

HEAGE PRIMARY

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Happenings at Heage

Athletics Success

Some of our Y1 and Y2 took part in the Amber Valley, Sports Hall Athletics Competition after school and we were all super proud that they won the SPIRIT award - this is given to the school that shows resilience, teamwork, kindness and have the best attitudes. We could not have asked for more! Mrs Darnell - our PE Lead can't wait until our next event!

Harvest

Thank you to St Luke's for hosting another fantastic Harvest service for our FS2 and KS1 children. A big thank you to everyone's generosity with the donations. Mrs Clark took these to the food hub and they were very grateful and sent in a letter of thanks!

Sponsored Read

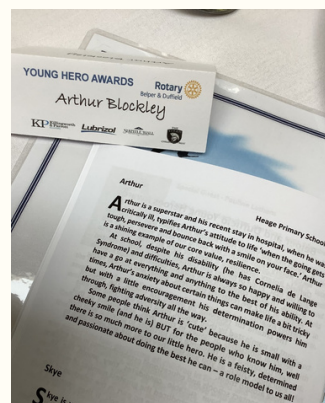
Well..it goes to show that we are a true 'reading school' having raised just shy of £2500 from the sponsored read. We cannot thank you and your family and friends for this. We are now able to heavily invest in new books for our library and curriculum. Mrs Cottrell - our English Lead - is chatting with children and staff and will be purchasing soon. We will let you know what we order! Thank you so much.

Young Hero

Arthur in Y5 was the recipient of the Belper and Duffield Rotary Young Hero award this month. Arthur has a condition called Cornelia de Lange Syndrome and this means that life can often be a little more challenging for him. But what makes Arthur the Young Hero is his ability to always look at the positives and NOTHING holds him back. Well done Arthur we are super proud!

Open Days

We have held two very successful Open morning/afternoon sessions for parents of children starting in 2025. Our Y6 School Parliament children did us proud by talking confidentially to grown ups and they sold our school brilliantly. They enjoyed their treat after all the talking!



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Staffing Update

We are very pleased to say that after half term - all being well - we will have Mrs Clark back with us full time. We have missed having her in all the time - it's not been the same. Welcome back wonderful Mrs Clark! Thank you to Mrs Pardener, Mr Walker, Miss Jackson and Mrs Tonks for stepping in.

We have successfully recruited an additional Mid-day supervisor Miss Hunter who will be starting with us as soon as possible after half term. We have also secured Mrs Pardener and Mrs Tonks as permanent Mid-days - happy days!

We have an advert live at the moment for a TA position - please share widely so we have the best pool of people so we can secure the best person out there for our children.

Safeguarding

At school we say that 'safeguarding is everyone's business' which keeps us vigilant and responsible for all of our children. We hope to extend this message to our wider school community in order to keep our children safe. Should you have any immediate concerns over the safety of a child during the holidays then please contact the school or Starting Point on 01629 533190.

Details for any upcoming events will be posted on Dojo and e mailed out nearer to the date and time when we have more information. Please keep a check on Dojo and your e-mails
With Kindness

Absence and Lates

We appreciate that from a parents point of view the new DFE enforcement of penalty fines for persistent absence may be confusing and this is why we have worked on a One Page document to help make it clear what persistent absence (this includes lates) looks like and when you will be asked to have a meeting in school to offer support. If there is no change to attendance/lates following this then we will have no option but to fine. This is a statutory process that has to be followed following the DFE update in August 2024. Please read the document carefully as the attendance and punctuality in school is a parents responsibility first and foremost.

Upcoming Events

- November 4th** - Back to School for Autumn 2
- 11th -15th Nov** Anti-bullying/On Line Safety Week
- 13th Nov** - Castle Naze (Y3) Assembly - 9:05am
- 14th Nov** - PTFA Autumn Disco - Details to follow
- 18th Nov** - Y5/6 Basketball Comp 4pm
- 25th Nov** - Y3/4 Handball Comp 4pm
- 29th Nov** - Christmas Tree Festival at St Lukes

- 3rd Dec** -KS1 & 2 - Multi Sports Comp 1pm
- 9th pm and 10th am Dec** - FS2 and KS1 Nativity
- 11th December pm** - Whole School Panto Visit
- 12th December** - Christmas Lunch and Festive Jumper Day (Save the Children)
- 12th December 6pm** - KS2 Carol Concert
- 18th December** - Potential Special Guest in School!
- 19th December** - Break up
- 20th December** - INSET Day