







Newsletter May 2018

**Care for each other and our school**

**Always try our best**

**Remember our manners**

**Enjoy learning!**

Dear Parents/Guardians

The Half Term Holiday is fast approaching, and it has been a very busy half term, including a range of sporting activities and trips, which have been enjoyed by the children and which can only take place due to the hard work and dedication of the staff.

We have enjoyed the good weather, and staff are making the most of this by using the outside for both PE and other areas of the curriculum. Looking back on the seven weeks, there is certainly a great deal to celebrate. A big thank you to staff, governors and parents who have helped to ensure that we can continue to take part in a range of events.

Well done to Year 6 for the mature way they have prepared for and undertaken the National Tests. Throughout the SATs week, children remained positive and upbeat. They also enjoyed their daily school breakfast and mindfulness activities

Our Parent Questionnaire was very positive. Thank you for your lovely comments and suggestions for areas we could improve on. Staff felt appreciated for all their hard work. We were pleased to see that over 96% of parents who responded to the question state that they would recommend Hardwick Primary School to other parents. This means a great deal to us all. Please remember, if you are not happy about something, then do come and see us. The full parental questionnaire is on our website.

We continue to receive excellent feedback from visitors to the school regarding our children’s behaviour, and the respect and kindness shown to them. Hardwick children are truly amazing! There have been lovely messages to the school, which we will add to our school website. Sporting coaches too have made a point of saying how wonderful Hardwick children are.

On behalf of everyone at Hardwick Primary School, we wish you an enjoyable Half Term Holiday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Head of School: Mrs. R Sandhu

Executive Headteacher: Mr. J Gallimore



**Dates for your Diaries**

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Monday 4th June SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Wednesday 6th June – Friday 8th June Year 5/6 Kingswood Residential Trip

Thursday 7th June 5JS and 5ED Allotment Trip

Thursday 7th June Year 2 University of Derby Trip

Thursday 14th June 5RA Allotment Trip

Thursday 14th June Year 2 Cleethorpes Trip

Tuesday 19th June Year 1 Arboretum Park Trip

Wednesday 20th June Year 4 Clarinet Concert Derby Arena Pride Park

Thursday 21st June 1CB Wagamama Trip

Friday 22nd June Year 3 Dovedale Trip

Tuesday 26th June Year 1 University of Derby Trip

Thursday 28th June 1CM Wagamama Trip

Friday 29th June Year 6 Drayton Manor Park Trip

Tuesday 3rd July City Wide Induction day

Thursday 26th July Break Up for Summer

**School Council**.

The School Council have been very busy this term. We have had a visit from Councillor Khan and Jane Harrison, who were very impressed by the questions and suggestions the School Council children put forward for improving our local area. We are also holding a competition for the whole school to design a poster on keeping our local area clean and tidy.

The School Council have been invited to visit the Council House in Derby, which is an exciting opportunity as they will have the chance to learn how decisions are made, and will then bring these skills to use within our School Council.

**Notices and Reminders**

**Packed Lunches**

If your child has a Packed Lunch, please send it with your child when they arrive in the morning. We cannot take delivery of children’s packed lunches at Reception during the school day as this is disruptive both to children’s learning and to the school office.

Please send packed lunches in a lunchbox/bag. 

We cannot fit rucksacks or large bags in the sandwich storage area. Thank you for your support. Please make sure all boxes and bags are labelled correctly with your child’s name and class.

**Nursery Places for September 2018**

If your child is due to start Nursery in September 2018 and you have **not** yet put their name down on our waiting list, please do so as soon as possible. Please see Mrs Keen in the School Office.

Your child must have turned 3 years old before the 31st August 2018 to start in our Nursery in September.

**Emergency Contact Details**

If you change your phone/mobile number, please ensure you inform the school office. It is vital that we are able to contact you, or those people you have given us permission to contact, in an emergency situation.

**Staying Safe in the Holidays**

Please make sure you know what your child is doing online. Everyone needs to keep their security settings high to ensure your children stay safe. Information about this is shown on our school website, with useable links.

**Children:** When out and about over the holidays, play with friends and stay in a group. Avoid playing near roads. We really want you to enjoy your half term holiday, but remember to stay safe.

**Internet Safety for Children: Parents’ guide on how to help keep your children safe.**

 

**Attendance**

**We would like to remind parents about the importance of children being in school on time and being collected promptly at the end of the school day.**

**School Opening times: 8.45am to 3:15pm**

**The School Gates open at 8.45 am. Children need to be in their class by 8.55 am to begin their lessons promptly.**

Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their class, and the beginning of lessons. This means that they are often unsettled and confused about tasks. Their teacher will not always be able to re-explain work.

We are required to monitor children’s punctuality and attendance. On-going lateness (after the class register has been taken) is classified as an unauthorised absence.

We understand that there may be rare occasions when you are unavoidably late due to unforeseen circumstances. On these occasions please make sure that you contact the school office to inform us when you will arrive.

Children must be collected promptly from their classes at 3.15 pm.

**High levels of unauthorised absences or poor punctuality can result in a referral to the Educational Welfare Service or other agencies which have a duty to investigate further, and could result in legal action being taken against you.**

**Please keep in mind that Breakfast Club is available to children from 8.00 am.**

**Absence Procedures**

A reminder of procedures if your child is absent from school: Please contact school before 9.30am on the first day of absence. There are currently two ways you can do this. You can ring the **School Office** on **01332 272249** or send an email to admin@hardwick.derby.sch.uk Please provide the reason for absence, the child’s name and class, and your name. As a safeguarding procedure, if we don’t hear from anyone as to why a child is absent, 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.

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 you have mislaid them.

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”. Please see the Office for support if required.

Have a wonderful break, and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on

**Monday 4th June 2018 at 8.45am**

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