

HARPUR HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Friday 23rd June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the warmer weather. It has been a really busy few weeks in school, with lots of great learning. We held our new Reception starters' evening for parents/carers last week and we are looking forward to welcoming the children to their first taster visits next week.

Wild Week



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. Each class has taken part in a range of activities within our school grounds, in the woods and in Ferneydale. Children learned about natural dams and how they help to reduce flood risks, with George from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. We discovered that beavers were reintroduced to Derbyshire 2 years ago. With Frances from Transition Buxton they learned about Buxton Bilberry bumblebees. They also searched for possible habitats and observed evidence of creatures and plants that used tree trunks as their habitats, and thought about long grass and hedges as habitats too.



Year 6 Lea Green

Year 6 have been at Lea Green since Wednesday, taking part in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities. They have conquered their fears on the high ropes, built dens and toasted marshmallows in bushcraft, and also enjoyed an evening walk.



Heritage Schools Award



As a result of excellent teaching and learning of history and geography, and a wide range of engagement with our local heritage sites, we have been awarded the Heritage for Schools Award 2023. Will, Oscar, Faye and Leityn beautifully narrated our presentation of photographs to an audience of teachers and experts at the Pump Room last week.

Football Team

You may have seen our winning football team in the Buxton Advertiser this week. If not, here's the link:

<https://www.buxtonadvertiser.co.uk/education/high-peak-school-football-team-wins-national-competition-against-5000-schools>

On Monday evening, the team watched England v North Macedonia play a Euro qualifier at Old Trafford, courtesy of Derbyshire FA. The boys, who are national champions themselves, enjoyed the match which ended 7-0.



EYFS Guide Dog Puppies



Nursery and Reception were visited by Frances and Michael Badman of High Peak Guide Dogs this week. Susie and Liberty are puppies in training and our children were taught all about how the puppies are trained for their future owners.

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.

Transition

Year 5 really enjoyed their transition day at Buxton Community School this week. They made Rainbow Fizz, played basket ball and used sketching and painting techniques to create an eye picture. Year 6 are spending time at their secondary schools in the coming week, and in the week commencing 10th July, we will be having our 'Moving Up' Week where children will spend time in their new classes for September.



Finally...

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Mrs Giliker (Headteacher)

ADMINISTRATION

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.

Public Health Reminder

Schools follow Public Health guidelines with regard to rashes, skin infections, diarrhoea, vomiting and infections. If your child is off school due to diarrhoea or vomiting it is absolutely necessary to make sure your child does not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 27 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tiger class to visit their new class in the afternoon • Dress your best, in return prizes for the tombola will be welcome for the Summer Fair
Wednesday 28 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tiger class litter pick walk 1.30 – 3.00 pm • KS2 sports events
Thursday 29 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parrot class transition • Nursery sports events
Friday 30 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 brass concert at 9.15 for their parents • Summer Fair 4.00 – 6.00pm
3 rd July – 7 th July	Year 6 to visit Buxton Community School all day
Tuesday 4 th July	Tiger class transition
Wednesday 5 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 parent event @ 2.45pm • KS1 sports events
Thursday 6 th July	Parrots class to visit their new class in the afternoon
Friday 7 th July	1.45pm school concert for choir and instrumentalists, parents to be invited
Monday 10 th July	Moving up morning
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 4 parent event @ 2.30pm
Wednesday 12 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 to visit the Devonshire Dome • Y6 performance of I'm an eleven year old, get me out of here. 1.45pm and 6.00pm
Thursday 13 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving up day • New Reception children to visit their new class from 1.30-3.00pm
Friday 14 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 fire safety and football at Silverlands
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 5 Eyam trip
Thursday 20 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group of Year 5 and 6 to attend the Palace Hotel (Buxton Festival) • Year 6 'Harpurs' leavers event @ 6.00pm
Friday 21 st July	School closes at 3.30pm
Monday 4 th September	Staff INSET day
Tuesday 5 th September	Start of a new term