



Newsletter February 2016

Care for each other and our school
Always try our best
Remember our manners
Enjoy learning!



Dear Parents

Happy New Year and congratulations to Mrs Freeman on the arrival of her baby girl; mum and baby are doing well.

Hopefully the worst of the winter is now behind us and as the days draw out we can look forward to the spring and some warmer weather.

It was wonderful to see such an excellent turn out at Parents' Evenings early in the new term.

Thank you very much to those parents who sent us their email addresses. These are going to be very helpful as we launch our new website and online learning tools next half term. If you have not had chance yet to send yours in please send an email with your child's name and class to contact@hardwick.derby.sch.uk

As well as email addresses it is very important that you make sure we have an up to date emergency contact number for you and at least one other family member. After last month's emergency closure of the school there was a worrying number of families who did not respond to the text we sent out and who we could not get in contact with. This placed your children at risk and caused unnecessary work for the office and other school staff. Please make sure we have your most recent telephone numbers, home address and email address at all times. Thank you.

Have a lovely Half Term Holiday.

Mr J Gallimore
Headteacher

Dates for your diaries

Tuesday 9th February
Friday 12th February
Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February
Monday 22nd February
Tuesday 1st March
Thursday 3rd March
Wednesday 9th March
Friday 18th March
Tuesday 22nd March
Thursday 24th March
Monday 18th April
Monday 2nd May
Monday 9th May – Friday 13th May
Friday 17th June – Sunday 19th June
Thursday 23rd June
Friday 1st July
Tuesday 5th July
Tuesday 26th July

Kenya Day in School – Non-School Uniform
INSET DAY – School Closed to Pupils
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY
SCHOOL RE-OPENS
Secondary School Confirmation Letters Posted Out
World Book Day
Class Photographs
Sport Relief
Year 1 Wollaton Park Trip
Kenya Fundraising Day
Reception School Confirmation Letters Posted Out
BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed to Pupils
Year 6 SATs Week
Year 5/6 Kingswood Residential Trip
Year 3 Trip to Dovedale
INSET DAY – School Closed to Pupils
City Wide Induction day
Break Up for Summer

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National Space Centre

On Tuesday 12th January Year 5 visited the National Space Centre in Leicester, as part of their Science topic. The children had a fabulous day and thoroughly enjoyed their experience.



St Augustine's Church

On the afternoon of Friday 22nd January Year 5 children visited St Augustine's Church on Upper Dale Road, as part of their Religious Studies topic. Whilst there the children learned the reason why the church has stained glass windows and hear about other features of the church.



A big thankyou and well done to all the adults who came into Year 3 to see our text map of the poem "Winter Morning" by Ogden Nash.

The children really enjoyed performing the poem for you.

Times Table Challenge

Congratulations to Adam Shahzeb (6HR) who was the first child in the school to beat Mr Gallimore in the Times Tables Challenge. Mr Gallimore's time was 4 minutes 57 seconds. Adam beat him by an amazing 2 minutes and 10 seconds with a time of 2 minutes 47 seconds. Fantastic achievement Adam, well done.



Family Learning and Community

Book Fair

The recent half price Book Fair raised £358 and 10% commission has come to the school. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Mosaic

We are delighted that we are now able to display the beautiful mosaics that our Family Learning parents have funded and created. The mosaics are a stunning reflection on our school, families and community. If you have not been able to see them, please come and have a look - they are situated by the main entrance to the school.

We would like to thank all the parents who have been involved in this project, and a special thank you to the companies which have donated the materials for the mosaic to be created. They are **Al Murad**, Ascot Drive, Derby, **Kensington Double Glazing**, Ascot Drive, Derby, **Carrington Glazing**, Ascot Drive, **Eco2 Windows, Doors and Conservatories**, now based in Loughborough and **B&Q**, Osmaston Park Road, Derby.

Summer Fair

Following the success of our Winter Fair, we have now set the date for our Summer Fair, on Friday 24th June 2016. Please keep any unwanted toys, books, games, jewellery, nearly new clothes, etc. as over the coming months we will be asking for donations.

Additional Family Learning Classes

We have some specific classes going to be starting shortly in addition to the classes that are already happening in school. The classes are as follows: -

Advanced First Aid for Parents (following on from the basic First Aid course).

