

Newsletter December 2018



Care for each other and our school

Always try our best

Remember our manners

Enjoy learning!



Dear Parents/Guardians

This term has been a very busy and a successful term for our staff and pupils at Hardwick. In the midst of teaching and learning, preparation for all our festivities, sports matches, concerts, Nativity, musical celebrations, public speaking competition and community activities, we are mindful of the need to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. People all over the world will be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and sharing in the joy that this brings. At Hardwick we have fostered the true spirit and meaning of Christmas. As ever our pupils and families have given generously to support those less fortunate than ourselves.

The staff and I would like to thank you all: parents, pupils and friends of Hardwick for your continued support and we wish you and your loved ones a restful Christmas and a New Year full of health and happiness.

Mr. J Gallimore
Executive Headteacher

Mrs. R Sandhu
Head of School



Dates for your Diaries

Monday 24th December – Friday 4th January
 Monday 7th January
 Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd January
 Tuesday 15th January
 Wednesday 5th June – Friday 7th June

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY
 SCHOOL RE-OPENS
 Parents Evening
 Deadline for FS2 School Place for September 2019
 Year 5/6 Kingswood Residential Trip

Hardwick Primary Out and About

St Augustine's Church

On Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th December, Year 4 children visited St Augustine's Church on Upper Dale Road and had a wonderful time. During the visit children learned more about Christianity and the Christmas story.

Choir

The Hardwick Choir went to Intu Derby to take part in the Christmas Choir Competition 2018. We are really proud of them!

Year 1 & 2 Trip to Intu Centre

All the year 1 and 2 children had an amazing Christmas experience at Intu, Derby. The children had the opportunity to meet Santa and receive a present at the Festive Forest, and enjoyed an hour's play in the soft play area.

We all had the opportunity to visit Build a Bear and create our very own class bears. Thank you to all staff at Build a Bear who personalised our visit and made each child feel special.

A huge thank you to our parent volunteers who came with us, we all really appreciate all your support.

1CB Children's Comments:

"We were excited when we saw Santa" Ayan

"We loved making our class bear" Rehaan

"We had the best trip ever" Aliyah & Maxx

"I loved seeing Santa" Sufyaan

"I loved it when Santa gave us presents" Laiba ☺

Sporting & Club Activities in School

New Afterschool clubs in January

DAY	Club – Venue	Year Group	Cost	Staff	TIME
MONDAY	Breakfast Club Hall	FS2 – Year 6	£1.00 per day £5.00 per week Free to those entitled to Free School Meals	S Akhtar S Bohania R Yates L Albrighton	8.00 – 8.45 am Last breakfast served 8.30 am
	Football Club 14.1.19 – 8.4.19	Years 5 & 6	£1.00 per session	C Caldwell / J Illston	3.15 – 4.30 pm
	Let's Get Cooking Club 14.1.19 – 8.4.19	Years 5 & 6	£1.00 per session	N Batool/ L Albrighton	3.15 – 4.30
TUESDAY	Breakfast Club Hall	FS2 – Year 6	£1.00 per day £5.00 per week Free to those entitled to Free School Meals	S Akhtar S Bohania R Yates L Albrighton	8.00 – 8.45 am Last breakfast served 8.30 am
	Choir Club 15.1.19 – 9.4.19	Year 5	FREE	S Priestland/ L Smith	12.15 – 12.40pm
	Year 2 Multi-Sport Club 15.1.19 – 9.4.19	Year 2	£1.00 per session	L Albrighton	3.15 – 4.30 pm

WEDNESDAY	Breakfast Club Hall	FS2 – Year 6	£1.00 per day £5.00 per week Free to those entitled to Free School Meals	G Khan S Akhtar S Bohania R Yates	8.00 – 8.45 am Last breakfast served 8.30 am
	Tennis Club 12.12.18 – 30.1.19	Year 4	FREE	Tennis Coach	LUNCHTIME
	Multi-Sport Club 16.1.19 – 10.4.19	Invited Children only	£1.00 per session	L Albrighton	3.15-4.30 pm
THURSDAY	Breakfast Club Hall	FS2 – Year 6	£1.00 per day £5.00 per week Free to those entitled to Free School Meals	G Khan S Akhtar S Bohania R Yates	8.00 – 8.45 am Last breakfast served 8.30 am
	Dance Club 10.1.19 – 11.4.19	Years 5 & 6	FREE	L Wilde	3.15 – 4.15 pm
	Multi-Sport Club 17.1.19 – 11.4.19	Years 3 & 4	£1.00 per session	L Albrighton	3.15 – 4.30 pm
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BEFORE SCHOOL					
AFTER SCHOOL					
LUNCH TIME					

Black History Month

We are very proud of the heritage of all of our children, and we celebrated Black History Month in October.

Christmas Pantomimes/Concerts

KS1 Carol Concert

On Tuesday 18th December our KS1 children performed Carols to their parents.

A special thank you to ASDA Sinfin for donating 60 Mince pies for our parents and guests to enjoy.



Hansel & Gretel and Sleeping Beauty Pantomimes

On Thursday 13th December we welcomed a theatrical company to perform 'Hansel and Gretel' to KS2 children, and on Monday 17th December 'Sleeping Beauty' to FS2 and KS1 – all of the children thoroughly enjoyed watching the pantomimes, and look forward to next year's performances!



Christmas Concert

This year FS1&2 children performed their Christmas concert to parents, staff and children on Tuesday 11th December. The children worked really hard and sang their hearts out! Thanks to everyone involved and the staff for all their hard work.

Family Learning and Community

Parent Committee Meeting

We will be holding a Parent Committee meeting on Monday 21st January 2019 from 2.00pm to 3.00pm in school with Mrs Bola. We would like to invite parents/guardians to this meeting to discuss issues such as parking outside school, school dinners, homework, neighbourhood safety, etc.

