

Headteacher Newsletter 20th April



Dear pupils and parents,

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and managed to enjoy the holiday despite the weather!

We had a busy last week with the Easter Extravaganza where the children displayed their artistic talents with the amazing creations. We were overwhelmed by the number of entries. All the children voted for their favourite and the overall winners (although they all did get a chocolate prize) were -

Class 1 - Joe Garamszegi

Class 2 - Aya Fletcher

Class 3 - Alice Burnip

A massive well done to the winners!

It was great to welcome so many parents, grandparents and siblings into school to enjoy a drink and hot cross bun and share in the excitement of the Easter Egg hunt. We hope that you all had as much fun as the children.

Diary Dates

Thank you all for your understanding of the need to cancel the HT drop in session on Monday 17th April due to me being unwell with Covid.

The remaining session scheduled for this week will go ahead as planned. If you were planning to come to the session on Monday and are unable to attend the session on Thursday then please let Beccy know and we can make an arrangement to meet.

Please see below a reminder of the events planned for this half term.

Thursday 20th April	Headteacher drop in session 2.45pm - 3.30pm
Friday 21st April	Gardening Club restarts at lunchtime
Monday 24th April	Consultation Meetings with Governors 8.30am, 2.30pm, 7pm
Monday 24th April	Class 3 visit to Padley Gorge
Tuesday 25th April	Y6 Breakfast Booster Session
Thursday 27th April	Whole School Great Crested Newt Workshop
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	Y6 Breakfast Booster Session
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9th May - 12th May	SATS Week
Thursday 11th May	Y3 and Y4 Tennis Taster Session Grindleford
Wednesday 17th May	Y4 - Y6 Girls football HVC
Thursday 18th May	Y5 - Y6 Quadkids HVC
Friday 19th May	Work Party Day at School
Thursday 25th May	Y4, Y5 and Y6 Swimming Hathersage
Thursday 25th May	Y5 and Y6 Cricket HVC
Friday 26th May	Last Day of Term
Monday 5th June	School Re opens

Staffing

We are pleased to inform you that we have Mrs Grant joining us from Thursday 20th April as a Teaching Assistant who will support Class 1 all day on Thursday and on Friday afternoons. Mrs Grant brings a wealth of experience with over 15 years Early Years experience, including teaching, Childminding and managing a Preschool.



School Improvement

You have probably noticed that the wooden role play shop is now in place and although we need to add some resources the children are already enjoying the new space. A massive thank you to the PTA and all parents for being so actively supportive in fundraising for the school.



PTA Work Day

PTA have very kindly organised a work day on Friday 19th May to help tidy up the school's outdoor areas. We are hiring a skip to get rid of the rubbish and we would be very grateful if you could donate all or part of the day to help out. No super-skills required – just gardening, possibly painting, sanding etc. Tea/Coffee/cake provided, and full instructions will be given.

If you can help, please WhatsApp Jenny (Chair of the PTA) on 07952 062 874 and she can add you to the WhatsApp group co-ordinating it all. If you don't have WhatsApp, email (jenny.garamszegi@cps.gov.uk) and I'll make sure you get all the details.

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Consultation for Federation

Following recent communications we are now in the public consultation phase and have shared with all parents / carers the two consultation documents.

- Consultation document outlining the proposal to form a federation
- Proposal to federate

To find out more and ask any questions please come along to one of the three sessions that we are holding on Monday 24th April 2023 at 8.30, 2.30pm and 7pm.

We are extremely keen to hear what you think, so please take the opportunity to complete the response form.

School Attendance

A reminder that the doors open to pupils at 08:40 and the children are encouraged to enter class to settle themselves and to complete any morning work. Registration is from 08:45 closing at 09:00 for all children. Lessons start promptly at 09:00 so please try to ensure your child arrives in time as it can be unsettling for them and the rest of the class.

Easyfundraising

Did you know that we are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/grindlefordprimaryschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-n1

Once again thank you all for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kate Gemmell'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kate Gemmell (Headteacher)