



Autumn 1 – 2024

Headteacher Newsletter.

The children have got used to lots of changes this term including a change to assembly times, changes to the end of the school day and in KS2 having a range of teachers for foundation subjects getting them ready for secondary school. We have been very impressed with how all the children have dealt with the changes and are particularly struck by their excellent behaviour for learning in class.

Staffing

Mr Smith has now had his surgery and is recovering well. After further investigation they have decided he will need further treatment. This means that unfortunately, he will not be back at school for the foreseeable future. Miss Woodhead has agreed to carry on working two extra days to teach the Y5 class on Mondays and Tuesdays alongside Mrs Marples-Wall for the rest of the week.

Mrs Nolan was successful at interview and has replaced Mrs Solly in Pre-school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Congratulations to Mrs Miles and Mr Brooks who have both now completed their National Professional Qualifications in Leading Teaching (NPQLT) and to Mrs Toplis who completed the National Professional Qualification in Early Years. The NPQ's are masters level qualifications, Mrs Toplis is now completing her Masters degree in Special Educational Needs at Sheffield Hallam University.

Attendance

Our overall attendance this term is 96.7%. As you are aware the DFE have released new guidance for attendance that schools must follow. Any term time leave that may have been authorised up to July 24 will no longer be allowed. There is a section on WEDUC with all the guidance if you are unsure how it now works.

Whole School Closure Days

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

Wednesday 4th September 2024

Friday 20th December 2024

Friday 27th June 2025

Monday 30th June 2025

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

In September 2025 the children will return to school on Thursday 4th September.

School improvement targets

This year, along with using school data and information from subject monitoring, we have written our school improvement priorities in line with the Redhill Trust Values. Our priorities now come under the following headings: Academic Achievement, High Expectations, Widening Student Experiences, Outstanding Teaching and Equality and Diversity. Under these headings the governors have agreed that we concentrate on the following -

- 1. Continue to improve outcomes at KS1 and KS2 with a focus on raising attainment.**
- 2. Embed the early reading and phonics curriculum.**
- 3. Further develop and increase engagement in co-curricular across KS1 and KS2.**
- 4. To enhance the primary curriculum by implementing 'Primary Fundamentals'.**
- 5. Develop the use of AI within our curriculum.**
- 6. Review and further embed attendance strategies.**

We have been given the provisional date of March 2025 for conversion to Redhill Academy Trust. I will keep you updated on this as we move towards the date.

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

Area	SLT member	When they are out of class
Safeguarding	Mrs Murphy	Every Day
Curriculum/KS2	Ms Woodhead	Wednesdays
SEND/Inclusion/Behaviour	Mrs Toplis	Every afternoon
Early Years	Mrs Carranza	Thursdays
Maths/KS1	Mrs Turnbull	Tuesdays
Phonics/ English	Mrs Bridge	Every other Thursday morning

Please contact all teachers via WEDUC, they aim to get back to you within two working days. For any safeguarding concerns or to let us know about alternative collection arrangements please contact the school office by telephone or email info@hunlokepark.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Dates for your Diary (Autumn 2)

- **Monday 4th November: School reopens for Autumn 2**
- **Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th November: Dogs Trust Workshops**
- **Wednesday 20th November: Bags2School collection**
- **Friday 22nd November: Friends meeting 2pm in hall**
- **Monday 25th November: Y3/4 visit to Creswell Crags**
- **Thursday 5th December: Reception Christmas Stay and Play 9-10am**
- **Thursday 5th December: Preschool Christmas Stay and Play 2pm**
- **Wednesday 11th December: Christmas Dinner Day (School Dinner pupils only)**
- **Thursday 12th December: Christmas Jumper Day (children to bring a prize for the tombolla stall)**
- **Thursday 12th December: Pantomime (two showings in the hall – all pupils)**
- **Friday 13th December: Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 4.30pm**
- **Monday 16th December: KS1 Nativity @Church 2pm**
- **Tuesday 17th December: KS1 Nativity @Church 9.15am**
- **Wednesday 18th December: Christmas Party Lunch (all pupils)**
- **Wednesday 18th December: Class Christmas Parties**
- **Thursday 19th December: Carols on the Yard (weather dependent) 1.30pm**
- **Friday 20th December: School closed for staff training, end of Autumn 2**
- **Monday 6th January: School reopens for Spring 1**

Please do not park near the entrance to the church car park or up at the hammerhead near the church centre – these spaces are reserved for disabled visitors to the church only.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Halloween disco, the Friends raised £785.

School re-opens on Monday 4th November

Have a great half term break,

Jennifer Murphy

Headteacher

Follow the link for places that children eat free this half term:

<https://mmbmagazine.co.uk/kids-eating-out-deals-in-the-derbyshire/>

