



Headteacher Newsletter.

I struggled to think which image to find for the top of this newsletter then 'Hope' came to mind. As a generally positive and 'glass half full' person I don't normally find myself 'hoping', just always planning for the next occasion, week, term etc. This term however, I find myself forever hopeful. Of course, we want the children all back in school as soon as possible, yet I am hopeful we can continue to do this safely without the continuous threat of closing bubbles. I hope that everyone remains safe and that no one else in our school community loses loved ones to this horrendous virus (I lost my mother in law to Covid in November aged 68). Quite selfishly, I am very hopeful we get to go on holiday this summer and that my middle daughter is able to end her time at Primary school, as it should be with celebrations, disco's and time with friends. For now let's all try to remain hopeful.

Contact tracing

As you may already be aware, headteachers are responsible for contact tracing for pupils under the age of 16 not the Track and Trace system (except at certain times during school holidays). We will remain responsible for contact tracing up until 16th February, please email info@hunlokepark.derbyshire.sch.uk if you receive a positive test result up until this date. From February 17th, Track and Trace will take over until the end of the February half term.

Catch up

When the children fully return to school, (fingers crossed from 8th March) and after a brief period of settling them back into school routines, we will once again be assessing them to ensure we plan appropriate catch up strategies and plans for the Summer term. Interventions, boosters and individual learning plans will be planned where appropriate to begin after the Easter break, Mrs Fretwell will then return after May half term and will stay out of class to support catch up programmes until the summer holidays.

Classes for next year

Please see a draft plan below, this is subject to change due to teachers being able to resign from post up until 31st May. As you already know, the class sizes are dependent on the year group size. Mixed classes are always successful at Hunloke Park due to the design of our curriculum and the expertise of the class teachers. As many of you will already know, we sort classes to ensure pupils are with at least one chosen friend, with this in mind, we will not be writing class lists until the summer term when school is back to some sort of normality and the children have had time to re-establish friendships.

Class teacher/s	Year group/s	Classroom	Approx. no of children
Mrs Carranza/ Mrs Pumford	Reception	Current classroom	30
Miss Toplis	Reception/ Year 1	Current classroom	15 rec/ 15 Y1
Mrs Turnbull /Mrs Pumford	Year 1	Current classroom	30
Mrs Lumley	Year 2	Current classroom	22
Mrs Bridge	Year 2	Y3 classroom (end of KS2 corridor)	22
Mr Brookes/Mrs Hambleton-Briggs (+ fulltime TA)	Year 3/4 mix	Mrs Bridges current classroom	35
Mrs Fretwell/ Mrs Carranza (Thursdays) (+ fulltime TA)	Year 3/4 mix	Miss Doxey's current classroom	35
Miss Doxey	Year 5	Top block	20
Mr Smith/ Miss Woodhead	Year 5	Top block	21
Mrs Miles	Year 6	Current classroom	32

Parents evening and end of year school reports

We had a planned parents evening at the end of March, as the children will have only just re-joined us at this point, we have decided to move the meeting to the Summer term where teachers will be better prepared to discuss progress, attainment and plans moving forward for September in relation to further 'catch up'. Similarly, the detailed end of year school report will be much shorter this year with details on progress, attainment in core subjects along with an overall comment from the class teacher. We still hope to be holding transition days and events for pupils and parents within the summer term dependent on Covid restrictions.

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher at any time before parent's evening, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Residential visits

We are still hopeful that the residential visits for year 5 to Lea Green and Year 6 to Boggle Hole will be allowed in Summer 2. However, we have taken the decision to cancel the year 4 residential this year as the timescale for changes to lockdown rules and being able to collect the fee from parents in such a short period of time is unrealistic. We have however booked an adventure day for the year 4 pupils at the end of May at Lea Green. More information about this including dates, times and prices will be sent via Dojo after the half term holiday.

Parents Home learning Survey

Thank you to the 74 families that completed the survey. The majority of responses were very positive. We have taken on board and shared any issues (that could be rectified at a school level) with the class teachers and, with immediate effect, made several changes to our home learning including; more live sessions for each year group and the introduction of the morning briefing where adults from each year group lay out the day's expectations.

Dates for your Diary – Spring/ Summer 2021 (TBC depending on any further Boris announcements)

- Monday 8th March – Full re-opening of schools (TBC)
- Thursday 1st April – End of term (Easter Holidays)
- Monday 19th April – Start of Summer term (1)
- Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday
- Thursday 20th May – Whole School Mindfulness workshops
- Friday 21st May – Whole School Mindfulness workshops
- Friday 28th May – End of Summer 1 (May half term)
- Monday 7th June – Whole School Closure Day – staff training
- Tuesday 8th June – Start of Summer term (2)
- Monday 21st June – Thursday 24th June – Y6 Boggle Hole residential
- Friday 25th June – Y5/6 Robotics Lego workshop
- Wk beginning 5th July – Parents evenings (more info to follow)
- Monday 12th July – Wednesday 14th July – Y5 Lea Green residential
- Friday 16th July – School reports sent to Parents with next years class information
- Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th July – transition days to be spent with new teachers
- Wednesday 21st July – Pupils back in current classes for last day of term
- Wednesday 21st July – End of term (Summer Holidays)
- Thursday 22nd July (am) – School open for parents to attend 'meet the new teacher' drop ins
- Monday 6th September – Start of Autumn term (1) 2021/22 Academic year.

School re-opens for Key worker and vulnerable pupils on Monday 22nd February 2021

Stay safe

Jennifer Murphy

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