

Hallam Fields Junior School Newsletter

July 2023

Building work

Ground works for our two new classrooms are due to start this week. Unfortunately works have been delayed which means the 2 new classrooms are not expected to be ready until mid-October. These new classrooms will be for year 6 to use once completed. In the meantime, Lime class will remain in their current classroom, whilst Rowan will be based in Cedar for the beginning of the Autumn term. This will allow works to be undertaken on the upstairs corridor over the summer. We are developing more space for children to be supported working in the Thrive room and space for staff to work, social workers and agencies to work with children 1:1 and for us to be able to reinstate the school library. We don't envisage the works interrupting the children's learning, however there will be some disruption to parking outside of school during this week and the first half term.

SATs Results

A huge well-done to all of year 6 for their effort and attitude throughout this year. They applied themselves very well to the actual tests and the results show the hard work of the children, staff and your support. Of course, SATs do not take in to account all the other subjects including sports, arts and the creative curriculum or all the other wonderful things the children have achieved this year and over the last 4 years.

	Hallam Fields Results	Provisional National Results
Reading	81%	73%
Writing	74%	71%
Maths	76%	73%
Combined	64%	59%
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	76%	72%

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Inset days / Times of the day

Children will start back on Wednesday 6th September. Times of the day will remain as Year 4 and Year 6 start time of 8.55am to 3.25pm and Years 3 and 5 start time of 9.00am to 3.30pm.

Children in Rowan class (Miss Daykin and Mrs Palfreyman) should use the carpark gate at the beginning of the year.

Inset days have been confirmed as Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September, Friday 27th October, 26th February 2024 and Monday 24th June 2024.

Uniform and jewelry reminder

Please remember PE uniform consists of PLAIN black tracksuit bottoms, shorts or skort, PLAIN or school logo t-shirt and PLAIN black trainers with a normal school jumper, cardigan or fleece on PE days. PE days will be notified during the first week of September.

Please also remember for safety reasons children are only allowed one stud in each ear, no other types of earring are allowed. Children should be able to take their own earrings out on PE days or come with them not in, they are not allowed to tape them up.

Staffing changes

At the end of this term we will be wishing Mrs Sibley well as she leaves us. She has been at Hallam Fields for the last 9 years and is moving to the same authority and school as her children, where she will therefore have the same holidays. I am sure many of you will know her through her role as SENCO. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for all she has done over the last nine years for all the children and staff at Hallam Fields.

In September Miss Daykin will be taking over the role of SENCO in school for the Autumn Term. We shall also be welcoming Miss Flannery as class teacher to the year 5 team and we have also appointed 3 new teaching assistants Miss Ford (who has been working at Hallam Fields on supply basis), Miss Small and Miss Pollard. We shall also welcome back a long term supply Miss Torrie who will be working in year 6. We are also delighted that Miss White will be continuing with us, supporting across years 5 and 6 with Literacy and Maths.

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New Parent Governor

We shall be sending out a request for a new parent governor in September. If you might be interested, please come and talk to one of us if you would like to discuss the role or notify us of your interest.

Sports this term

A huge well done to our team from all classes who competed in the District Sports event recently, coming joint 2nd and also to the swimming team who also came 2nd overall. We have also been completing in many friendly football matches, including a few good wins against local schools. Thanks to Mr Rowland and Mr Hall for training and organising the football.

Safeguarding

Over the summer holidays if you have any safeguarding concerns about a child or family, or need any support within your own family please visit our website for details of contacts / support <https://www.hallamfields.derbyshire.sch.uk/safeguarding> You can also email safeguarding@hallamfields.derbyshire.sch.uk which will be checked at regular intervals throughout the school holidays if you need to talk to someone at school.

Permission, Consent and Student Contact Form

As a school we are required to ensure any data we hold relating to our pupils, families and staff is kept up to date. We therefore require all parents of children in current Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 to complete the permissions/consent link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/DYXivTNgkB>

If you or your child's emergency contacts have changed, please complete the Student Contact Update Form below. Please note we require TWO emergency contact numbers for your child on our school records.

<https://forms.office.com/r/3yzCRi3B8v>

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Dinner Money/Parent Pay

Could we ask parents to clear all dinner money balances on Parent Pay and ensure accounts are kept in credit AT ALL TIMES. Dinner money should be paid via Parent Pay in advance of your child taking a school meal. Parents can set an alert when balances are running low to ensure accounts do not fall into deficit.

From September 2023 we have been advised by the Local Authority that the price of a school meal will increase from £2.30 to £3.25 per meal. This is a huge increase and is the result of the increases in food prices, wages and transportation costs. We would encourage all parents to complete the online Free School Meals application as the service automatically checks eligibility and will highlight families who become eligible, and this eligibility remains for their current phase of education (i.e. until reaching secondary school).

[Free school meals and Pupil Premium funding - Derbyshire County Council](#)

School Uniform and Lost Property

As some parents may be aware, we have a vast quantity of unclaimed/unnamed lost property. We would encourage parents to claim any unwanted items before it is necessary for us to dispose of it at the end of the term. Could we ask all parents to name all school uniform, PE kit and forest schools clothing in September so we can swiftly return items to the correct owners.

Absence Reporting

Can parents please telephone the school office when reporting their child's absence and not send seesaw messages to class teachers only. Teachers are often unable to access their seesaw accounts whilst teaching and the office staff are contacting parents to obtain a reason for absence.

Finally

We would like to finish by wishing our year 6 children who are leaving us this week, the very best of luck for the future. We hope to see you again to tell us how well you are getting on. Thank you for all the happy memories you have left us with.

And to all families, we hope you have a lovely summer break, and look forward to welcoming those who will be returning in September ready for a new year.

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