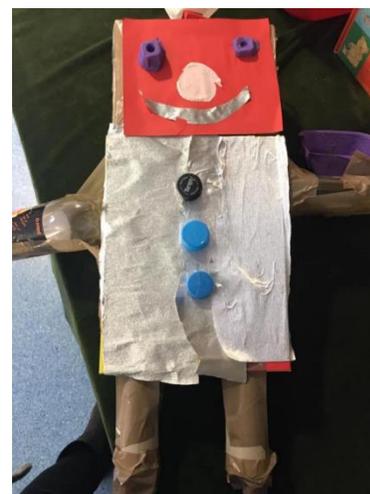
After the lesson, children ate the material. Can you guess what it is?

Jolly Giraffes Robots and Toys



Jolly Giraffes enjoyed a visit from the History Van this term. They explored toys and played games from the past.

Thank you to parents, carers and families who came along to build robots.



Welly Wednesday adventures



Terrific Tigers and Perfect Parrots have been out and about this term, especially enjoying trips to the woods on Welly Wednesdays.

Activities have included making dinosaur skeletons and an Easter egg hunt.

Thank you to all parents, grandparents and other helpers for joining us on our adventures.

Haddon Hall Care Home

Perfect Parrots had another lovely afternoon visiting the Haddon Hall Care Home.

Children enjoyed talking to residents, making and exchanging Easter cards. Terrific Tigers are looking forward to visiting next term.



Learning for Life Awards



Last week we held a special assembly to present children throughout the school with 'Learning for Life' Awards.

Each term, we present awards linked to skills for life and invite parents/carers to attend the assembly.

This term's awards have been: friendship, kindness, resilience and writing.

Thank you to families for attending.

Family Learning Projects

Children across the school have completed some amazing home learning projects this term. Year 3 and 4 presented a range of topics linked to their 'What's great about Great Britain?' topic, including British wildlife and famous Britons.



Year 6 produced some wonderful rainforest inspired projects, such as an ecosystem in a bottle and a range of objects made out of recycled materials.

Thank you to all our parents/carers for supporting your child's learning and helping them to produce such great work!



Finally...

It is a pleasure to lead the school and see it go from strength to strength.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support of our wonderful school.

Have a lovely Easter holiday.

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Headteacher

Year	Next term's learning journey topic	Books
Nursery	'Explorers – Jungle and Safari'	Rumble in the Jungle, Giraffes can't dance, Rhino's great big itch.
Perfect Parrots & Terrific Tigers	'Space'	Aliens love underpants Man on the moon, Zog, I'm a little Alien and Whatever next?
Jolly Giraffes	'How do we use transport?' 'Who was the first man on the moon?'	We will share some new (surprise!) stories which will focus on familiar settings, characters and descriptions.
Year 2	'Is Art Everywhere?'	The Day the Crayons Quit and The Day the Crayons Came Home by Drew Daywalt, illustrated by Oliver Jeffers. The Magic Paintbrush by Julia Donaldson.
Year 3 & 4	'Who Were the Early Law Makers?'	The Magna Carta Chronicle by Christopher Lloyd and Patrick Skipworth.
Year 5	'Were the Anglo Saxons really smashing?'	Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo, also the original poem "Beowulf" written in Anglo Saxon times.
Year 6	'Is too much technology bad for you?'	Non-fiction texts including newspaper reports.

SPORTS NEWS

Dance Show



Our after school dancers performed on the stage at the Opera House in a dance performance called 'Making Space'. The spectacular showcase included young dance talent from the local area, with 'Outer Space' being this year's theme.

A mixture of dance styles were performed by children from primary schools in Derbyshire. Each school presented a unique piece of choreography. Needless to say, our after school dance club attended and their performance was incredible!

Map Quest

Some of the Year 2, 5 and 6 children attended the 'Map Quest' competition in the Pavilion Gardens and Oakland Manor. One of our Year 2 teams won their event, and two weeks later, one of the Year 6 teams won their event!



Netball

We also had our High 5 Netball team placed 4th in the Second round of the High Peak Competition with some amazing team work.



Go Cycle

Our Year 5/6 had a 'bring your own bike' day to school in order to prepare for our Go Cycle High Peak competition where we finished a very respectable 5th out of 10 schools!

MUSICAL TUITION

Darren Lloyd is a qualified teacher with a PGCE and a master of arts in music performance. Darren has been a violin & brass teacher for the music partnership for the past eight years. The children now have an opportunity to learn how to play a violin. Lessons will be taught on a Wednesday morning; individually, in pairs or small groups at a charge. If you require further information kindly call into the office for Mr Lloyd's letter.

ADMINISTRATION

If you need to send money to school kindly place it in an envelope with your child's name, amount enclosed and reason for payment (e.g. dinner money, class trip/workshop etc.) upon it.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for the next half term from Monday 29th April to Friday 24th May will be £42.00.

