

Newsletter December 2019



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



Dear Parents/Guardians,

After a long and hard-working term, we are ready to start the Christmas holidays! This term has been very busy and successful for our staff and pupils at Hardwick. In the midst of teaching and learning, preparation for all our festivities, sports activities, concerts, musical celebrations, community activities and the school fair, 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.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Miss Easton, who will be leaving us this term. She has been covering as Year 1 Class teacher while Mrs Desai has been on Maternity Leave. We would also like to say goodbye to Miss Wood who will be taking up a new post in January. We wish her all the best for the future.

Welcome back to Mrs Lumsden and Mrs Desai who are returning from Maternity Leave.

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 23rd December – Friday 3rd January

Monday 6th January

Wednesday 15th January

Wednesday 17th June – Friday 19th June

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY

SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Deadline for Applications for FS2 School Places for September 2020

Year 5/6 PGL Residential Trip

Hardwick Primary Out and About

Choir

On Thursday 29th November, Mrs Priestland and Mrs Yates took 15 Year 5 children to the INTU Centre in Derby to represent our school in the choir competition. The choir had rehearsed over lots of lunchtimes and had even been heard singing around the school corridors. We sang three songs and the judges were blown away with the talent. Some of the comments were “We can really tell all the work that has gone on since last year! Your diction was very impressive on all 3 songs, but in particular in Feliz Navidad. They performed really well in the two part singing, this takes a lot of hard work.” Even though we did not get through to the Final, they did our school proud. Well done.

Year 1 Trip to Intu Centre

All Year 1 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.

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 Bohenia R Yates L Albrighton	8.00 – 8.45 am Last breakfast served 8.30 am
	Football Club 13.01.20 – 30.03.20	Years 5 & 6	£1.00 per session	J Illston/ C Caldwell	3.15 – 4.30 pm
	Let's Get Cooking Club 20.01.20 – 30.03.20	Years 5 & 6	£1.00 per session	N Batool/ L Albrighton	3.15 – 4.30 pm
TUESDAY	Breakfast Club Hall	FS2 – Year 6	£1.00 per day; £5.00 per week Free to those entitled to Free School Meals	S Bohenia R Yates L Albrighton	8.00 – 8.45 am Last breakfast served 8.30 am
	Multi-Sport Club 14.01.20 – 31.03.20	Years 3 & 4	£1.00 per session	L Albrighton/ J Illston	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	S Bohenia R Yates L Albrighton	8.00 – 8.45 am Last breakfast served 8.30 am

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	Multi-Sport Club 15.01.20 – 01.04.20	Years 1 & 2	£1.00 per session	L Albrighton/ J Illston	3.15-4.00 pm
THURSDAY	Breakfast Club Hall	FS2 – Year 6	£1.00 per day £5.00 per week Free to those entitled to Free School Meals	S Bohenia R Yates L Albrighton	8.00 – 8.45 am Last breakfast served 8.30 am
	This Girl Can (Multisport) Club 16.01.20 – 02.04.20	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	£1.00 per session	L Albrighton/ J Illston	3.15 – 4.30 pm
FRIDAY	Breakfast Club Hall	FS2 – Year 6	£1. 00 per day; £5.00 per week Free to those entitled to Free School Meals	S Bohenia R Yates J Illston	8.00 – 8.45 am Last breakfast served 8.30 am
	Multi-Sport Club 17.01.20 – 27.03.20	Invited children only (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)	£1.00 per session	L Albrighton/ J Illston	3.15 – 4.30 pm
BEFORE SCHOOL					
AFTER SCHOOL					

Year 3 Parents Workshop

To celebrate the end of our Tribal Tales project in Year 3, we invited parents to come and join us in a cave painting activity. The children thoroughly enjoyed working with their mums and dads and I think the parents enjoyed getting their hands dirty too! We also showed our parents the non-fiction texts we had written about the Stone Age. The parents were surprised at just how much the children had learned, and were impressed with our improved writing skills. Thank you so much for supporting your children. We hope to see you again in class in the Spring term.

Christmas Pantomimes/Concerts

KS1 Carol Concert

On Friday 6th December, our KS1 children performed Carols to their parents.

Scrooge and Cinderella Pantomimes

On Thursday 12th December, we welcomed a theatrical company to perform 'Scrooge' to KS2 children, and on Monday 16th December 'Cinderella' to FS2 and KS1. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed watching the pantomimes, and look forward to next year's performances!



Community

Parent Volunteers

We are looking to recruit Parent Volunteers to help us on a regular basis (sometimes with short 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 fulfill Safer Recruitment requirements, which includes an enhanced DBS check. Please see Miss Rai (School Office) if you would like 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.

Children in Need

On Friday 15th November, we celebrated Children in Need Day in school. We raised a wonderful £486.88.



