



HURSTHEAD INFANT SCHOOL

We care, we learn, we belong

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Dear Parents

It seems that Summer has finally arrived and we are looking forward to finishing the academic year off with lots of hard work and fun.

First some sad news. It is with a heavy heart to let you know that Mrs Haskayne will be retiring at the end of this school year. Recently a retired head told me that a School Business Manager is a headteacher's best friend, and she still kept in touch with hers after 12 years of no longer working together. This could not be truer of Mrs Haskayne who has supported me from my first day at Hursthead Infant School. The phrases I frequently hear her say are...

'I can find a way to make that work.'

'Don't worry, I'll sort that.'

'I'm your Business Manager and you need me.'

...and no matter what time it is, or what day of the week it is, term time or holidays...I know Mrs Haskayne will always answer the phone and help me to solve whatever it is that needs solving - or tell me some invaluable information I need to know (and she always knows the answer!) I know that parents, staff and children also value her friendly and kind-hearted approach. I will be very sad to see Mrs Haskayne leave and Hursthead Infant School will be a little bit less complete without her. Please come to visit us - we do all wish you a happy early retirement even if we don't want you to go!

The Green Team

This year Hursthead Infant School's Green Team have been taking part in Stockport's Climate Assembly. Five climate saving ideas were chosen by Stockport Council from the many schools taking part. The Green Team presented their own whole school assembly where they asked all the children to vote on their favourite idea.

Lev and Elizabeth represented the Green Team by taking this idea to the Climate Assembly at Stockport Council Chambers in March. They joined other children in a debate to find the idea that Stockport Council would champion. Lev and Elizabeth did a fantastic job of sharing Hursthead Infant School's ideas and they were complemented by many adults and children alike on how well they spoke in front of an audience. They voted along with everyone else for the winning idea.



The winning idea was for Stockport Council to promote swap shops so that more items can be reused and recycled. They had a fantastic morning and the Green Team have really enjoyed working on this project. Well done everyone!



School Uniform

From **1 June** Zenith are no longer able to provide our school uniform, we are currently looking for alternative providers and we will let you know more information when we have it. Zenith still currently have plenty of stock which will be available after **1 June** until they are depleted. Here is the link to place your orders <https://www.zenithchildrenswear.co.uk/hursthead.html>

PSA May Fair

The May Fair will take place on **Saturday 18 May**. There will be a '**break the rules**' day on **10 May** and a **non-uniform** day on the **17 May**. We hope you can attend so we can come together as a community and raise valuable funds for school.

Parent Workshop

We held a free online workshop on Tuesday 7 May 6-7pm led by Parenting Consultant Ann Creswell. Ann gave advice on developing positive sleep patterns which was a topic parents had asked for more advice and help with in our parent survey. Despite the invite going out to over 700 parents (the Junior School and new reception parents were also invited) only 18 parents dialled in. These events take time to plan and come at a cost to school for the time of the consultant. Mrs Kendrick and I also attended the event which finished at 7:15pm. We have tried hosting events in person in school time, in person after school (and provided a creche) and online. All have been poorly attended despite us covering topics parents asked for. Mrs Kendrick and I will be sending out a survey to find out why these events are not well attended and the changes that may be needed to enable parents to attend. Those parents who did dial in found the session extremely useful and were appreciative of the advice Ann provided.

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.

Mini-Olympics

We are excited to invite you to our Mini Olympics morning on **Friday 12 July** from approximately **9:15am - 11:30am** (weather dependant - we have Friday 19 July as a reserve day).

The children will perform short activities such as javelin, discus and different races. All activities take place in classes so, to ensure the safety of the children, they must stay within their class group at all times.

After dropping your child off, please leave the playground and make your way to the field through the carpark gates. All activities will take place on the field. Each class will be assigned a starting point which links to their class number e.g. Class 3 will start at Station 3. Children will then move to the next station as a class.

We ask that all children have applied sun cream before coming to school, and advise sunhats to be worn. Please also ensure your child has a named water bottle in school on the day.

We hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you.

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.

Training for Parents of Children with Autism (or on the pathway)

Useful training, which has been designed by Autism Central and in the North West, is being delivered by Great Minds Together. Online courses during May and June include Autism and Sleep/ Demand Avoidance/ Emotional Regulation and more.

Please see the link below for more information:

<https://www.autismcentral.org.uk/hubs/north-west-delivered-great-minds-together>

World Culture Day

We are hoping to celebrate World Culture day on **Tuesday 21 May** and would love to draw on the cultures within our school community for this event. We would like to invite any parents or family members who are willing to come into school to carry out talks or workshops celebrating their culture. This could involve activities such as a short language lesson, sharing a story, talking about a tradition or celebration, sharing traditional costumes, food or artefacts or creative/practical activities. Alternatively, if you are unable to come in and would like to contribute, could you share messages and images via Seesaw or send items with your child with a simple explanation. If you are able to come into school please contact your child's teacher by the **15 May**. We're hoping that this will be a fabulous opportunity for our children to recognise and celebrate our rich and diverse community.

Please find below more dates for your diary:

Reception Dates:

Friday 24 May -Reception next steps out

Monday 1 July- Class 9 end of year assembly

Tuesday 2 July -Class 8 end of year assembly
Wednesday 3 July- Class 7 end of year assembly

Year 1 Dates:

14 May - Local area walk Class 5
15 May - Local area walk Class 6
16 May - local area walk Class 4
w/b 10 June - Phonics screening week
18 June - Trip to AVRO Museum
8 July - Class 4 end of year assembly
9 July - Class 5 end of year assembly
10 July - Class 6 end of year assembly

Year 2 Dates:

4 July - Leavers' Disco
15 July - Class 1 end of year assembly
16 July - Class 2 end of year assembly
17 July - Class 3 end of year assembly
22 July - Class 1 Step Outside (Road Safety)
24 July - Class 2 Step Outside (Road Safety)
25 July - Class 3 Step Outside (Road safety)

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