



Spring 2 - 2023

Headteacher Newsletter.

We are very excited for the 'Big Move' and for the Reception and Year 1 pupils to get used to their new learning environment. I am delighted to announce that Mr Felton has agreed to officially open the new building on Friday 31st March at 1.30pm. I'm sure if you were a previous pupil when Mr Felton was the headteacher, he would love to see you.

School places

The new build was created in order for the local authority to increase our PAN (Pupil Admission Number) from 40 to 45 from September 2023. We are already aware that we are oversubscribed for our September Reception intake. The increase in capacity will actually only mean that we have a few spaces in year 1 from September 2023.

Sports Day

Sports day will take place on Thursday 15th June this year with Friday 23rd June being the backup date in case of bad weather. As with previous years we will be holding a morning session for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and an afternoon session for Year 3 to Year 6. There will also be our annual picnic at lunchtime with parents invited to have lunch before or after the sporting events.

Staffing

We have appointed an apprentice business officer to work in our office, Eva Burton will start on 17th April 2023.

Miss Doxey has decided to leave teaching for a while and pursue her love of water sports as an outdoor pursuit's instructor in the Lake District whilst completing her PHD. She will leave at the end of term in the summer.

We are still in the planning stages for classes next year (teachers can hand in their notice up until 31st May) however, we do know the format for each class and year group:

EYFS/ KS1	Pre-school Reception Reception/Year 1 mix Year 1 Year 2 Year 2
KS2	Year 3/4 mix Year 3/4 mix Year 3/4 mix Year 5 Year 6

If your child is moving into a year group with more than one class, we will be sending a questionnaire out next term for you to help them choose which three friends they would like to move with. As always, we guarantee they will be with at least one of their choices unless we have a conversation with you about why that wouldn't be a good idea.

The 'Big Move'

We will have extra staff on the gates on Monday 17th April to help direct children to their new classrooms. All Reception and Year 1 pupils will be in the new build, Year 2 will be moving to the previous reception and Reception/Year 1 classrooms and Year 6 to the classrooms with sensory garden nearest the school office.

Attendance

As you know, there is a national push to improve school attendance. Hunloke Park currently sits 64th out of 254 schools in Derbyshire with our overall attendance at 95.3%. Our persistent absentee figure lowers our position to 84th out of 254 at 12.7%. As the weather improves and illnesses are less frequent, we hope to improve the overall attendance figure and our rankings during the Summer term. For your information, snow days, strike days and any enforced closure, i.e., the moving days, do not affect individual or school attendance figures.

Dates for your Diary – Summer 2022

- 17th April – School re-opens for Summer term 1
- 17th April – new to Reception starters will receive their school offers
- 18th April – Pre-school parents evening
- 21st April – Y5 Ukelele concert 2.30pm
- 1st May – School Closed for May Bank Holiday
- 4th May – Y2 Trip to Holmebrook Valley Park
- 8th – 10th May – Y4 residential to Boggle Hole
- 8th May – School Closed for Kings Coronation Bank Holiday
- 9th – 12th May – Y6 Statutory Assessments
- 10th May – Y3 Trip to the Derby Open Centre
- 10th May – Y5 Trip to Lea Green
- 12th May – Colour Run – more info to follow
- 17th May – Y2 and Y6 Fire Safety talks
- 25th May – Class Group Photo's
- 26th May – End of Summer term 1
- 5th June – School re-opens for Summer term 2
- 15th June – Sports Day (back up on Friday 23rd June in case of bad weather)
- 15th June – 6pm – New reception starter parents meeting
- 16th June – Y5 to 'Play with the Halle' at Derby Arena
- 19th – 21st June – Y6 residential to London
- 29th June – Coffee morning for new to reception starters
- 30th June – Summer Fair
- 5th July – Class allocations out to parents
- 6th July – Pre-school open morning for September starters
- 6th and 7th July – Whole School Transition days
- 12th July – Y5 Bowls final
- 14th July – Reports out to Parents
- 20th July – End of year disco (more info to follow)
- 21st July – End of Summer 2

Please ensure that you DO NOT park in the Church Car Park for school events as the spaces are used for the Church Centre Bookings. Please park sensibly on the street or walk if possible.

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Have a great break over the Easter holidays

Jennifer Murphy

Headteacher

Thank you to all who attended the Easter Fair, you helped raise a fantastic £1917. As chaotic as the Tombola was, this stall alone raised £215.60 meaning that £125.80 will be sent to Comic relief.

The three top prizes from the Friends Easter Raffle went to:

- Abi Monks
- Helen Oldershaw
- Kev and Andrea Morley

Congratulations and I hope you enjoy your prizes.

