



# Hague Bar Primary Newsletter

November 6<sup>th</sup> 2020

## **Academisation**

Our academisation is now complete and we are officially part of The True Learning Partnership. Please see our letter acknowledging this from Rt Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP, Secretary of State for Education.

## **Lockdown 2**

On Wednesday, school received DfE guidance regarding the second national lockdown. We have updated, or already have in place, the requirements to help keep the community of Hague Bar, and beyond, safe. Please see the attached letter from Dean Wallace, The Director of Public Health for Derbyshire.

## **Cauliflower Cards**

The PTA have organised a Christmas fundraising opportunity via a company called Cauliflower Cards. Your child/ren will create a Christmas themed picture in school which will then be sent home. You can choose what this is created into and hopefully place an order via the Cauliflower Cards website. Each item ordered generates a donation for school. Look out for your child's completed art work coming home next week.

## **January Art Days**

I am hoping to be able to organise our 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of whole school Art at the start of 2021. When children return in the New Year, the children will be introduced to their new curriculum topic by a specialist art teacher who will stimulate their interests through unusual techniques. This is carried out over two days and is planned with the teaching staff (who learn just as much as the children). We will need to apply a small charge of £5 per child to the Art Days this year. This will be payable via ParentPay in December.

## **Trainee Teacher**

Hassop will be welcoming a new adult to their class shortly from MMU to complete their teaching degree course. This is permitted under the latest guidance.

## **Letter from Chair of Governors**

Please find a letter to you all from our Chair of Governors, Mrs Julie Sutton.

## **Forest School for All**

This week saw the first 'for all' session for Hassop class with Being Outdoor's Forest School. From what I heard, they had a great time.



## **Reading**

I want to take a moment to highlight how important the role adults at home play in developing reading skills in our young learners. Daily listening and talking about a book really does help your child acquire this skill. Done in a loving and positive environment with no background noise is ideal. For KS2 children who are fluent, we still encourage parents to take an active part in their child's reading development by asking questions. One thing lockdown has taught me is the importance of reading for pleasure, and how grateful I am that this cannot be taken away.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Rachel Parry  
Headteacher

