



October Newsletter 2024

Autumn Days

As we head towards autumn, I hope your child has settled into their new class and they are coming home enjoying telling you about the things they're learning about.

The children and staff really enjoyed getting to know each other during their residential and activities. Yr6 children challenged themselves at Kingswood Activity Centre, Yr5 children loved camping at Green Moon Farm, Yr3 and 4 visited Chester to learn about the Romans and visit the Zoo and Year 1 and 2 enjoyed their trip to Skelton Grange. This month, children in Early Years will be visiting Temple Newsam.

Last week, I visited the Eden Project in Cornwall with the Head and Dep Boy and Girl to learn about how we can help protect the environment around the school. Ella and Ryan (Head Girl and Boy) will be working with the school council to come up with ideas for being more environmentally friendly in school. I know from our train journey home they have lots of ideas from more plants in school to reducing plastic.

If you would like to see photos and videos from our trips, please follow us on Twitter @HCPSLeeds. And if you would like to know what the children are learning, visit the school website and check out the Curriculum section.

Year 6 Parents/Carers – You NEED to apply for a school by the end of October

I know some of the children have only just started Year 6, but the deadline for applications for Secondary School is **31st October**. You can apply by clicking this link <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/before-you-apply>.

Nursery and Reception Places

We also have places in our school Nursery (either 15 or 30 hours depending on your eligibility) and Reception. If you have children in these year groups, and would like a place, please contact the office and a member of Early Years staff will be in touch.

Our Pre-School Playgroup – Tuesdays 9 while 10.30

If you have children aged between 0 and 3, why not come along to our Playgroup every Tuesday morning between 9 -10.30 am. We have creative activities, sensory toys for the children to play with, songs and story time.

Future events for the diary

Census Day – Thursday, 3rd October

On Thursday, 3rd October we will be providing all children in Early Years, Yr1 and 2 a school meal. This is because the school's funding is directly linked to the number of meals served on that day. If your child normally brings a packed lunch to school, **you are welcome to still send a packed lunch**, the school meal would be extra.

Open Morning – Wednesday, 9th October

On Wednesday, the 9th of October we want to welcome parents and carers (and Grandparents!) into school between 9 and 10 and take part in their child's lessons.

Once you have dropped the children off, please come into the hall for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit before joining your children in their classroom. Don't worry if you have two or three children in school, there will be staff around school to point you in the right direction of the next classroom.



Mental Health Awareness Day – Thursday, 10th October

During the day, children across the school will be engaged in age-appropriate activities to support them with their mental health. Younger children will use books like the Colour Monster to discuss their emotions, and older children will look at the impacts social media can have on their mental health.

Halloween Parties – Friday, 25th October

The children can bring a bag to school with their party clothes to get changed into for the afternoon. These might be smart party clothes or, because it is close to Halloween, their spooky clothes. The school will be providing party food and drink for each class. Food provided will take into account children’s allergies and diets.

Half-term Holiday

School closes on **Friday, 25th Oct at 3.20 pm** and will re-open on **Tuesday, 5th Nov.**

Questions

If you have any questions or need further information about items on this newsletter, please ask your class teacher or me, and we will be happy to help.

Mr Martin Lumb Headteacher

Governors’ News

I hope your children have enjoyed their first month in their new classrooms getting to meet their teacher and learning lots of new things. As I write this message, our first governors meeting of the year is taking place on the 3rd of October, so I can’t tell you how it went but our first meeting always focuses on plans for the coming year.

You can see from all the activities the school has planned for this term (and trips that have already happened), our school is not just about what happens in the classroom. We really focus on giving your children the best whole school experience so that they are excited to be part of our school, just like all of our staff and governors are.

Sarah Gardner Chair of Governors

School Council

This month the classes have selected their school councillors. On Monday we held our first school assemblies where the whole school got to meet the new council members. We are looking forward to another successful year.

This year on the school council we have:

Cherry Class	Kyra	Jack
Beech Class	Shan	Ronnie
Willow Class	Evie	Elijah
Hazel Class	Sofia	Milo
Chestnut Class	Heidi	Ronan
Maple Class	Dakota	Jayden
Palm Class	Mila	Sean
Spruce Class	Lucy	Matey
Cedar Class	Holly	Noah

**Ella M and Ryan Head Girl and Boy
Ethan and Amelia Deputy Head Boy and Girl**