



# Newsletter

*March/April 2024*



Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,  
What a busy Half Term! Here is what we have been up to....

## **40 Acts of Kindness During Lent**



We are trying to live out our vision of being a Good Samaritan by working together as a class to carry out 40 Acts of Kindness during Lent. Children are colouring in a class record chart each time they do something kind. This will be followed by an Easter Assembly for children up at Church in the week that we break up for Easter.

## **Number/ Times Tables Rock Star Day**

Children and staff took part in an NSPCC Times Tables and Number Rock Stars Day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Our younger pupils focussed on Number activities and challenges whilst our Year 2 to Year 6 pupils focussed on Times Tables. Challenges included: Jamming, Gig, Garage, Soundcheck and Studio modes as well as class and student/teacher battles. All children had great fun learning whilst dressed in some amazing rock star outfits from Freddie Mercury to Cher!



In our Collective Worship, we all agreed to become Courageous Advocates and donate £1 per pupil to support other children through the NSPCC. This contribution was taken from the Christmas Fair takings. We run this as an enterprise event where every class uses their literacy and numeracy skills to design, make and run stalls so that all profits are given back to the classes to purchase items for use in their learning in the classroom. This year £119 of this funding was donated to the NSPCC on our Rockstar day.

## **Bedtime Story Evening**



Our younger pupils were invited back to school in their pyjamas along with a comfy cushion or pillow to enjoy a 'Bedtime Story Evening' during Book Week. They shared a range of stories including; 'Winnie the Witch', 'Too Much Stuff', 'The Story without Pictures'. Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late' and 'I'm Sticking with You' along with a drink of hot chocolate. They all went home very sleepy!

## **White Hall Residential**

Our pupils in Years 4 and 5 spent 3 days and 2 nights at White Hall Outdoor Centre near Buxton last week. By all accounts, they enjoyed the experience and had a great time. Many thanks to our staff, Mrs Cluley and Mrs Dunne for leading the residential and to our parent volunteers for giving up their time to support the visit. Here is what the children had to say about their time on the residential....

There were loads of challenging adventurous activities

It made us more independent

The food was amazing

The instructors were great

There were lots of things to try

You could face your fears

Caving was fantastic

We met new people and made new friends

We saw proper darkness

I'd like to give it 11 out of 10 but that's not possible, so a definite 10 out of 10 – Brilliant!



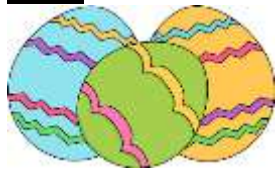
## World Book Day

Children came to school dressed as their favourite Book Characters and shared their books, describing why they were their favourite. There were some good recommendations!

## Hathersage News

We are now contributing a 'taster of school life' to the monthly Parish Magazine. Look out for 'school snippets' when it comes through your door.

## PTFA



The PTFA are busy fundraising for playtime equipment. Fundraising events include: An Easter Raffle, Online Auction of Promises, Ice Cream Fridays, Plant Sale and the school Well-Dressing this year. The next meeting will be on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the school hall. All welcome. See dates overleaf and look out for a Well Dressing Letter coming soon. **WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please help us to fundraise whilst doing your everyday shopping! Easyfundraising is an organisation that partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. Brands include most supermarkets, department stores, fashion and beauty, home and garden, travel, even comparison sites. In fact, almost anyone you can think of from Tesco, John Lewis and Boots to Pets at Home, Argos, eBay and Just Eat.

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## Comic Relief 2024 Wacky Races Challenge



This year we took part in the Comic Relief Challenge of Wacky Races and raised £65.00. Each class teacher designed races suitable for the age of the children in school whilst our Year 4's and 5's were at White Hall. Here are a selection of favourites from the children.....

The Water Game Race, Ball Pass, Basketball Bonanza, Bench ball and Obstacle Courses.

