



# HALLAM FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Race for Life

A huge well done to all who took part in the Race for Life, and thank you to Tesco for once again providing healthy snacks for the children. Altogether the children ran 3057 laps which is 764 miles with Lime class running the most laps at 18 laps on average which is 4.5 miles. Along with some of the female staff who ran at an organised race the total raised currently stands at an incredible £4183.80!

## Year 6 SATs Results

	National Expected	School Expected	National Exceeding	School Exceeding
Reading	73%	68%	Not yet released%	18%
Writing	78%	79%	Not yet released%	20%
SPAG	78%	79%	Not yet released%	30%
Maths	79%	77%	Not yet released%	20%
Combined	65%	63%	Not yet released%	11%

We were especially pleased with the rise in those achieving exceeding this year and Maths has made a good increase this year. Well done to all of year six, and all the staff who have worked with the children throughout their four years.

## Forest Schools and Thrive Time

As of September we have decided to offer Forest Schools to each class every week. We have seen the value of the sessions which the children have always had in year 3, and have decided that the benefits weekly throughout school will help balance the other work that the children are doing in class. We will also continue to have Thrive Time in each class during the week. Both of these we believe help children's emotional well being and we recognise this as an area where we need to continually invest time in to.

Once your child brings home a copy of their timetable we would ask that you send them with appropriate clothes for Forest schools each week. This should be clothes which they can get dirty and a waterproof if it is wet. They will need to bring them home each week and remember them the following week.

## Year 6

Our final assembly for year 6 parents will be on Thursday 18th July at 2pm. Year 6 will be sharing some of their memories, singing some songs and receiving their Record of Achievements (a collection of their work over four years). We anticipate this will finish before 3pm and children can leave with their own parent/carer or grandparent

On Friday year 6 will leave school via the car park gates at 3.25pm. The rest of the school will line the drive to wish them well as they leave us for secondary school.

## Early Help

Many of our families have accessed support over recent years from the Multi Agency Team to support them with issues at home. This has been a service that has always supported and worked alongside families. Unfortunately the funding for a lot of their work has not been continued and they will only be able to work with a select number of families. In school however we will continue to support families as we always have. This may be through offering advice on organisations that are available including counselling for children / adults or for some families completing assessments together with you to involve different services and meet together. We have attached a copy of our Early Help Offer including details of where you can find advice during the holidays. There is also a phone number for serious safeguarding concerns that you might have about a child or family should you need it. On our website there are links to support agencies should you want to seek out specialist help, and a copy of our Early Help Offer. [www.hallamfields.derbyshire.uk/earlyhelp](http://www.hallamfields.derbyshire.uk/earlyhelp)



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## **Staffing**

In September we will be welcoming Miss McCreery to our team. She will be teaching in year 4 next year. We also send congratulations to both Mrs Kendrick and Mrs Sibley who are expecting children during the second half of the Autumn Term.

Mrs Kendrick, who is working alongside Mrs Riley in Willow class, will then be replaced by Miss Gration as she returns from her maternity leave.

## **Student Update Form/Parental Consent Form**

Your child will be sent home with a Student Update Form and a Parental Consent Form for completion and return on the 4th September. It is essential we have up to date emergency contact numbers for at least two parent/carers and parental consent forms need to be completed annually in line with GDPR recommendations. For further information regarding how we use, store and share data, please see [www.hallamfields.derbyshire.sch.uk/gdpr](http://www.hallamfields.derbyshire.sch.uk/gdpr)

## **Newsletters/Letters**

In an attempt to reduce costs and acknowledge the environmental impact of paper waste we will be emailing through all future newsletters/letters. Please would you therefore ensure your email address, along with any other contact information held in school, is up to date. Communications will be posted on the School Website/Twitter/Facebook and available in hard copy upon request via the school office. Any letters requiring consent from parent/carers will be uploaded onto Parent Pay. Thank you for supporting our school with this matter.

