



Hague Bar Primary Newsletter



October 16th 2020

New Teacher

I am thrilled to announce that the Governors and I have made an excellent appointment to replace Ms Moore. Our new teacher is called Mr Whibley and has a host of expertise: music, learning outside the classroom, science and singing. Mr Whibley will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays in Hartington but will also be with us on Wednesdays to plan with Mrs Garside.

Ms Moore has now made the decision to leave us in mid-November, so Mr Whibley will be starting after-half term (alongside Ms Moore) to really get to know the children and their established routines. Mr Whibley will be introduced to Hartington class on this coming Monday. I hope, when you do meet our new teacher, you will make him really welcome.

Footwear/Uniform

We will be continuing with our 'comfy uniform' (and no PE kits) after half term. If you are purchasing new footwear, please select a black practical style suitable for winter. Currently our uniform policy is quite relaxed; as long as children are warm and can take part in PE lessons in what they have on, then your choices will be supported. If you feel you need to provide a second pair of shoes/trainers because of the weather, please put these inside an existing school bag (ie only one bag to be brought to school). Please avoid 'flash', expensive or overtly branded trainers.

Free Chocolate

Now I have your attention, I need to remind some drivers about the rules of the road. The Highway Code (rule 240) states that: *you must not park on a road marked with double white lines*. I have been given registration numbers of vehicles illegally and/or dangerously parked and I also know these have been passed to the police. School Governors will be taking on this issue, but in the meantime PLEASE park at Waterside carpark then walk to school. Again, my sincere thanks to parents who already do this or park safely.

Structured Conversations

Please check ClassDojo for appointment arrangements. Teachers have a limited window to facilitate these due to other commitments. Thank you.

Competitive Sports and Swimming

Sadly, we are still not allowed to use the local swimming facilities due to NMLC rules. Also our competitive sport organiser John Worsley, despite his efforts, has ruled out inter-school competitions currently. These decisions are taken very heavily but are with the children's safety in mind.

School Photographs

As mentioned last week, these will take place on Thursday November 5th. If a child at Hague Bar Primary has a younger sibling not attending HBPS yet, and you would like her/him be included in the photograph, then you may come to wait, socially distanced, under the canopied area from 8.50am.

Friday Sporty Club

We've had a very low take up of the Friday sporty club so unfortunately it will be the last session today. Apologies if this disappoints anyone.

Thursday October 22nd

Don't forget that next Thursday is Dress Up day (optional) and also the last day before half-term. The PTA will be running two raffles – more details to follow from the PTA next week.

Walking Bus

Thanks to Becky D and volunteers, the Walking Bus will resume in the afternoons from Monday November 2nd. Mrs Cowell (or her reserve) will accompany daily until further volunteers are recruited. A separate letter will be sent next week with details. Hopefully this will assist with the parking issue.

Polling Day, Thursday May 6th 2021

Being the only community setting in Hague Bar, we understand the necessity to use our premises for a polling station. Ordinarily, school makes various alterations to continue operating as a school whilst maintaining everyone's safety and needs. For the elections in May 2021 however, keeping the school open will be impossible, with the continuation of CV19 restrictions – which we have been advised is likely. As an alternative to closing, I have made arrangements for the whole school to visit The Monkey Forest in Trentham. But with CV19 being a changing situation, there is also the chance that this could be cancelled, in which case we would have no alternative but to close for the day. I wanted to give you as much advance warning as possible so alternative arrangements can be made.

Apple Juice Making

We had a visit on Tuesday from Joe who runs High Peak Cider. This is a small project based in Furness Vale that takes collections of apples and pears from the High Peak to produce juice - some of which goes back to the apple providers. Joe came into school to talk about the project to the children in KS2, and they helped to make some juice of their own. We will be selling some 'Hague Bar Apple Juice' in the next half term as part of our Enterprise work! Thank you Ms Moore for organising this, the children had a super day.



Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Rachel Parry
Headteacher