



HURSTHEAD INFANT SCHOOL

We care, we learn, we belong

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Dear Parents

Thank you for your support since September - my first year as Headteacher has gone so quickly and we have achieved a huge amount in a short space of time. I'm looking forward to next year and building on our successes.

Wednesday 26 July School closes for summer

Wednesday 6 September School re-opens

Thursday 14th September Year 1 and 2 Welcome Night 6-8pm. Parent event only.

After school clubs:

Thank you to those who filled out the survey we provided in order to gather parents thoughts on extra-curricular activities they would like to see next year. We had 90 responses which is a 35% return.

Club	Percentage of parents who would like to see this club on offer
Art/Craft Club	88%
French Club	57%
Boxercise	50%
Coding Club	50%
Board Games	44%
Chess Club	38%
Sewing Club	35%
Homework Club	30%
Gymnastics	9%
Cricket	1%
Science Club	1%
Karate	1%
Athletics	1%
Netball	1%
Lacrosse	1%
Cross Country	1%

We are currently finalising our clubs for next year. Some parents responded that they would like drama, dance, cooking and sport's clubs - we already provide these and will continue to do so. We are hoping to have the following on offer at different times throughout next year:

Dance Drama Art and Crafts Coding French Boxercise Board Games Tri Golf

Cooking Ukulele Ball/Multi Skills Forest School Football Sewing

There may be more clubs added to the list and we will inform parents as soon as they are finalised. All club letters for the autumn term will be sent on **Wednesday 6th September at 6pm** with the details of times and dates that each club will be available on, and how to book.

A special thank you to Mr Thornley for helping me to respond to feedback from parents and organise additional activities. I am really proud of the variety of clubs we are hoping to provide, and the hard work from staff that goes into the planning, organisation and delivery of our after school offer.

Our amazing results

We are so proud of our children who have worked extremely hard and made excellent progress over the year. Please see our published results below in reading, writing and maths where you can see how we compare with other schools nationally and locally. In some cases our results are triple the national average. This is credit to the children, our wonderful staff who have high expectations for all, and to the adults at home who support the children and school. Well done everyone, and thank you!

Reception GLD (Children working at a Good Level of Development)	National Average (2023)	Hursthead Infant School	Stockport Authority
Pass	67%	86% (+19%)	68%

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	National Average (2023)	Hursthead Infant School	Stockport Authority
Pass	79%	99% (+20%)	80%

Year 2 End of Key Stage 1	Meeting the expected standard		Working at the greater depth standard	
	National Average (2023)	Hursthead Infant School	National Average (2023)	Hursthead Infant School
Reading	68%	90% (+22%)	19%	48% (+29%)
Writing	60%	88% (+28)	8%	30% (+22%)
Maths	71%	90% (+19%)	16%	47% (+31%)

Tours for perspective parents

Please see tour dates below for prospective parents for September 2024. Remember applications for reception places will close in **January 2024**



Dates of tours:

Wednesday 1 November 9:30am

Thursday 2 November 1:30pm

Tuesday 7 November 9:30am

Friday 10 November 1:30pm









PSA

Thank you again to our PSA who have worked tirelessly all year to raise £12,500 for school. Our children benefit greatly from your help. This year the PSA have helped to pay for many enriching activities for our children such as the T-rex visit, climbing wall, French lessons, Reddish Vale Farm trip, Avro trip and Staircase House trip. You may have noticed that sections of our forest is currently restricted. We will be using part of the PSA fund to upgrade our Forest School to ensure it is safe and accessible for all. Many hands make light work, if you are interested in joining the PSA or becoming a volunteer, please contact them on hurstheadinfantpsa@gmail.com.

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. I would encourage all members of our community to model the correct behaviour and language to our children. Please remember that there is no parking outside school – this is to keep our children safe.

Learning Characters

 Be curious like Colin the Camel	 Use your imagination like Isabel Iguana
 Have a go like Hamid Hedgehog	 Don't give up like Deema Duck
 Concentrate like Kuba Caterpillar	 Co-operate like Tim and Tina Tortoise
 Enjoy learning like Edward Elephant	 Improve like Ishan Insect

Evidence suggests the use of 'metacognitive strategies' - which get pupils to think about their own learning - can have a positive impact on children's progress. At school we have adopted learning characters which we use to encourage children to become self-regulated learners who can motivate themselves to engage in and improve their learning. I have attached our learning characters to this newsletter and would encourage parents to talk about these at home as regularly as you can over the summer.

Tesco Competition - a reminder to vote!

We are delighted to let you know that we were successful in our application to the Tesco Community Grants Scheme! Our project of developing the EYFS outdoors will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in store from the first week of July 2023 until the end of September 2023. The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £1,500.

What happens next?

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on our project:

- Stockport Extra SK1 2BT
- Cheadle Stockport Rd Exp SK3 0PW

- Heaton Moor Stockport Express SK4 4DU
- Hazel Grove Stockport Express SK7 6DT
- Cheadle Wilmslow Express (Handforth) SK8 1DW
- Heald Green Express SK8 3QA
- Gatley Church Rd Express SK8 4ES
- Cheadle Hulme Express SK8 7AB

To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here: <http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk>

Voting

This is where you can help! The more votes we receive, the more likely we are to win. Please share with your family, friends, workplace, neighbours....

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive tokens in order to cast your vote in store.

Birthday Assembly

Thank you to all parents that attended birthday assembly this year. Next year we are going to celebrate birthdays in class and teachers will ensure children receive a certificate and their special day is celebrated. Whilst parents will not be able to attend the in class celebrations, there are many more opportunities for parents to visit school next year, starting with the Reception meetings and the Year 1 and 2 curriculum night in September, a face to face parent consultation in March, three open afternoons throughout the year, and a parent invite to our Mini-Olympics.

Measles message from the authority:

Measles can be very serious and spreads easily. Children and adults who contract measles can end up in hospital or suffer long term health consequences. In rare cases, it can be fatal.

Measles is completely preventable with the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. The first dose is offered to children at 1 year of age and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months. Measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated and can be very disruptive in educational settings.

Please can parents check that their children's vaccines are up to date. You can catch up on your MMR vaccine through your GP whatever your age.

Information resources (including in different languages) are available via the link:

[MMR parent information leaflet](#)

School Lunches

We are very excited to be moving to our new lunch provider, Dulce, in September. All Reception and Year 1 parents will have received an email from SchoolGrid, the software provider for Dulce. Please set up a SchoolGrid account as soon as possible so that you can order your children's lunches ready for September. Please visit <https://www.dolce.co.uk/> and have a look at Dulce's website.

I hope you all have a restful break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school in September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Karen Grant
Headteacher