## Sports

Year 6 pupils took part in the local area Netball competition which was run by Sports Study Students from Hope Valley College. All pupils played in competitive and enjoyable games, one pupil said that, "It was fun, I wish we could do it again". Another child described the competition as, "Awesome!" the children explained that they, "Enjoyed the 'High 5' style of the competition."

The Year 5 and 6 girls really enjoyed their time at the Football Festival which lots of schools from the Derbyshire area attended. Sports Study Students at Hope Valley College arranged a variety of fun activities for the children that worked on their football and fitness skills.

## Parking

Thank you to all parents who observe our important requests regarding parking. Those who still do (and I'm sorry to say that there are some) create difficulties for the farmer and landowner and compromise safety of pupils and staff trying to get out of the car park as a result. Please remember to ensure your children arrive and leave school in safety, please respect the area and do not park on the grassy area on the corner of School Lane, on the daffodils, across the farmer's gateway, in private driveways or across the school gates. You **MUST NOT** wait or park on yellow lines during the times of operation shown on nearby time plates. Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs. You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings or on the very dangerous bend outside the Scotsmans Pack. Thank you.



**Road Safety:** *is plenty along School Lane. Park/drop off to ensure the safety of our children*

## No Dogs



Please remember our school premises, paths, ramps and field are for the safe entry and exit of pupils and parents. It is also a children's playground and space for outdoor learning. Dogs should not be brought onto **any areas** of the school premises at any time.  
Thank you.

## Diary Dates

Please also see the school website for term dates/ holiday dates & key event dates.

25.03.24 Parents Evenings Week 2  
27.03.24 Full Governing Board Meeting, 6.30pm  
28.03.24 Easter Raffle – PTFA Event. School Closes for Easter 3.25/3.30pm  
15.04.24 School re-opens 8.40am, Swimming Starts this week for Y3,Y4,Y5s ( see dates below)  
17.04.24 PTFA Meeting, 7pm in the school hall  
22.04.24 – 26.04.24 Online Auction of Promises – PTFA Event  
28.04.24 KS2 Choir to perform at HVC, 7.30pm in Hathersage Choir's Annual Concert  
01.05.24 Class Assembly to parents: Kinder, 9am in school hall  
02.05.24 Orienteering for Y5 +Y6 at HVC, 1.30pm  
06.05.24 Bank Holiday Monday – School closed  
13.05.24 KS2 Y6 SATs Week. 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, Full Governing Board Meeting, 6.30pm in hall  
18.05.24 Hathersage Hurtle Governor Capital Fundraising Event  
20.05.24 KS2 Sports Day 1st Option, 1.45pm start on field  
23.05.24 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  
12.06.24 Y6 Bikeability  
14.06.24 Y6 Bikeability  
15.06.24 Sponsored Abseil at Millers Dale – PTFA Event  
25.06.24 Y6 Bikeability  
01.07.24 Well Dressing Week in school  
10.07.24 Full Governing Board Meeting, 6.30pm in hall  
23.07.24 Leavers' Service, 2.15pm at Church  
23.07.24 School Closes for Summer 3.25/3.30pm  
04.09.24 Inset Day  
05.09.24 School re-opens 8.40am

### School INSET Days:

- **Monday 4 September 2023**
- **Monday 6 November 2023**
- **Friday 16 February 2024**
- **Friday 24 May 2024**
- **Monday 3 June 2024**
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 24**

### SWIMMING

**On Tuesdays for Stanage Class**, 9.15 -9.45 – 16 April, 23 April, 30 April, 7 May, 14 May, 21 May. On holiday - 28 May, Sports Event in Sheffield - 4<sup>th</sup> June, last one - 11 June.

**On Wednesdays for Dovedale Class + 6 x Y5 from Longshaw**, 9.15 -9.45 – 17 April, 24 April, 1 May, 8 May, 15 May, 22 May On holiday - 28 May, None on 5 June, last one -12 June.

**Y6 water safety/ rescue** - 19 June, 26 June, 3 July and 10 July.

I hope that you and your family have a relaxing and joyful Easter break, and I look forward to welcoming our pupils and staff back, ready to take on the Summer Term.

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