







Newsletter February 2018

**Care for each other and our school**

**Always try our best**

**Remember our manners**

**Enjoy learning!**

Dear Parents/Guardians

Half term 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.

Thank you very much for the wonderful attendance at Parents’ Evening in January and for the very positive feedback we received following the parent questionnaire. A copy of the results will be put on the school’s website.

The majority of parents, more than 90% responded either yes or mostly, say:

* their children are happy and safe at school and well taught;
* their children are well looked after, well behaved and the school deals effectively with bullying;
* the school is well led and managed and they are happy with the way concerns are dealt with;
* they are kept well informed about how well their children are doing and what they can do help their children’s learning;
* they are regularly invited into school to assemblies and to work with their children and are kept well informed about what is happening in school;
* they are made to feel welcome in school and would recommend the school to other parents.

The area we have identified that we could improve, where more than 5% of parents are unhappy and have responded no, are:

* children receiving the right amount and type of homework for their age.

Each year group will be exploring this with the children and staff and we will be asking you for your ideas and thoughts on the subjects at our next Parents’ Evening.

Have a lovely half term holiday.

Mrs. Sandhu Mr. J Gallimore

Head of School. Executive Headteacher

**Dates for your diaries**

Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Monday 26th February SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Thursday 1st March Secondary School Confirmation Letters Posted

Thursday 1st March World Book Day

Wednesday 21st March Class Photographs

Monday 26th March- Friday 6th April SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Monday 9th April SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Monday 16th April Reception Class Confirmation Letters Posted

Monday 7th May BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed to Pupils

Monday 14th May – Friday 18th May Year 6 SATs Week

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

Tuesday 3rd July City Wide Induction day

Thursday 26th July Break Up for Summer

**Hardwick Primary Out and About**



**National Space Centre**

On Wednesday 24th January, Year 5 visited the National Space Centre in Leicester, as part of their Science topic. This year, the children had a brilliant time and greatly enjoyed learning about space travel.

**Events in School**

**Year 2 open afternoon**

On 18th January, year 2 parents were invited in for a medieval feast, to learn about their topic ‘baddies, towers and tunnels’.

**Holiday Club**

On 19th and 20th February, school will be running a holiday club for children in Year 4, 5 and 6. At present, all places are full at this club, if you are interested in a holiday club please let us know in the school office.

**Year 1 Phonics**

On Monday 29th January, parents were invited by Year 1 for a meeting about Phonics. The Year 1 teachers will be arranging another meeting so that parents can observe what year 1 are learning in phonics. Year 1 would just like to remind parents of the following:

Can all of our Year 1 parents please support children with their phonics homework and let their child use the websites we sent out over half term as this will help them with their Phonics Screening Test which is in June.

Please could you ensure your child knows all the sounds on the sound chart we sent out. If you need another copy please ask a member of the Year 1 team.

We will be arranging for parents to come in and observe our phonics lessons and to share fun ideas and games so keep on checking your child's book bag. Thank you

**Family Learning and Community**

**Book Fair**

The recent half price Book Fair raised £765.90. Thank you to everyone for your support.

**School Council**

On Friday 23rd March we will be holding a cake/biscuit sale in school during the day for pupils and also for parents from 2.30 pm to help raise money for playtime and lunchtime equipment. A letter will be sent out in due course asking for shop bought donations. In the meantime should you require further information please contact Mrs Wilde or Mrs Tatla.

**Kenya Link Project**

On 19th May 2018 Mrs. Tomordy, class teacher of the Terrific Tigers and Mrs. Sandhu, will be making a humanitarian journey to one of the poorest suburbs of Nakuru, Kenya to help Jubilee School 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 school 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!



﻿The teachers have been set the task to raise around £2000 each towards funding the trip, including a proportion which goes directly to the school 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 which was held on Shrove Tuesday and a “design a logo competition”. We really appreciate your continued support.

**Notices and Reminders**

**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. This information is shown on our school website with usable links.

**Internet Safety for Children**

 Visit CEOP’s online safety centre, [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/) which has internet safety tips for parents and children. Also see <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

