



Dear pupils and parents,

What a fantastic start to the school year we've had! Thank you to everyone for your patience during our site-work. Now that the roof is finished and the scaffolding is down, the children have enjoyed reclaiming the play space on the top yard.

## Sporting events

The children have really enjoyed the wide range of sporting events on offer this half term – many thanks to Mrs Bland and the rest of the team for organising these enrichment events. Thank you also to the parents for continuing to support these events by collecting from Hope Valley College. We appreciate it isn't always easy for everyone but it helps to keep costs to a minimum and ensures the children continue to lead active lives.

## After school clubs

We are offering a new club after half term – Fencing! This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to try something new. We anticipate this club will be popular so please use the link on Dojo to sign up for this club and others for next half term.

## Christmas Cards

Christmas cards can now be ordered online using your child's personal code. The children really enjoy making these and when orders are placed early, we earn more commission which in turn, generates more funds for school. Please place any further orders before 26<sup>th</sup> October to ensure free delivery to school.

## Parent Helpers

It has been lovely to welcome back parent helpers around school and we now have some regular parents in to help with daily reading and other activities. Parents have also supported Forest School and our recent trip to the Butterfly House which was help that the teachers were very grateful for. If you think you could spare an hour or so on a regular basis to support school in this way, please let Mrs Stoddart know and we will start the process.

If you can help at the weekends, the Garden Team are organising a garden tidy-up on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2pm-4pm. All Welcome!

## Healthy Schools

We would like to remind you that your child should only bring water in to school. For those who prefer to bring their own snack, please keep it healthy. No sweets, crisps or chocolate please. We offer fruit snack for break times. Children in Oak class receive this for free. For children in Ash and Willow we ask for 80p a week. If you would like to sign up for Ash and Willow Fruit Snack please contact Mrs. Stoddart in the office. As we are a 'nut-free school', please keep lunches and snacks nut-free. Thank you.

## PTA

The PTA have been very busy this half term planning a long list of events to raise funds for school. These funds are then used to enrich the curriculum for all children and one of the ways they aim to do that next term, is by paying for the panto trip in full so that there will be **no charge** to families. We would like to extend our appreciation to the PTA, and indeed to all the parents who support their events over the year, in order to make this possible.

The next PTA event is the Halloween Disco on 31<sup>st</sup> October at The Anglers. Please note, this is not a drop-off event and you will need to supervise your own children.



## Headteacher Newsletter 3 – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Orders for the tea-towels can now be placed. Final orders need to be made before lunchtime on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct.

### Student Council

The Student Council have been meeting regularly and they are keen to support a few different charities this year. Their first chosen charity is the High Peak Foodbank. All Harvest Festival donations will go to supporting local families. There will be a bun sale in November for Children in Need and finally, they want to get involved with the Sheffield Shoebox Appeal. Further information will be shared on Dojo over the next few weeks.

### School Website

Please visit the website frequently as it contains a wealth of information, particularly about the curriculum that your child studies and the formal information that schools are required to publish. The Class Pages in particular contain additional useful information.

Please see below for an updated list of important dates for your calendar. All our events can be found on the school website which is updated regularly.

26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest festival 2pm- 3pm – in St. John’s Church Last day of term
27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET – school closed to children
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	PTA Halloween Disco – at The Anglers
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Back to school
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Individual school photographs
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Garden Tidy-Up – All Welcome 2pm-4pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent consultation evening – see Dojo for available timeslots
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent consultation evening - see Dojo for available timeslots
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need – bun sale
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTA AGM – at The Anglers
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Y1/2 Dance festival at HVC
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y5/6 Karate
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	PTA Christmas Quiz – at Golf club
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Film Night at school
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole school trip to Buxton Opera House to watch Cinderella Panto – leaving at 9am
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Christmas dinner
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Concert and Nativity 6pm
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Christmas Concert and Nativity 9.30am
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	INSET –school closed to children

Kind regards

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