Thursday 25th February, Thursday 10th March and Thursday 17th March 2016, all starting at 1.10pm and finishing at 3.10pm. This class is Free, and a Free creche is available. Please advise Mrs Bola if you would like to attend this course as soon as possible via a Family Learning Class or the School Office.

Dads, Lads and Daughters - Making Erupting Volcanoes

Thursday 3rd March starting at 1.10pm and finishing at 3.10pm. This class is Free and a Free creche available. Dads, Stepdads, Carers, Grandads, Brothers, Uncles, etc are all welcome. The relative needs to be over 18 yrs to attend. Please advise Mrs Bola if you would like to attend this course as soon as possible via a Family Learning Class or the School Office.

Dads, Lads and Daughters - Making Exploding Rockets

Thursday 24th March starting at 1.10pm and finishing at 3.10pm. This class is Free and a Free creche available. Dads, Stepdads, Carers, Grandads, Brothers, Uncles, etc are all welcome. The relative needs to be over 18 yrs to attend. Please advise Mrs Bola if you would like to attend this course as soon as possible via a Family Learning Class or the School Office.

Parent Committee

We would like to invite parents to attend the next committee meeting on Wednesday 2nd March 2016 at 2pm. We will be discussing future Fund Raising and the Summer Fair. Please inform Mrs Bola if you are able to attend this meeting.

Kenya Link Project

On 28th May 2016 Miss Scanlan, Miss Sheldon and Miss Annable, three teachers from Hardwick Primary School, will be making the a humanitarian journey to one of the poorest suburbs of Nakuru, Kenya to help three schools and hundreds of children in need of support.



The vast majority of children they will be working with in Kenya come from immensely poor backgrounds. 1 in 5 children will not reach their 5th birthday; many are orphaned and also live with the HIV and AIDS viruses. The basic provision of somebody's time, effort and attention can make a huge difference to these children's lives and is crucial to improve a child's social interaction and communicative abilities.

Whilst in Nakuru the teachers will support the schools and children who would love access to an enhanced education in many ways, including:

- Strengthening links between Hardwick Primary School and the schools in Nakuru.
- Assisting with teaching in schools.
- Helping to develop teaching styles and the curriculum.
- Constructing new classrooms.
- Assisting with home visits and much more!

Last year, the project provided funding for 3 new classrooms, the provision of the materials and volunteers to build them.



The teachers have been set the task to raise around £2000 each which will go towards funding the trip, including a proportion which goes directly to the three schools in Kenya. Importantly a percentage of the money raised also goes towards Derby County Community Trust to help sustain their Disability Program which delivers tailored, inclusive sessions throughout Derbyshire for children and adults with disabilities.

Over the coming weeks there will be various fundraising events in school including a pancake themed day on Shrove Tuesday and a Spring Fayre before the end of term. We really appreciate your continued support.

If you would like to support our fundraising efforts in other ways please use our Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/HPS-Kenya> for further details. All the money raised via this page will go directly to Derby County in the Community to fund the project.



Notices

Emergency Contact Details

Please could we ask all parents and carers to ensure their emergency contact details are kept up to date, particularly mobile phone numbers. If parents and carers have had new mobile phones, please ensure you have given the new number to the school office.

We regularly use our text service to keep in touch with parents; however, we have recently had a number of messages that have failed to be delivered to the handset as we have not been told of any changes.

Nursery Places for September 2016

If your child is due to start Nursery in September 2016 and you have **not** put their name down on our waiting list then please do so by the end of March 2016. Please see Mrs Keen in the School Office. We will be sending offer letters out in April.

Your child must have turned 3 years before the 31st August 2016 to start in our Nursery in September. We may be able to offer places to children within our catchment area who are due to turn 3 years between 1st September and 31st December 2016, if we have places available.



Reminders

Attendance

If your child is absent from school it is important that you phone the school office on **01332 272249** before 9.30 am, and on your child's return please send a letter to confirm the reason. These procedures are there for your child's safety.

Bad Weather

Hardwick Primary School will remain **OPEN** unless you receive a text message (by 8.00 am) to say otherwise. In the unlikely event that we do have to close the school due to **severe** snow fall, a message will be sent out via Radio Derby, Capital FM and Gem106 and via a school text message, which would be sent by 8.00 am.



