



# HURSTHEAD INFANT SCHOOL

*We care, we learn, we belong*

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Dear Parents

We have a busy two weeks recruiting and are pleased to let you know about two successful candidates.

Rebecca Crawshaw has been appointed Deputy Headteacher from September 2023. We are delighted that Mrs Crawshaw will become such an integral part of our leadership team going forward, Matt Thornley has been appointed Year Group Lead from September 2023. Mr Thornley will join SLT and we are thrilled to have him as part of the team.

It is with a heavy heart that we let you know that Mrs Glenton will be retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Glenton is a caring and a dedicated teacher. She has taught at Hursthead Infant School for 10 years and is a valued member of the team. I can genuinely say that she is the most thorough teacher I have had the pleasure of working with - her experience and passion will be missed. We wish Mrs Glenton happiness and luck with her future endeavours.

## **Farewell to Ms Moffat**

I am very sorry to let everyone know that Ms Moffat will leave us today and embark upon a new career. Ms Moffat is an upbeat member of our Hursthead Infant Family. She comes to school every day with a smile and energy which will be missed by all of us. I am particularly grateful to Ms Moffat for the kindness and support she has shown me over my first two terms as headteacher. I am sure everyone will join me in wishing Ms Moffat every success for the future.



## **Coronation**

We have had a great time this week celebrating the Coronation. The children have enjoyed making and decorating flags and posters for our celebration with the Junior School. This afternoon the children had their own royal parade with their Junior buddies. They also had a fabulous time singing and dancing. It was lovely to join the Junior School to celebrate this special occasion. The children had a wonderful time and they all looked fantastic in their royal outfits!



## Early Excellence Centre

Yesterday we took all staff to the Early Excellence Centre in Huddersfield. Early Excellence is a national leader of pedagogy, provision and practice, specialising in young children's education. They offer expert advice, support and training to schools in order to keep an emphasis on quality provision. Their consultancy team designed a bespoke training day for Hursthead Infant School which meant focussed development for all our teachers and teaching assistants. We had a fantastic time which will be invaluable in taking our school forward. The day ended in a trip to the gift shop for some new resources for our classrooms!



## Lunches

TLC, our current lunch providers are now using meat that is "Halal Certified", including the sausages, burgers, mince and chicken. I am letting parents know so that you may make an informed decision regarding your child's lunches for the rest of this term. If you would like to make any changes to your child's dinner patterns, please email [headteacher@hursthead-inf.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@hursthead-inf.stockport.sch.uk) with details.

From September onwards we will be changing to a new catering company. We are currently undertaking the necessary process to appoint a new provider and will inform you as soon as we know more. Thank you for your understanding and patience during this period of change.

## Parking

I know that roads are very busy in the morning and this can be stressful. Please be considerate towards our neighbours and other road users. Please remember that there is no parking outside school - this is to keep our children safe.

## PSA May Fair

The May Fair will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May. There will be two non-uniform days on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> May. The PSA will get details of these days and the fair out to you soon. We hope you can attend - I am very much looking forward to my first one!

### **Class Assemblies**

We will be holding class assemblies for parents to attend, as outlined below, during June and July. The children will share with you their memories of the school year and particular songs/poems they have enjoyed learning.

### **Playground Safety**

Please can parents ensure that children are not riding their bikes or scooters on school grounds, instead they should be pushed to the scooter park. The playground is a very busy place at the end of the school day. For safety reasons, children should not play on the playground equipment after school, enter the forest or climb the trees on school grounds. This includes children who walk around from the Junior School. Elm Cottage cannot utilise the playground for afterschool club until they are able to lock the gate. With this in mind, please can parents collect children promptly at the end of the school day. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Mini-Olympics**

The whole school will be participating in our Mini-Olympics morning on Thursday 13th July. The children will move around different and varied athletic events in classes. The focus of the morning is to have fun, cheer each other on and enjoy the physical activities. We are hoping for sun! Please could your child come into school wearing sports clothing (which they will wear all day) with suitable footwear, and a full water bottle. If thought necessary, sunscreen applied and a hat would be appropriate. Unfortunately, due to the way the Mini-Olympics is organised with groups of pupils moving between activities spread across the playground and field, we are unable to invite parents to attend.

### **Sun Protection**

In support of Stockport LA's 'Sun Know How' campaign and in the hope that more sunny days are before us, please ensure that children, when necessary, come to school with sunscreen protection of at least SPF 30 applied and a hat or cap which will protect their face, neck and ears when appropriate. We will ensure all pupils have the opportunity to drink extra fluids on hot days - please remember your child's water bottle.

### **Transition**

The Reception and Year 1 pupils will spend time in their 2023/24 classroom with their new class teacher before the end of the school year. Year 2 pupils will also visit their Year 3 classroom and be taught by their Year 3 teacher. We aim to ensure a smooth transition for all children with teachers liaising closely to share transition information, including the social, academic and medical needs of each child.

**Please find below some dates for your diary:**

<b>Tuesday 16th May</b>	Class 6 Walk around the local area
<b>Wednesday 17th May</b>	Class 5 Walk around the local area
<b>Thursday 18th May</b>	Class 4 Walk around the local area
<b>22nd 23rd 24th May</b>	Reception Learning review meetings
<b>Friday 26th May</b>	Next Steps out for Reception

<b>Thursday 15th June</b>	Year 1 visit to Manchester City
<b>Monday 19th June</b>	Reception end of year assembly
<b>Tuesday 20th June</b>	Reception end of year assembly Year 1 visit to AVRO Heritage Museum
<b>Wednesday 21st June</b>	Reception end of year assembly
<b>Monday 26th June</b>	Class 4 end of year assembly Year 2 step outside - road safety
<b>Tuesday 27th June</b>	Class 5 end of year assembly Year 2 step outside - road safety
<b>Wednesday 28th June</b>	Class 6 end of year assembly Year 2 step outside - road safety New Starters drop in session
<b>Thursday 29th June</b>	New Starters drop in session Year 2 Music Festival
<b>Thursday 29th June 7pm</b>	New Parents meeting
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 2 Junior School Headteacher visit
<b>Monday 3rd July</b>	Class 1 end of year assembly
<b>Tuesday 4th July</b>	Class 2 end of year assembly
<b>Wednesday 5th July</b>	Class 3 end of year assembly
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 2 visit new Junior School class
<b>Friday 7th July</b>	Open Afternoon 3:30pm
<b>Tuesday 11th July</b>	Morning new class visit
<b>Thursday 13th July</b>	Afternoon new class visit
<b>Tuesday 20th July</b>	Stay and Play session for new children and their parents
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Morning Year 2 visit new Junior School class

I hope you have an enjoyable long weekend.

Karen Grant  
Headteacher