

# **Heritage Park Primary School Newsletter**



What a fantastic half term it has been. The children have worked incredibly hard, and embraced the opportunities that have come their way. A particular highlight was the theatre visit of *Alice in Wonderland*, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We'd also like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the Friends Committee for their continued hard work — from organising events to selling doughnuts — and we look forward to Frozen Fridays returning in the summer term.

## **Celebrating Our Pupils**

We were delighted with the wonderful play performed by Year 4 and Year 5 that showcased the children's confidence and creativity. Their enthusiasm and teamwork shone through beautifully.

Our Dojo engagement continues to be excellent, with five out of six classes on Dojo achieving 100% participation. This helps us to maintain communication lines and partnerships between home and school.

Whole-school attendance remains above 95%, and we are grateful to all families who help maintain this positive trend.

## **Thank You to Our Families**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea; your support and enthusiasm made the event truly special.

We were also really pleased with the turnout for Parents' Evening, and we appreciate the time families take to engage with their children's learning. It has been great to see an increase in parents reading regularly with their children in the reading logs.

Your support at the Book Fayre was greatly appreciated too, helping us raise £200 to spend on exciting new books for our library.

## **Staffing Update**

We are pleased to welcome our new caretaker, Mr Rands, who will be joining us on 13th April. We look forward to him becoming part of our school community.

## School Lunches

From 1st April, the price of school lunches will increase to £2.70 per meal. Please ensure all meals are paid for in advance, as we are not in a position to be able to cover outstanding balances from public funds. Accounts in arrears may unfortunately be refused further hot dinners until debts are cleared.

Please also ensure all account balances are cleared as this will allow us to transition more easily from ParentPay to our Arbor payments system.

## School Trips

We are currently planning trips for next year and reviewing the costs of this year's visits. Due to ongoing budget pressures, the school may need to cancel trips if voluntary contributions are insufficient. We are unable to continue subsidising trips at previous levels, which may also affect the number and quality of trips offered in the future. Your support makes a real difference and we really appreciate all the families who financially support us to make trips possible for the children.

## Walk to school Week

From 18th to 22nd May, we're inviting all children to take part in the Walk To School week five-day walking challenge. This year it is code named – *Mission Move*.

Throughout the week, pupils are encouraged to walk, scoot, or bike to school. Every journey counts. The goal is simple: get moving, have fun, and help make our school community healthier and more active.

We'd love to see as many children as possible join the mission. We will also be completing healthy events throughout the week at school to encourage activity.

## PE

Following last year's success, we are excited to confirm that the Sports Day picnic will return again this summer. Below is the updated PE timetable for the first half of Summer term:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Reception Year 2 Year 4 Year 6	Reception Year 1 Year 3 Year 6	Year 2 Year 5	Year 1 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

Further information about trips in the summer term will be sent in due course.

## **Diary Dates**

### **April**

- 13th – Staff Professional Day (school closed)
- 14th – School reopens to pupils
- 17th – Climbing Wall for Years 1-6 – PE kit: sweatshirt and jogging bottoms required
- 23rd–24th – Year 4 Residential
- 24th – Frozen Fridays begin for the summer term
- 27th – Open Classroom – Year 6 (3.30)
- 28th – Open Classroom (all year groups, 3.30pm apart from Year 6)

### **May**

- 4th – School closed (May Day)
- 6th – KS1 SATS: Reading Paper 1
- 8th – KS1 SATS: Maths Paper 1
- w/c 11th – KS2 SATS Week
- 14th – KS1 SATS: Grammar & Spelling
- w/c 18th – Walk to School Week
- 20th – KS1 SATS: Reading Paper 2
- 21st – Mike Mullen BMX Workshops & Assembly and School Census Day
- 22nd – KS1 SATS: Maths Paper 2
- 25th–29th – Half Term

### **June**

- 1st – School reopens
- 3rd onwards – Year 6 Top-Up Swimming
- 5th – Year 1 trip
- w/c 8th – Year 4 Multiplication Checks
- 9th – Year 1 (and some Year 2) Phonics Screening Check
- 9th – PSP Meetings (by invitation)
- 11th – Hands on Science Workshop
- 12th – Reception trip
- 15th – Year 5 Class Assembly (9.00am) Second Interhouse Competition. Years 1 – 6 need to be in P.E. kit
- 16th – Father's Day Breakfast (8.45–9.45am. Changed from the 19<sup>th</sup> because of the Year 2 trip)

- 17th – New Reception Parents Welcome Meeting (5.15pm)
- 18th – Year 4 Class Assembly (9.00am)
- 19th - Year 2 trip
- 22nd – Year 3 Class Assembly (9.00am)
- 23rd – Break the Rules Day (children to bring in chocolate tombola donations)
- 25th – Year 2 Class Assembly (9.00am)
- 29th – Sports Day and picnic
- 30th – Reserve Sports Day (no picnic if this date is used)

## **July**

- 1st - Move Up Afternoon. Year 7 transition Day for most Peterborough Schools.
- 2nd – Year 1 Class Assembly (9.00am). Year 7 transition Day for some Peterborough Schools.
- 3rd – Summer Fayre (3.30–5.30pm)
- 6th – Reception Class Assembly (9.00am)
- 7th – Field Events Day (Children to come in P.E. kit)
- 10th – Year 6 trip
- 15th – Reports sent home. New Reception children in school 9-12
- 17th – Year 6 Prom. New Reception children in school 9-12
- 19th – First Interhouse Competition. Years 1 – 6 need to be in P.E. kit
- 20th – Last Day of Term & Leavers Assembly

## **Wishing You a Wonderful Easter**

Thank you for your continued support throughout this busy and productive term. We wish all our families a restful break and a lovely Easter holiday.

Kindest regards

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