

Hardwick Primary School NEWSLETTER



Issue 13: Friday 10th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

January

Wednesday 29th

6.00pm Meeting of the School Strategy Board

February

Friday 7th

PTA Valentine Disco

Tuesday 11th

3.30pm - 5.00pm Parent Teacher Consultation meetings.

PTA Film Club

Wednesday 12th

3.30pm - 7.00pm Parent Teacher Consultation meetings.

Friday 14th

School Closes

Monday 24th

School Reopens

March

Wednesday 18th

5.00pm Meeting for parents with children in Year 2 and Year 6 regarding SATs.

6.00pm Meeting of School Strategy Board

April

Friday 3rd

School closes

April

Monday 20th

School reopens

Welcome back and a happy and healthy new year to everyone.

We have made a great start to the term. I would remind all parents that all children need a pair of black shoes as well as a pair of plimsolls for wearing indoors. Trainers are not acceptable. Some children took their indoor shoes home at the end of last term, but it is important that all children have plimsolls in school, in case we need to evacuate in an emergency.

Swimming

The children in Years 1 and 2 will continue with their swimming lessons. If your child is unable to take part in swimming, they will need to be collected at 1.15pm as we are unable to supervise them at the pool or in school.

Forest School

This term the children in FSU will be taking part in Forest School. Parents have been informed on a separate letter as to the dates they will attend. Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing in school, so that they can take part without getting cold and wet. We do have a small number of waterproofs in school but not enough for everyone.

Attendance

Towards the end of last term, attendance was not as good as in previous years. However, this was due to a particularly nasty virus which affected a lot of children as well as the staff. We do not expect you to send your child to school if they are genuinely ill. However, we do ask that you inform the school office, if your child is going to be absent. We do not authorise any absence for holidays, birthdays or shopping trips. I attach a list of term dates to help you plan your family holidays. Please note the GLF Inset day on Friday 26th June, when school will be closed.

Procedures for Emergency Closure

If you should experience any extremely bad weather, we may need to close the school. This will only happen in exceptional circumstances. The decision to close will be made by 7.30am, based on the condition of the school site, and the number of staff who can travel to work. An announcement will be made on the local radio and we will try and post information on the school website. If the school is open, then children are expected to attend as normal.

Breakfast Club and School Lunches

Breakfast Club continues to be very popular. Andrea will provide a choice of cereal, fresh fruit salad and yogurt, followed by a cooked option. This includes muffins, crumpets, baked beans or poached egg on toast or sausage sandwich. There is no need to pre-book and the cost is £1 which can be paid to the school office in the same way as you would pay for lunch. Breakfast Club opens at 8.00am and the children will go from the school hall direct to their classrooms at 8.45am. Breakfast Club is available to all children.

The number of children having a school lunch continues to grow. Again, there is a choice of jacket potato, sandwiches with a

variety of fillings, or a cooked meal. A school lunch is completely free to those in FSU, Year 1, and Year 2. If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5, or 6 then the cost is £2.30. Again, there is no need to pre-order, as the children can make their choice at registration. However, if your child has an appointment and they arrive in school after 10.00am we would be unable to provide them with a school meal, unless you have ordered the day before.

Again, this year we would like to invite all parents to have lunch with the children. On **Wednesday 22nd January** the parents of the children in Year 3 are invited to join us. This will give you the opportunity to experience the quality of the food first hand, and to see what lunch time is like. Last year this was very popular, so I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us.

If your child brings a packed lunch, we would ask that you support the school's policy on healthy eating. Sweets, as well as canned and fizzy drinks are not suitable. We would encourage children to have fresh fruit, yogurts or cereal bars, rather than crisps and chocolate.

Congratulations

I am delighted to inform you that during the holidays Mrs Watson gave birth to a baby girl. She is called Charlotte, and both mother and baby are doing well. Congratulations!

I look forward to working with you all in the term ahead.

Yours sincerely

J M Hawkin
Headteacher