



January Newsletter 2018

Welcome Back

I hope you and your family enjoyed the holidays and New Year break. Before the break, the children had a fantastic time in school getting ready for Christmas and I am looking forward to hearing about all the fun they had while they were away.

As it is the start of a new year many of us will be making resolutions. There are two things I would like to ask for your support with at the start of this New Year. Firstly, at the end of last year a large number of children were being picked up late after school and clubs. This is upsetting for the children and when school can't get hold of their parents causes a lot of disruption. **Please make sure you know what time your child is finishing school and ensure there is someone there to collect them on time.**

Secondly, at the end of last year a quarter of all the children in school didn't bring their book bag to school each day. This means that their reading book can't be read at school, their library book can't be changed and letters home often go missing. I have asked all the teachers to check which children are not bringing them and to talk to their parents.

Please remember your child needs their reading book bag every day in school.

There are some new faces in school which we told you about before the break. Two important new people are Mr Gary Lumb who will be teaching Cedar class from now until the end of the summer term and Mr Andy Hinchcliffe who will be our new Child Protection and Safeguarding Leader. Andy is taking on this role and will be working with many on the families and children that Yvonne McMullen and Carrie Parish have supported in the last couple of years.

Andy's arrival means that Carrie Parish can continue to focus on her work around supporting parents and families to make sure their children do as well as they can at school.

If you would like to speak to someone about things that are happening in school, there is always a member of the leadership team on the playground before school or you can make an appointment in the office or email me.

Now some important information about upcoming events:

Year 6 SATs parents' meeting

We will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 17th January in the Year 6 classrooms at 3.20pm to let Year 6 Parents know important information about the SATs tests their children will be sitting in May and how best they can help them.

Early Years and KS1 School Meal Taster day

Is your child in Early Years and KS1 and not taking up their entitlement to a school meal? On Thursday 18th January we are having a whole school picnic and for children in Reception and KS1 this is free. Why not let us provide your packed lunch on that day? Look out for a letter with more details on in the next week.

Year 6 Kingswood Residential Trip Parents' meeting for parents of current Year 5 children

It might seem ages away, but it is time to start planning next year's Year 6 residential to Kingswood - come and find out all the information you will need on Friday 19th January.

Year 4 Eyam Residential Trip Parents' meeting

Summer seems far away but the time will fly by and there is a meeting to let Year 4 Parents know about the residential to Eyam on Monday 30th January. Look out for more information towards the end of the month.

Christmas Collection for the Dementia Society

Thank you to everyone for their contributions to the collection during our school concerts. We raised **£130** to help families affected by Dementia.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who dressed in their Christmas Jumper on the last day of term, we collected a massive **£260** for this great cause.



Spring mid-term holiday

We break up for the mid-term holiday on Friday 9th Feb and re-open on Monday 19th February.

Harry Potter Year 5/6 Sleepover Night

On Friday 2nd February, children from Year 5 and 6 will be invited to come back to school at night to enjoy a Harry Potter night full of spells and wizardry. As well as these fun events the children will get to sleep over in the school with their friends. Look out for more information towards the middle of January and in the meantime brush up on your spells!

World Book Day

World Book Day on Thursday 1st March and the children will be able to come dressed up as their favourite book characters on the day.

Twitter

For more information and to see photos from these events follow us on Twitter @HCPSLeeds or look at the Twitter feed via our website www.hunsletcarr.co.uk

Questions and Information

If you have any questions or need further information about items on this newsletter please ask your class teacher or myself and we will be happy to help.

Kind Regards

Mr Martin Lumb

Governors' News

Happy New Year and welcome back to school after what I hope has been a very good festive break for you all.

I hope 2018 will see us continue to forge stronger and closer working links with our colleagues at Sharp Lane and New Bewerley. We have also recently started working with colleagues from Ingram Road Primary and Greenmount Primary and we hope that this will have benefit to our school by sharing our strengths and developing new ones in partnership with others.

It is now five years since we were last visited by the Ofsted inspectors, and governors, the Leadership team and rest of the staff are well prepared for their next visit which we expect to be this year. The governors' ambitions for 2018 are that if Ofsted do come calling, Mr Lumb, his team and the children will be able to show that we have continued to build on the strengths we had when being assessed as good in 2012. I would also hope that they would recognise some of the many improvements which we have made since the last visit.

I look forward to a positive year for the school, the children, staff and parents!

Thank you and kind regards.

Claire Burgess

Chair of Governors

School Council News:

Happy New Year!

We have a lot happening this year in School Council. This half term we are looking at improving our whole school House reward system by having an exciting reward at the end of the school year for the house team that has collected the most tokens. We are also going to be writing to our local MP, Hilary Benn, and inviting him to our annual Election for the next Head Boy and Head Girl.

In school we are continuing with playground buddies and we want to have Opinion Boxes in every classroom so that children can tell us what they think of our school and we can then help to improve it.

Thank you,

Abigail and Harley.