## **School Website**

We have just launched our updated website this week. We hope that you will find it easier to navigate and it also has a search facility to find information. If you get chance to have a look we would welcome any feedback, including anything which you think would be useful for us to add. The address remains the same [www.hallamfields.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.hallamfields.derbyshire.sch.uk)

## **First Four Days in September**

We will be starting the term in September in the same way as we did this year. Children will have four days where we will give them time to make connections with their new class and teachers. The focus will be on PSHE, art, teamwork and aspirations. We found that this really helped children this year so that they were settled and ready for thinking and learning.

## **Dates for the Diary:**

Friday 19th July – Last Day of School for Children  
Tuesday 3rd September—INSET Day  
Wednesday 4th September—First Day back for the children

We hope you all have a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Wednesday 4th September. Good luck to all who will be starting at a new school.

We know that sometimes unexpected problems can create difficulties which we need support to resolve. Our aim at Hallam Fields Junior School is to do whatever we can to provide support for any member of the school community in their hour of need. We can support you in the following ways:

### PASTORAL

Pastoral Care is support which we provide in school in order to help a child to improve their social, emotional and behavioural skills.

Pastoral care can be provided in a variety of ways to meet a variety of goals. Reasons we provide pastoral care include:

- Help a child share appropriately
- Help a child understand how to behave appropriately in different situations
- Boost self-esteem
- Help a child to build friendships with their peers
- Help a child with transition to a new key stage or class

The ways in which we deliver this support include:

- Thrive sessions working 1:1 with a child on an individual plan to build gaps in their development
- Nurture to teach targeted social, emotional and behavioural skills either in a group or individually
- Lunchtime clubs
- Transition programmes for vulnerable groups
- 1:1 sessions with a named worker

### PARENTAL

Sometimes pastoral care needs to span home and school. Sometimes help is needed to address challenging behaviour at home, sometimes help is needed due to family illness or other misfortune. We can provide support in the following ways:

**Drop-ins:** Staff are readily available to meet with parents to discuss issues and to help with solutions

**Courses for Parents:** Within school we run courses to help parents deal with difficult behaviour of children at home by using some of the Thrive Strategies which we use in school. Mrs Carr has undertaken the training required to carry out the course within school. If you feel this may be of interest please contact Mrs Carr through the school office or email

[pastoral@hallamfields.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:pastoral@hallamfields.derbyshire.sch.uk) Where applicable we will also direct you to other courses being run locally which may be useful.

**SEN:** If your child has special educational needs or you think they might Mrs Sibley our SENCO will be able to advise and support you in the process to follow and support available.

### ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is vital for children to succeed at school and prepare them for the next phase of their life. Target attendance is 95%+ and this is what everybody should be aiming for to ensure that children make the expected progress and reach expected standards at school.

We provide support for families with attendance in the following ways:

**Attendance Panel Meetings:** At these meetings we investigate reasons for low attendance and develop a plan to improve future attendance.

**Support from Attendance Officer:** Our attendance officer will provide support with implementing and monitoring the attendance plan to ensure that we work closely together and support any difficulties you may be having.

### OTHER AGENCIES

Sometimes we need to involve other agencies so that we can all work together and share ideas and expertise. In this case we may arrange a Team around the Family meeting where we will look at what is working well, and what areas need support. We will hold regular meetings to monitor action plans.

We also use specialist outside agencies who can offer trained counselling services. These could be for bereavement, substance misuse (child or adult), and domestic violence amongst others. For these agencies, we will get your permission before referring in to services for you.

We can also help by offering information for local groups and organisations where you can get help. Lots of these details are also available on our website.

## CONTACT US

During term time make an appointment to see Mr Hussain or Mr Brown. In the holidays urgent issues should be addressed to **Starting Point**, which is the focal point for Social Care support on 01629 533190. Otherwise, please email: [earlyhelp@hallamfields.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:earlyhelp@hallamfields.derbyshire.sch.uk)