* Install a websafe browser on computers. In addition to browser safety settings you can use ClickCEOP addons to give your child quick access to help, advice and the ability to report visit  [www.ceop.police.uk/browser-safety](http://www.ceop.police.uk/browser-safety)
* Ask your child to show you the sites they use and help them to create strong passwords for any they log into. A combination of numbers, capital letters and symbols is ideal.
* Talk to your child’s mobile phone operator about filtering software to block inappropriate content and websites.
* If your child uses social networking sites to communicate with friends, ensure they set their profile setting to private and together add the ClickCEOP app to their profile on Facebook,  [www.facebook.com/clickceop](http://www.facebook.com/clickceop)
* Help your children to understand that they should never give out personal details to online friends they do not know offline. These include an email address, mobile number, school name, sports club, arrangements for meeting up with friends and any pictures or videos of themselves, their family or friends.
* Make your children aware that they need to think carefully about the information, videos and pictures they put online or exchange with friends. Once published online or shared, they have lost control and anyone can change or share the images of them.
* If your child receives spam or junk email and texts, remind them never to believe their contents, reply to them or use them.
* It's not a good idea for your child to open files that are from people they don't know. They won't know what they contain - it could be a virus, or worse - an inappropriate image or film.
* Help your child to understand that some people lie online and that therefore, it's better to keep online mates online. They should never meet up with any strangers without an adult they trust.
* Always make sure your child feels comfortable in being able to come to you or someone they trust if they are worried about anything online. Teach young people how to block someone online and report them if they feel uncomfortable. Most sites will have guidance  on this and any reports can be made directly to the CEOP Centre via [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk/)

**Popular Apps your child may be using:**

**Snapchat**
Snapchat is a popular photo sharing app for Apple and [Android](https://www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children/is-your-child-using-these-apps/) mobile devices, that lets users share their photos for a few seconds before they ‘disappear’. But anyone receiving a pic can keep it by taking a screen shot, or new apps have been developed which enable the picture to be retained without even doing that. The site is being heavily criticised for making it easy for children to be stalked or groomed. The age limit to join the site is 13, but many children do so much younger.

**Ask.fm**
On Ask.fm, anonymous users ask other users questions. This means that they can easily hide their identity and effectively, say what they like without any consequences. Bullying and abuse on the site has allegedly led to very traumatic experiences amongst youngsters, in some cases tragically taking their own lives. The site owners have said that they will include a ‘report abuse’ button, provide optional registration and employ more people as moderators.



**Yik Yak**
"No profiles, no passwords, it's all anonymous", says the app's publicity. Designed as a means of posting news and messages in local communities and on college and school campuses, the app has gained a reputation as a tool for cyber bullies and its use has been banned in many schools in the UK and US.

**Habbo**
Habbo (full name Habbo Hotel) - is a social networking site aimed at teenagers, although we have heard of children as young as eight years old using it.

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**Shots of Me (or just Shots)**
An app that enables users to take and post selfies, hence using only the front-view camera of their mobile phone. Shots has been subject to widespread concern about its use to send inappropriate photos and possibly resulting cyber bullying and blackmail.

**Omegle**
Omegle's strapline is "Chat to strangers", so it is clear at the outset that your kids may be letting themselves (and you) in for a number of issues.

**Chatroulette**
Again, on Chatroulette, kids have no idea who they are talking to on the other end of the screen, an instant cause for concern.

Facebook requires everyone to be at least **13 years old** before they can create an account. Creating an account with false information is a violation of Facebook’s terms. If school become aware of any children having a Facebook account, they will be reported.

Roblox is the world’s largest interactive platform for play that allows kids to imagine, create, and play together in immersive 3D worlds. All the games and experiences on Roblox have been created by the players themselves. Once a player has signed up and created an avatar, they are given their own piece of real estate along with a virtual toolbox (known as “Roblox Studio”) for building. They can monetize their creations to earn “Robux,” a virtual currency on Roblox. Users who are under **13** must have their parent(s) change their date of birth. This requires that a parent's email address be filed on their account so the parent can verify the change.



Musical.ly 13+ is a free social media music app where users can watch user generated lip sync video, and create video themselves lip-syncing or dancing to music available on the app. It has over 80 millions users.  Choose your music, or mix someone else’s video and create your own short music or audio video using filters and video styles. It is a fun lip-sync style app, where users can mime and dance to music they choose from within the app or create their own music videos.

Users can also live stream to their Musical.ly friends/followers via Musical.ly’s add on app Live.ly which is also free and available for download only from the Apple app store.

People can watch another person’s musical.ly and either:

* like (click a heart)
* comment (click a dialogue bubble)
* ask a question, start a duet!, share on facebook, share on instagram, share on FB messenger, share via twitter or email or text message or vine or link (by clicking the three dots)
* shoot a video using the same song or clip (by clicking the spinning circle)

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.

**Nursery Places for September 2018**

If your child is due to start Nursery in September 2018 and you have **not** put their name down on our waiting list, please do so by the end of March 2018. 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 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.

**Attendance**

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

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

**The School gates open at 8.45 a.m. Children need to be in their class by 8.55 a.m. 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.

It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young.

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 from their classes at 3.15p.m. promptly.

**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**

Just a reminder of procedures if your child is absent from school. Could you 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.

**Bad Weather**

![C:\Documents and Settings\nkeen\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\2QD6VEJR\MC900331453[1].wmf]()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.**

**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”. 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 26th February 2018 at 8.45am**

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