



Spring 2 - 2021

Headteacher Newsletter.

We have been blown away by the positivity and resilience the children returned to school with at the beginning of March. They have very quickly returned to full days of learning and have developed the stamina to cope with writing for extended periods. All the children and staff are used to our bubble system now with staggered playtimes and lunches. We will keep the day as it is now until the end of the summer term to stop any confusion and plan to keep teaching assistants with particular bubbles until at least June 21st, when further restrictions are lifted.

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 7th April, please email info@hunlokepark.derbyshire.sch.uk if you receive a positive test result up until this date. From April 7th, Track and Trace will take over until the end of the Easter Holidays.

Catch up

We have now reassessed the pupils using light touch teacher assessments. All the teachers have now had a pupil progress meeting with either myself or Mr Smith to discuss the how we will ensure rapid progress over the Summer Term. All the interventions or support planned will be delivered within the school day, Mrs Fretwell will return to school from maternity leave after the May half term and will further support our catch up plans instead of returning to class for the final term. As I discussed in my previous newsletter, 'catch up' cannot be a quick fix and therefore is expected to carry over into the next academic year. During the summer term, we will be ensuring that pupils are meeting 'ready to progress' criteria in order to get them ready for the following year group. At the beginning of new learning next year, all pupils will be assessed against the previous year's success criteria and any gaps will be filled along with new learning taught during that topic. An up to date version of our Catch Up strategy can be found on the school website.

Sports day and Summer Fair

Both events will be for pupils only this year. This is due to the amount of planning the events take and the unknown spectrum of restrictions that may still be in place after 21st June i.e. we may still be expected to social distance and wear masks even with number restrictions lifted.

Sports day - will be held on Thursday 15th July either as key stages or within bubbles. Qualitas will be running all the events on the day.

Summer fair – will take place during the day on Wednesday 21st July, we will invite parents to give the children an amount to spend on parentpay before the event. The children will be given tickets for the amount they have to spend which they can then exchange for items or to play games at the fair. We think it will be great fun and a lovely way to celebrate the end of a very strange year. More information to follow.

Building works

I have had initial planning meetings with the local authority about the possibility of having an additional three classrooms built on the current top-block playground. We are a long way from having any firm plans or timescales yet with the need for planning applications, and approval from cabinet etc. I'll keep you in the loop as soon as I know more.

ClassDojo

Due to GDPR and to ensure teachers are supported with their work-life balance, I have now requested that all staff remove ClassDojo from their personal devices now that school is re-opened fully. It cannot be guaranteed that messages sent to staff will be read or answered on the day they are sent and will only ever be replied to within the school working day (before/after lessons or at lunchtime). Please remember that messages via dojo should not contain any personal information, safeguarding concerns or questions regarding Special Educational Needs. The school office email address - info@hunlokepark.derbyshire.sch.uk can be used for any of the above or to alert school of absence or change in pupil collection arrangements.

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

- 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
- Week beginning 5th July – Parents evenings (more info to follow)
- Monday 12th July – Wednesday 14th July – Y5 Lea Green residential
- Friday 16th July – Y4 to Lea Green extended day visit.
- 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 (reception new starters in 9.15 – 11.15 am or 1.15 – 3.15 pm)
- Wednesday 21st July – Pupils back in current classes for last day of term
- Wednesday 21st July – Summer Fair (during the day – children only).
- Wednesday 21st July – End of term (Summer Holidays)
- Thursday 22nd July (am) – School open for parents to attend ‘meet the new teacher’ drop ins
- Friday 3rd September – reception new starters in 9.30 – 11.30 am
- Monday 6th September – Start of Autumn term (1) 2021/22 Academic year.

School re-opens on Monday 19th April

Stay safe and enjoy the break,

Jennifer Murphy

Headteacher

Our Easter Raffle winners are:

1st prize – Cody H

2nd prize – Eva M

3rd prize – Finley P

Plus an additional 11 prizes. Winners have been alerted on ParentHub and prizes will be given to the children to bring home by the end of today.

Friends raised £291 from ticket sales – thank you!

