

Hathersage St. Michael's Church of England (A) Primary School



Newsletter



April 2023

We welcome the Summer Term and hope for some sunny weather to dry out our wet field! As always this is a busy term with sports events, the Coronation, Gala Week & Well Dressing to name but a few, so please add the dates below to your diaries.

Hello and Welcome

We welcome Mrs Dunning to our staff team. Mrs Dunning is teaching in Derwent Class with our Year 1 & Year 2 children.

Hathersage Hurtle Poster Designs

As an annual event the children create a design to advertise this fundraising event. The Hurtle committee selected 7 winning designs. The 7 winners were: Jonah, Raphael, Theo, Polly, Robyn, Ada and Hannah. Through the democratic process of voting (at this point the designs were anonymous), all children cast their votes to select one overall winning design which will be made into posters to advertise the event. This year Hannah's design received the majority of votes. Well done to everyone who created a design, they will all be displayed at the Football Field at the event on Saturday 20th May.

The Coronation of King Charles III

We are planning to have a picnic for the children to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on Friday lunchtime of 5th May (weather permitting). Children who have a school dinner on a Friday have been asked to select their choice of sandwiches from those on offer from Derbyshire Catering Service. These will be made on site and issued to each child along with other items in a 'picnic bag' on the day. Children who normally bring a packed lunch on Fridays will enjoy it outside on the field with the whole school. Children may come to school dressed in red, white and blue if they wish. Each child from Nursery to Y6 will receive a medal to commemorate this big event, kindly purchased by the PTFA. Thank you PTFA!

Well Dressing

This year the PTFA are hoping to lead our school well dressing to support the village Gala Week and to raise funds for our outdoor refurbishments. We cannot do this unless we get plenty of volunteers. Please complete and return the green slips that were sent home last week if you are able to help us to get this back up and running. Thank you.

Gala Retinue 2023

In our final whole School Collective Worship on the last day of the Spring Term a draw took place to choose the new Gala retinue. Thank you to all those children who took part, there were lots who were interested this year. This year we look forward to seeing the following children representing the Hathersage Gala Royal Family - King Ned, Queen Vee, Prince Casper, Princess Maggie, Page Boy Thomas and Rosebud Harriet. Congratulations!

Our Green Fingern Nursery Children

The sun shone brightly as our volunteers from Hope Valley Climate Action Rewilding Group arrived to plant 100 Lent lilies (wild daffodil) with the help of the children. The children did a great job following instructions, handling the plants delicately, using dibbers and investigating the worms! The school grounds are becoming increasingly nature friendly. Thank you. <https://hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk/wild-gardening-at-hathersage-school/>

Awards

The Furness Cup is awarded for endeavour, nominations for SpringTerm 2 were:

Ladybower	Josie
Derwent	Abigail
Millstone	Polly
Mam Tor	James
Brookfield	Arran
Bretton	Grace

The Furness Cup for the Spring Term 2 was awarded to James.

Picnic & Performance During Gala Week

We invite you to join us over lunchtime on the school field. Bring your own picnic and rug, 12noon – 1pm on Friday 7th July 2023 (weather permitting). The children will enjoy a picnic lunch provided by school and have been invited to move around the field to entertain you with a variety of performances whilst you sit and enjoy your picnic. Free Entry - Please Buy a PTFA Raffle Ticket on the day. All welcome.

KS2 Y6 SATs 2023

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

- Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

Diary Dates

Please also see the school website for term dates

01.05.23 **Bank Holiday – School closed**

05.5.23 Picnic Lunch for King Charles' Coronation, wear red, white & blue

08.05.23 **Bank Holiday – School closed for Coronation Day**

09.05.23 Y6 National SAT Week

09.05.23 Y5 Swimming Session

10.05.23 Y4 Swimming Session

14.05.23 PTFA Plant Sale in Heart of Hathersage 2pm -4pm

15.05.23 KS2 Sports Day Option 1, 1.45pm on the school field

16.05.23 Y5 Swimming Session

17.05.23 Y4 Swimming Session

17.05.23 KS2 Sports Day Reserve Option, 1.45pm on the school field

18.05.23 Mam Tor Class Assembly for parents, 9am, School Hall

18 5 23 - Year 3 & Year 4 to Quadkids at HVC -1.30pm – 3pm

20.05.23 The Hathersage Hurtle, Football Field

22.05.23 KS1 Sports Day Option 1, 2pm on the school field

22.5.23 – KS2 Choir to sing at The Lunch Club
 23.05.23 Y5 Swimming Session
 24.05.23 Y4 Swimming Session
 25.05.23 Y6 Bikeability Session + KS1 Sports Day Reserve Option, 2pm on the school field
 26.05.23 School closes at 3.40pm for Half Term.
 05.06.23 **INSET Day - School closed**
 06.06.23 School re-opens 8.40am. KS2 to EIS all-day event.
 07.06.23 Y6 pupils may wear Leavers' Hoodies. Keep uniform for events.
 06.06. Y4 National Times Tables Check (over 3 week period)
 07.06.23 Y4 Swimming Session
 12.06.23 Y6 Bikeability Session + National Phonics Check Week for Y1 pupils
 13.06.23 Y5 Swimming Session
 14.06.23 Y4 Swimming Session
 15.06.23 - Year 1 & Year 2 to Sports Festival at HVC - 9.30am – 11.30am
 15.06.23 Full Governing Board Meeting, 6.30pm, School Hall
 18.06.23 – KS2 Choir to sing with Hathersage Choir - Captain Noah.
 19.06.23 Y6 Bikeability Session
 20.06.23 Y6 Water Safety Session at pool
 21.06.23 Y5 Swimming Session
 23.06.23 –PTFA Disco Evening for children
 26.06.23 Well Dressing Week in school, volunteers required to support PTFA
 27.06.23 Y6 Water Safety Session at pool
 29.06.23 Y5 STEM Day at HVC
 30.06.23 Y6 Bikeability Session
 04.07.23 Y6 Water Safety Session at pool
 06.07.23 Y6 Transition Day at HVC
 7.07.23 Gala Week Community Picnic 12noon - 1pm + musical performance/entertainment by children (weather dependent).
 10.07.23 HVC Work Experience Students in school
 11.07.23 Y6 Water Safety Session at pool
 12.07.23 Full Governing Board Meeting 6.30pm, School Hall
 14.07.23 PTFA Uniform Sale on Playground after School
 Y6 End of Year Show supported by Y5 pupils – Dates TBA
 21.07.23 Leavers' Service, 2.15pm, School closes at 3.30pm for the Summer Holiday
 04.09.23 **INSET Day - School closed**
 05.09.23 School re-opens 8.40am.

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