



Autumn 1 – 2023

Headteacher Newsletter.

Whether it be a goodbye or a see you soon, we will miss Mr Smith as he embarks on his new venture as Acting Head at Killamarsh Juniors after half term. Mr Smith joined us in September 2018, two weeks before Ofsted came, which he took in his stride. Since then, he has been an integral part of our school, I'm sure you'll agree that Killamarsh are very lucky to be gaining a steady pair of hands that will make every child and member of staff feel safe and valued. Although we hope to see Mr Smith back at the end of his secondment, I have a feeling that we may not and that even if we do, it will only be for a short while before he becomes a headteacher in his own school. Good Luck Mr Smith 😊

Staffing

We welcome Mr Allen, who will take over as the class teacher in pre-school from Mrs Toplis as her and Ms Woodhead take on the roles of Acting Assistant Headteacher whilst Mr Smith is away. We also welcome two new midday meal supervisors Mrs Nolan who used to work in Pre-school and Mrs Torry who will start with us after the half term break.

Mr C Smith has decided to leave us at the end of next term. An advert for a new EYFS teacher has been sent to the Local Authority today with a hope that we can replace him from January. We are however willing to wait until Easter for an outstanding candidate (Teachers can only give in resignations in October, February and May).

Mrs Harvey (crossing patrol) will not be returning after October half term. The Local Authority are currently attempting to recruit a replacement. In the meantime, please ensure your children cross the road safely at the start and end of the school day.

Attendance

Our overall attendance since September is currently 97%. This is above national average and meets our target. We are currently ranked 50th out of 275 Derbyshire schools. Thank you so much to you all for helping us get to this point. To be able to keep our attendance at this level will take a lot of work from everyone, illness is unpreventable as we move into the winter months, term time holidays are however preventable and they have the biggest impact on our whole school figures.

ClassDojo

Please remember that dojo will only be accessed by staff during their working days but not whilst they are with children. All information regarding attendance, including if someone else is collecting your child, must go through the office as the class teachers could easily miss the message. I personally only log on to Dojo to post information once or twice per week, if you need to speak to myself or a member of the SLT please call the office or email info@hunlokepark.derbyshire.sch.uk we will aim respond to emails within 48 hours.

Whole School Closure Days

We have to plan 5 days staff training per year this year the dates are as follows:

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 22nd December 2023

Monday 1st July 2024

Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July

School improvement targets

We use data from the previous year along with knowledge from observation, learning walks, parental views and discussion with teachers and pupils to plan our school improvement targets every September. This year our targets are:

1. To ensure that the results for maths and SPaG are in line with reading and writing at the end of KS2
2. To ensure that early reading and fidelity to Monster Phonics is embedded within EYFS, KS1 and KS2
3. To continue to build our school around 'the most vulnerable child' ensuring equity and inclusivity for all.

Who is the correct member of SLT to contact with a query?

Area	SLT member	When they are out of class
Safeguarding	Mrs Murphy	Mon-Fri
Curriculum/KS2	Ms Woodhead	Tue and Wed
SEND/Inclusion/Behaviour	Mrs Toplis	Tue – Fri
Early Years/Early reading	Mrs Carranza	Thur
Maths/KS1	Mrs Turnbull	Tue am

Dates for your Diary

- 6th November – School re-opens for Autumn 2
- 6th November 6pm – Friends meeting (Smithy Pond)
- 14th November – Y5/6 maths quiz at Bolsover School (4 children)
- 17th November – Children in Need – wear something spotty
- 17th November – Flu Vaccinations
- 24th November – Non-uniform for Christmas Tombola prizes
- 27th November – 1st of four Monday's – balance bikes (reception)
- 1st December 3.30pm – Christmas fair
- 6th December – Reception activity day with SHAPE
- 7th December – Y5/6 swimming gala (10 children)
- 12th December – KS2 Panto Visit, Winding Wheel
- 13th December – Christmas Dinner day (for children who have a regular school meal)
- 14th December – Christmas Disco's – EYFS/ KS1 3.30pm – 4.30pm
KS2 4.45pm – 5.45pm
- 19th December am – Reception 'stay and play'
- 19th December 2pm – Y1/Y2 Christmas production
- 20th December 9.30am – Y1/Y2 Christmas production
- 20th December – Christmas party lunch – all pupils invited
- 20th December – class Christmas parties (Rec – Y6)
- 20th December 2pm – 'Pick up and Play' activity afternoon
- 21st December am – Santa to visit EFYS and KS1
- 21st December 1.30pm – Carols on the yard (end of term)
- 22nd December – Whole school closure day – staff training
- 8th January – School re-opens for Spring 1

Thank you to everyone who attended the fashion show. It was a great night and raised a whopping £450 for Hunloke children.

School re-opens on Monday 6th November

Have a great half term break,
Jennifer Murphy

Headteacher