Winter Fair

We held our annual Winter Fair on Friday 13th December. We have raised £830, which is fantastic! The money raised will help to create a reading area 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: PAK Foods, Sharif & Sons, Haircare 2, Clarins, Sainsbury's, Derby County FC and Shalimar Gold for their donations and raffle prizes.

Samosas were provided by one of our Parents (Mrs. Malik) - thank you to her as well.

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 2015 and 31st August 2016, he or she is due to start school in September 2020. Derby City Council must receive your application by 15th January 2020. 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 642730 or 642728.

Nursery Places available at Hardwick for September 2020

We currently have Nursery places available for September. If you have a child who will be turning 3 years of age before 31st August 2020, and you would like a place starting in September 2020, please contact Mrs Keen in the school office.

Lost Property

There is a lot of lost property left uncollected in school. If you think your child has lost any items, please come and have a look and collect them by Friday 20th December, otherwise they will be given to charity.

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.

12 Social Media Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

With Christmas only a few weeks away, many of you will be using social media to share your excitement with friends and family. Being active on social media is a great way to show others how much fun you're having, but it's important that you know how to use these apps safely and securely so that bad things don't happen. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that your personal information stays private, your postings are positive and that your social media use overall is responsible, healthy and most of all enjoyable.

1 DON'T ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS

Make sure that you set your profile to private so that people you don't know can't find you online. Always tell a trusted adult if a stranger or somebody you don't know sends you a message or a friend request.



2 NEVER SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW

Keep your personal information personal. Sometime people online aren't always who they say they are and might ask you to share things that you don't feel comfortable sharing.

3 DON'T SHARE EMBARRASSING PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF OTHERS ONLINE

This could really upset them and could get you into a lot of trouble. Always think twice before posting anything on social media and treat people online as you would in real-life.



4 NEVER SEND NAKED PICTURES OF YOURSELF TO OTHERS

This is illegal if you are under 18 and you could get into trouble with the Police. If you are being pressured by someone, always say no and tell a trusted adult. Even if you think it is innocent fun, the photo could be shared with other people and you won't be able to control who else sees it.

5 CREATE A POSITIVE ONLINE REPUTATION

Always be kind and polite when posting comments on social media and only upload pictures and videos of things you are proud of. This forms part of your digital footprint. Everything you do online can be tracked and monitored and could affect what people think of you in real-life if it is negative.



6 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME

Social media can be addictive, and it is easy to keep checking newsfeeds or your notifications every 5 minutes which can affect your behaviour and stop you from doing other things. Remember to only use your phone at certain times of the day, turn notifications off at bedtime and go out and have as fun as much as possible. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just what's on social media.



7 BLOCK ONLINE BULLIES

Sometimes people might say nasty things to you online or post offensive comments on your pictures or videos. If this happens, always tell a trusted adult who will help you block them from your profile and support you in taking further action.



8 REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you see something on social media that you don't like, offends you or upsets you, you should always report it to a trusted adult. You should also report it to the social media app who will be able to remove the content if it is against their user policy and can block the person who posted it.



9 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE

Before downloading any new social media app, always check the age-rating. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain content that isn't safe for you to see.



10 ALWAYS SECURE ALL YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILES WITH A PASSWORD

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your profiles without your permission. Make sure your passwords are memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share them with your parents just in case you forget them.



11 ASK PARENTS TO SET-UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS' FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

When you download a social media app, you should always ask a trusted adult to help you set it up for the first time. This will help you control who sees what you post, who can contact you and make sure you are able to enjoy using the app safely and securely.



12 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR TRUSTED ADULT IF SOCIAL MEDIA IS MAKING YOU UNHAPPY

Sometimes, social media can make us feel bad about ourselves or sad that we aren't the same as someone else or doing the same things as someone else. Remember, if you ever feel this way, it's really important to talk to your trusted adult(s) like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and discuss your feelings with you to help make you feel better.



Packed Lunches

If your child has a Packed Lunch, they need to bring this to school with them in the morning. In particular we ask that you do not deliver hot lunches to school; we cannot ensure the food is kept safe for your child to eat. If you wish your child to have a hot meal, they can have a school dinner or go home at lunch time.

It has been reported that some children are bringing packed lunches that are of poor nutritional value e.g. just a packet of crisps, and there is not enough food to sustain them throughout the day. Please ensure your child has a healthy packed lunch. This could include:

- Sandwiches, Yoghurt, Cereal Bar, Fruit, a small bag of Crisps

Please do not send your child with:

- Large Chocolate Bars, Sweets, Fizzy Drinks or fried food (e.g. Burger or Chips)



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.**

Absence Procedures

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.

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.

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

Monday 6th January 2020 at 8.45am

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