Can you please ensure you send your child(ren) to school every day with a warm coat, hat and gloves even if they come to school by car. Your children will be outside wherever possible at break and lunchtimes. In bad weather conditions please ensure your child has appropriate footwear in school such as wellies, trainers or boots. **We also ask that you write clearly your child's name in all of their clothes and shoes.**

Before School Reminder

Children should arrive at school by 8.45am and be in their classes by 8.55am. **The school gates close at 8.55am.** Any children arriving after 8.55am will have to enter school via the main school reception on Dover Street. Children arriving after 8.55am must be escorted to the School Office by an appropriate adult and they will be receive a 'late' mark. **Please ensure your child arrives at school on time every day.**

Lunchtime Reminder

ALL children who go home for lunch **MUST** be collected and returned by a parent/guardian otherwise they will not be allowed to leave the school premises at lunchtime. This is for your child's safety.

Any children arriving back to school late from home dinners will need to be brought to the school office on Dover Street where they will receive a late mark, which will be recorded on their individual attendance records.

End of Day Reminder

At the end of the school day children should be collected by an adult. The only exception to this rule is for children in Years 5 and 6 who can make their own way home **if we have written permission from their parents. This written permission should be given to the Class Teacher.** Children in Years 5 and 6 will **not** be allowed to take younger siblings with them.

The school gates will be open from 3.15pm until 3.30pm. If your children have not been collected by 3.30pm, they will be brought down to the office on Dover Street for you to collect them. Any children collected late will have this recorded on their individual attendance records.

School Website address

Our website address is <http://www.hardwickprimaryschoolerby.co.uk> where you will find out many things that are happening in school and our term times.

Term Dates Academic Year 2015/2016

	Open	Last day of Term
Spring Term 2016	Monday 4 th January	Thursday 11 th February
	Monday 22 nd February	Thursday 24 th March
Summer Term 2016	Monday 11 th April	Friday 27 th May
	Monday 6 th June	Tuesday 26 th July

Term Dates Academic Year 2016/2017

	Open	Last day of Term
Autumn Term 2015	Wednesday 7 th September	Friday 21 st October
	Monday 31 st October	Tuesday 20 th December
Spring Term 2016	Wednesday 4 th January	Friday 10 th February
	Monday 20 th February	Friday 7 th April
Summer Term 2016	Monday 24 th April	Friday 26 th May
	Monday 5 th June	Wednesday 26 th July

JUST FOR FUN

A-Z QUIZ

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|---|-------------------|
| a) A common garden insect | a _ _ |
| b) A yellow fruit | b _ _ _ _ _ |
| c) A building where movies are shown | c _ _ _ _ _ |
| d) Creatures that lived millions of years ago | d _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ |
| e) Birds lay these | e _ _ _ |
| f) 11 minus 7 = | f _ _ _ |
| g) The colour of grass | g _ _ _ _ |
| h) You wear this on your head | h _ _ |
| i) The liquid inside a pen | i _ _ |
| j) The seventh month of the year | J _ _ _ |
| k) What you do to a football | k _ _ _ |
| l) The opposite of dark | l _ _ _ _ |
| m) Something to wipe your feet on | m _ _ |
| n) Something you hit with a hammer | n _ _ _ |
| o) A sea creature with eight legs | o _ _ _ _ _ _ _ |
| p) A place that you may go to play | p _ _ _ |
| q) Another word for fast | q _ _ _ _ |
| r) You might tie something up with this | r _ _ _ |
| s) Something you stick on an envelope | s _ _ _ _ |
| t) A shape with three sides | t _ _ _ _ _ _ _ |
| u) Something to keep you dry in the rain | u _ _ _ _ _ _ _ |
| v) Something to put flowers in | v _ _ _ |
| w) North, south, east and | w _ _ _ |
| x) A picture that shows your bones | x _ _ _ |
| y) Something you do when you feel tired | y _ _ _ |
| z) A place to see lots of animals | z _ _ |

Answers on the next page.

Just for fun A-Z quiz answers

- a. ant
- b. banana
- c. cinema
- d. dinosaurs
- e. eggs
- f. four
- g. green
- h. hat
- i. ink
- j. July
- k. kick
- l. light
- m. mat
- n. nail
- o. octopus
- p. park
- q. quick
- r. rope
- s. stamp
- t. triangle
- u. umbrella
- v. vase
- w. west
- x. x-ray
- y. yawn
- z. zoo

Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on
Monday 22nd February 2016 at 8.45am



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