Volunteers in school

Reading Volunteers

We are currently recruiting Reading Volunteers to help support the children's reading one or two afternoons a week in school. You will need to complete an application form, provide two references and fulfil Safer Recruitment requirements, which includes an enhanced DBS check. School will provide full training. A good standard of speaking, reading and writing in English is required to carry out this role successfully in school. Please see Mrs Bola if you are interested in becoming a Reading Volunteer in school.

Parent Volunteers

We are looking to recruit Parent Volunteers to help us on a regular basis (sometimes with little notice) on school trips, Tennis Centre walks (Thursday mornings) and accompanying Year 4 with swimming (Friday afternoons). You will need to complete an application form, provide two references and fulfil Safer Recruitment requirements, which includes an enhanced DBS check. Please see Mrs Bola if you want to be a regular helper in school. Without this support, enrichment activities like school trips, learning to play tennis, and swimming would not be possible.

School Meals Council

We are looking for parent representatives to attend future meetings to discuss menu choices and school meals. If you would like to be a representative, please let the office know.

Family Learning Classes and Sessions - All FREE

'Healthy cooking with ASDA'

Debra Jones (ASDA Spondon) and Julie Baker (ASDA Sinfin) will be coming again into school to deliver a free healthy cooking class to both parents and children in school. The class will start on Monday 14th January 2019 from 1.00pm to 2.30pm, and continue every other week. All ingredients will be provided free of charge by ASDA. If you are interested, please let Mrs Bola know.

Derby College ESOL English

Derby College are in school every Wednesday and Friday afternoon from 1.00pm to 3.00pm teaching English to parents/community in a friendly and safe environment. If you would like to improve your skills and gain a qualification, please see Mrs Bola in the school office.

Children in Need

On Friday 16th November we celebrated Children in Need Day in school. We raised a wonderful £754.00. Recruitment Consultants Connex Education kindly donated a Raffle Prize: A Kindle Fire! Congratulations to the child in Year 2 who won the raffle prize and well done everybody!



Winter Fair

We held our annual winter fair on Friday 7th December. The School Choir opened the fair by singing songs they'd also performed at the Intu Centre. We have raised £1282.79, which is a fantastic amount. The money raised will help buy canopy shades for the KS1, KS2 and Foundation Playgrounds, and £10 will go to each class for party prizes.

A special thank you to everyone who donated items for the fair and to the Parent Helpers who volunteered their time on the day. Thank you for your continued support in helping to raise these funds for school.

A special thank you to: Mr. Nadeem (Tiling Smart) for donating £100.00 to enable us to purchase all the Lucky Dip items, Sharif & Sons for donating fruit and marshmallows, PAK Foods for donating £66.00 of cakes and food items, Cake Box (Sinfin) for donating 40 individual fresh cream cake slices and S O'Brien Heating Solutions for the two £10.00 Love2Shop vouchers. Samosas were purchased from Sharmas again, and a thank you to them as well. Another child in Year 2 won the raffle for a Kindle Fire Tablet.

Parents Evening

During Parents Evening on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd January 2018, staff will be helping parents to complete an online Parents Survey. The following people will also be promoting their services to parents on both evenings: Derby College, Livewell, Derby Community Parent Programme and Scholastic Books

Scholastic Book Fair- Everything Half Price (includes books, stationery and posters)

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in school on **Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd January 2019** (during Parents' Evening) from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm in the School Hall.

A raffle ticket will be issued for each book that you purchase, and on Friday morning there will be five winners drawn, each receiving £5.00 worth of books to choose from the Book Fair. Please support the Book Fair to make it as successful as in previous years.

Parking outside school

Please do not park or remove the cones from the school entrances where they are placed each day. This is to keep all children safe when crossing the road during busy periods.

Notices and Reminders

Deadline for FS2 Applications

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, he or she is due to start school in September 2019. Derby City Council must receive your application by 15th January 2019. Late applications received after this deadline will not be considered until all other on time applications have been determined.

You can make an online application at www.derby.gov.uk/primary. If you would like to make a telephone application, please call 01332 642728 or 642730.

Nursery Places available at Hardwick for September 2019

We currently have Nursery places available for September. If you have a child who will be turning 3 years of age before 31st August 2019, and you would like a place starting in September 2019, please contact Mrs Keen in the school office.

Bad Weather

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



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 clearly write your child's name in all of their clothes and shoes.**

Lost property

There is a lot of lost property left uncollected in school. If you think you have any items in lost property, please come and have a look and collect them by Friday 21st December, otherwise they will be given to charity.

Absence Procedures

Just a reminder of procedures if your child is absent from school - Please contact school before 9.30am on the day of absence. There are currently two ways you can do this. You can ring the school office on 01332 272249 or by email to admin@hardwick.derby.sch.uk Please provide the reason for absence, the child's name, class and your name. As a safeguarding procedure, if we don't hear anything, we will contact you to confirm the absence.

Appointments

Please arrange any GP or Dentist appointments for your child for after school. If you have to make any appointment during school time, an appointment card/letter will be required by the school office to enable us to authorise the absence. Without this, it will be an Unauthorised Absence. Please ensure you do not need to collect your child over the Lunchtime period, as it is difficult for us to locate your child for you at this time.

Our school website

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

Please download the eSchools App to your phone / iPad to keep in touch with your child's attendance, notice of events, letters home etc. Please ask the office for your user name and password if this has been mislaid.

To download the eSchools App from the school website click on "parents" and then "parent forms and links" and then navigate to the "eSchools App User Guide". If you require support, please see the School Office.

Finally, we look forward to seeing the children back in school on

Monday 7th January 2019 at 8.45am

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