



# *Newsletter*



*January 2024*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. School has been a festive and fun place to be...



Christmas Trees and Decorations created on Arts Festival Day adorned the classrooms and the Advent Wreath on display in the hall with ceiling decorations and post boxes for Christmas Cards put us all in the Christmas spirit. Christmas Dinner was enjoyed by many along with Party Day and the amazing performances in church for the Nursery & EYFS/KS1 Nativities and KS2 Christmas Celebrations really set us up for the festive period. Well done to all of our very talented pupils.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day took place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December raising £238 for children all-over the world including war zones such as The Ukraine, Gaza and Israel. Many thanks for your donations. The Hathersage Carol Singing Group were joined by a number of our school family before Christmas. They have donated £51.29 to school to support the purchase of musical instruments to use in teaching and learning. Thank you.

The Christmas Fair was a wonderful enterprise event run by the children and staff. They created their own stalls, games and gifts to raise money for their classes. The Governors ran a raffle and the PTFA ran refreshments and all profits were given back to the classes. This means that each class Nursery – Y6 have £140 to spend on items for their classroom. Well done on demonstrating successful enterprise skills. We can't wait to hear what you purchase. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

## **Children in Need**



Children in Need Day ran across the school. Each class had time to complete an array of 'Spotacular Challenges' to test their agility, problem solving skills along with fine and gross motor skills. Everyone enjoyed taking part and raising funds to help other children. Your online donations raised £96. Thank you very much!

### **Richard Kemp Literary Awards**

Richard Kemp was a Hathersage Resident who loved books. When he sadly died in 2021, he left funds to set up an award for Creative Writing.

Some of our children entered the competition and wrote about some of this year's themes.... 'Someone Special', 'Hathersage in 100 Years' Time' and 'A Favourite Day'.

<b>Winner</b>	Robyn Y5
<b>Runners Up</b>	Casper Y4 & Poppy Y6
<b>Commendations</b>	Arlo Y1, Esme Y5, Noah Y3, Elias Y3 & Rosie Y6

Thank you to Mr Madden and Mrs Garner who presented all of the above with Book Token awards.

### **Awards**

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

<b>Longshaw</b>	Otto
<b>Dovedale</b>	Esme
<b>Stanage</b>	Oliver
<b>Howden</b>	Oliver
<b>Kinder</b>	Tasi

**The Furness Cup for the Autumn Term 2 was awarded to Oliver in Howden Class.**

### **Snow/ Winter Weather**

Please ensure your child/children come(s) to school with an appropriate coat with hood, hats, gloves and shoes/ wellingtons. A spare pair of socks is also a good idea. **Please make sure all items including wellingtons contain your child's name and a clothes peg helps to keep them together.**

**On the rare occasion of closure due to adverse weather conditions, a message will be posted on Parenthub and on the school website** and, if access is available, on Derbyshire County Council's website.

We do not rely on local radio station broadcasts as they cannot guarantee the broadcast will be made when they are inundated with calls regarding school closures.

We will do everything we can to keep disruption to a minimum and will inform you of any decisions as early as possible. However, we do aim to keep the school open.

### **Diary Dates**

**Please also see the school website for term dates/ holiday dates & key event dates.**  
**2023/2024 academic year**

- 4 September 2023 to 27 October 2023 (40 days)
- 6 November 2023 to 22 December 2023 (35 days)
- 8 January 2024 to 16 February 2024 (30 days)
- 26 February 2024 to 28 March 2024 (24 days)
- 15 April 2024 to 24 May 2024 (6 May 2024 is a bank holiday) (29 days)
- 3 June 2024 to 23 July 2024 (37 days)

#### **School INSET Days:**

- **Monday 4 September 2023**
- **Monday 6 November 2023**
- **Friday 16 February 2024**
- **Friday 24 May 2024**
- **Monday 3 June 2024**

08.01.24 School re-opens 8.40am

17.01.24 PTFA AGM, school hall, 7pm, All welcome

05.02.24 Clubs Week 1 (information to follow)

07.02.24 Class Assembly to parents: Dovedale, 9am in school hall  
 08.02.24 Full Governing Board Meeting, 6.30pm  
 12.02.24 Clubs Week 2  
 15.02.24 School Closes for Half Term 3.25/3.30pm  
 16.02.24 INSET DAY – School closed to pupils  
 26.02.24 School re-opens 8.40am  
 26.02.24 Clubs Week 3  
 04.03.24 Clubs Week 4 – Final Week  
 04.03.24 World Book Day in school – Monday to start our themed week, information to follow  
 13.03.24 Y4 & Y5 on Residential to White Hall  
 15.03.24 Comic Relief Day (Sports Aid)  
 15.03.24 Y4 & Y5 Return from Residential at White Hall  
 18.03.24 Parents Evenings Week 1  
 19.03.24 Class Photographs arranged during the school day  
 21.03.24 Class Assembly to parents, 9am in school hall: Howden  
 25.03.24 Parents Evenings Week 2  
 27.03.24 Full Governing Board Meeting, 6.30pm  
 28.03.24 School Closes for Easter 3.25/3.30pm  
 15.04.24 School re-opens 8.40am  
 1.05.24 Class Assembly to parents: Kinder  
 13.05.24 KS2 SATs Week  
 13.05.24 EYFS/KS1 Sports Day 1<sup>st</sup> Option, 2pm start on field  
 16.05.24 EYFS/KS1 Sports Day Reserve Option, 2pm start on field  
 20.05.24 KS2 Sports Day 1<sup>st</sup> Option, 1.45pm start on field  
 23.5.24 KS2 Sports Day Reserve Option, 1.45pm start on field  
 23.05.24 School Closes for Half Term 3.25/3.30pm  
 24.05.24 INSET Day  
 03.06.24 INSET Day  
 04.06.24 School re-opens 8.40am  
 23.07.24 School Closes for Summer 3.25/3.30pm

#### **Class Assembly Dates**

Classes will perform their assembly to the school at one performance and then again to parents/carers in the hall at a separate performance on:

**07.02.24 Wednesday – Y4/5, Dovedale Class, 9am**  
**21.03.24 Thursday – Y1/2 Howden Class, 9am**  
**01.05.24 Wednesday – Rec/Y1 Kinder Class, 9am**

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