Very important please note, in accordance with our school policy, all dinner money should be paid on the Monday for the week ahead. You may pay any amount or even for the whole term. If we do not receive a payment on a Monday that covers the rest of the week, we will contact you to remind you of your outstanding payment.

Contact Information

If you change your details (telephone, email, address etc.) please let school know as soon as possible. Also If your family circumstances change kindly advise our office staff so we can update your child/ren's records.

School Uniform Update

We are now happy to announce that our new uniform supplier is called Mapac, over the years they have supplied our year 6 'leavers' hoodies'. We would like to introduce an additional option of burgundy polo shirts with the school logo, as well as the white polo shirts.

Our school details will be live on Mapac's website commencing Monday 15th April. To view the uniform range kindly visit <http://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/harpurhillsk179lp>. You will need to register by entering your email address, password, name and telephone number.

If you require a book or P.E. bag, we have a stock of these at school. Thank you.

Water Bottles

We have school water bottles in stock at a price of £1.00 each. We like to encourage the children to drink plenty of water during the day. As we have a very limited stock of plastic cups which we let the children have if they leave their bottle at home, we would like to suggest that a water bottle is purchased to make sure your child has a regular drink at school. Thank you.

Head Lice

There have recently been cases of head lice identified in school. While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they can be allowed to spread. Please check your child's head as soon as possible. Please follow the simple routine to ensure that you are doing all you can to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

CHECK

- Your child's hair once a week
- Use a proper detection comb to trap head lice.
- If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist for treatment advice immediately.
- If head lice are spotted, take a close look at the hair of all the family.

TREAT

- Please treat your child with a clinically proven treatment.
- Leave the treatment on for the recommended time for maximum effect.
- Repeat the treatment for a second time seven days after the original treatment to kill any eggs that may hatch after the first treatment.
- Check that all head lice have gone within two to three days of the final application of head lice treatment to complete the process.
- Continue to check for head lice on a regular, weekly basis.
- Tie long hair back.

For further information on head lice please see your pharmacist or visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>.

Mobile App Update

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the school's app. At the moment we have 227 people who use our app; obviously we would like to encourage parents/carers to use this app as it is another way of keeping you informed about the life of the school.

In **Settings**, you will be able to set **push notifications** for **newsletters**, **news** and **notices**. We suggest that you limit these to your child's year group. If you want to, you can also synch your phone calendar with the school diary/calendar.

The download details can be found below:

<p><u>Android users</u> Go to Google Play, search for School Jotter or scan the QR code.</p>  	<p><u>iOS users</u> Go to App Store and search for School Jotter or scan the QR code.</p>  
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Once the App has been installed, type in Harpur Hill (or our postcode SK17 9LP) to find our school. You will then be asked whether or not you want the App to use push notifications. We suggest that these are set to on if you want to be kept updated as soon as new communication is sent. You can of course, always set these up later from within your phone settings.

Dates for your diary (may be subject to change)

Date	Event	Details
Monday 29 th April	Start of new term	
Friday 3 rd May	SATs meeting	All Year 2 parents welcome from 3:00pm
Thursday 9 th May & Thursday 16 th May	Choir rehearsal	In the hall from 3:40 - 4:30pm
Thursday 9 th May	Sam Jones – CAMHS ‘anxiety in children’ session for parents	Sessions will be about 1 hour commencing 6:00pm
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 SATs	
Saturday 18 th May	PTFA Team Harpur’s ‘fun race’	Details to follow
Monday 20 th May – Friday 24 th May	Arts week	Children will take part in a range of musical and arts activities
Tuesday 21 May	‘Travelling by Tuba’	Workshops for KS2 and an assembly
Wednesday 22 May	‘Year 6 height & weight to be taken by NHS nurse	Nurse Collins to visit school
Friday 24 th May	St John’s Church concert at	For Y5 brass, choir and other musicians - information to follow
Friday 24 th May	End of term	School closes at 3:30pm
Monday 3 rd June	Staff INSET day	
Tuesday 4 th June	Start of a new term	
Thursday 6 th June	Lea Green meeting @ 4:00pm	Year 6 parents to be advised
Friday 7 th June	Buxton Community School staff to visit Year 6 children	
Saturday 15 th June	PTFA Team Harpur’s ‘car boot’ sale	@ 10:00 am, details to follow
Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st June	Year 6 to visit Lea Green Outdoor Activities Centre	
Tuesday 25 th June	Infants’ sports day	More information to follow
Thursday 27 th June	Junior sports day	More information to follow
Friday 5 th July	PTFA Team Harpur’s Summer Fair	4:00 – 6:00 pm
Monday 8 th to Friday 12 th July	Year 6 ‘transition week’ to B.C.S.	More information to follow
Monday 8 th to Friday 12 th July	Transition week	Children will be spending time in their new classes.
Saturday 13 th July	PTFA Team Harpur’s carnival float	More information to follow
Friday 19 th July	End of Term	School closes at 3:30pm
Monday 22 nd July	Staff INSET day	
Tuesday 3 rd September	Staff INSET day	
Wednesday 4 th September	Start of a new term	