

SUMMER 1 NEWSLETTER



What an amazing half term this has been. So many things have happened, so many enrichment opportunities, sporting competitions, incredible writing and new pupil leadership to mention just a few! I cannot put into words how much gratitude I have to the wonderful staff at Heage for really driving forward improvements, in all areas, for our children. So much happens behind the scenes to make things possible and it's not always easy but...we do it for the children.

There is so much more to come and the enthusiasm and drive in school makes me feel proud and incredibly positive as we come to entering the last part of this academic year. The ongoing support we have from you as a parent body is never underestimated. A brilliant team all round. Thank you. Bring on Summer 2!

Have a wonderful break everyone.

With Kindness
Mrs Hallam

Eco Crew

More Pupil Leadership was established this half term and what a start they have made!! Mrs Clarke is so passionate about sustainability and improving our environment that I know the children have the best person leading these children.

The children have been working with Mrs Clarke on 'counting our carbon' and have already carried out an environment audit along with an action plan. They have made a brilliant start with our food waste and the recycling bins in all the classrooms. There are plenty more ideas coming up. We are hoping next academic year to have more parental involvement, if this is something you also feel passionate about and feel you could add skills or time look out for Dojos in the next academic year.

Y6 SATs

Our amazing Y6 children took their statutory tests with utter ease and brilliance last week. Myself and Mrs Roberts were so impressed with their attitudes throughout the week. We invited Governors in to school to watch the administration of the tests and they too were impressed with all of the children. A special mention to the staff who organised the amazing breakfast each morning for our children - a great social time to keep worries at bay. Y6 still have plenty of learning left to complete but a fabulous Lea Green residential is needed before we knuckle down again. Well done Y6 you have made us all very proud.

MTC and Phonics (Y4 and Y1/2)

Our Year 4 and Y1 children will be undertaking some other statutory tests next half term. Year 4 will be taking the Multiplication Test and Y1 (and some of Y2) will have a phonics (quiz). The children have been working hard towards this as we all know that knowing your phonics sounds increases your chances of reading fluently and within age related expectations. And knowing your times tables, in an instant, helps with all forms of maths - ask the Y6 children. You should have received information regarding this but if you have any further questions please email the office and they will pass this on to the class teacher. To help your child prepare for these please continue to read with them at home, practise the sounds sent home by class teachers and, for Y4, quiz them on their times tables.

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Enrichment Opportunities

We are incredibly proud that during this academic year we have really raised the bar with our enrichment and personal development offer for our children. We won't be stopping there as next year will see even more experiences for our children to engage in from FS2 to Y6. To mention just a few, we have seen Y3 have an amazing 'Camp Out' for a night at school and even though some were nervous (children and adults) due to it being the first night away from home - I am pleased to say all of them were incredible and really showed resilience. These are core memories our children will have forever and the fact they are pushing themselves out of their comfort zone, with your support, really shows these children can achieve great things, now and in years to come! Y4 - you're up next with your Big Camp!

We have also increased our visitors into school including PC Bev Barnes and the wonderful CO-OP team to talk to our children about Fair Trade, all of which links to the topics and learning that is covered in lessons.

KS1 and FS2 are off to Yorkshire Wildlife Park after the holidays and Y6 are off to Lea Green. There are so many opportunities that our wonderful team of staff have created for the children to enhance their personal development and also embed their learning - thank you to them all. Watch out for news of a fully funded school trip after the half term break.

PTFA and the Circus

WOW!!! I am lost for words at how amazing last Friday was. The PTFA put on the most incredibly organised event for our children and it exceeded expectations. When I joined in January 2024 we had a discussion about a Circus and I have to say school said yes and the PTFA did EVERYTHING else. Not a single detail was missed and from a school's perspective when we have to consider so many aspects of health and safety, risk assessments and more - this was made very easy because of the thought and care. They have raised a phenomenal amount and we are in talks (with the children too of course) as to what we will be spending this money on. Thank you again to everyone who bought a ticket, drink and food from Scouts (they ran out it was such a success!) but most of all thank you to our dedicated PTFA for all they do for all of our children.

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 3rd June - Y6 to Lea Green
- Tuesday 4th June - FS2/Y1/Y2 - Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- Monday 9th June - Walk to School Week (info from Eco Crew coming soon)
- Monday 9th - PC Bev Barnes in for KS2 (Digital footprint)
- Monday 9th - Y1 Phonics Screening Check
- Tuesday 10th June - Water Safety Assembly (Severn Trent)
- Wednesday 11th June - SPORTS DAY - further info first week back some info already sent via email
- Friday 13th - Photographer in school - class and leavers photos
- Friday 13th - FS2 Father's Day event - info to follow
- Friday 13th - Y4 Camp Night
- Monday 16th - Derby Uni Drama Workshop Y6
- Wednesday 18th - Quick Cricket Comp Y5/6 - info to follow
- Thursday 19th - Y3 to Velodrome for Halle Concert
- Monday June 23rd - INSET day
- Tuesday 1st and 2nd July - Transition Days - info to follow
- Thursday 3rd July - Last swimming session for Y4
- Thursday 3rd July - Summer Disco - PTFA
- Friday 4th July - Rock Steady Concert to parents
- Thursday 17th July - Y6 event in the afternoon (details to follow)
- Monday 21st July - Colour Run - PTFA event
- Tuesday 22nd July - Y6 after school party 4.30 start (details to follow)