



24th May 2024

Hauxton Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week!

We were delighted to welcome Darren Grigas, Endurance Athlete and Adventurer, to kick off our Happy Healthy fortnight with an inspiring assembly outlining his journey from a car accident (10 years ago) which damaged his back to running the Marathon de Sables (6 marathons in 6 days across the Sahara Desert) just one year later. The children were so inspired by his story that many of them spent their breaktime jogging around the netball court on the playground.

He then spent some time in each of the classes letting the children try and lift his 20kg backpack which he uses for kit. Here are some of Willow Class having a go together...



On Tuesday, the children enjoyed an African Drumming workshop from Rhythmicity, supporting their co-ordination, turn-taking and listening skills whilst promoting wellbeing. Desperate not to miss out on the fun, school staff also enjoyed a Drum Circle after school as part of our commitment to staff wellbeing.

Wednesday saw Willow Class enjoy a Hungry Caterpillar healthy eating assembly and workshop where they got to try some of the different fruits that the caterpillar ate in the story. Sycamore and Oak will have their own healthy eating workshops after the half term break.

After a rest on Thursday, we rounded off the week on Friday with a visit from Honor Bartlett, Team GB skiing champion and European Cup contender. Honor answered questions from the children in assembly and then facilitated a circuits session for each of the classes in the Hall. Money raised from her visit will be shared between the school and the Athlete Fund of the Sports for Champions charity.

After such a busy week, it just remains for me to wish you all a well earned rest over the half term break and I'll see you all back in school on Tuesday 4th June after the staff training day.

Kind Regards, Helen Hurworth

CLUBS

Tuesday

Gardening Club (Mrs Cooke)
3.15pm to 4.15pm ***FULL***

Wednesday

Multi Sports Club EYFS/KS1
3:15pm to 4:15pm

Thursday

Multi Sports Club KS2
3:15pm to 4:15pm

Friday

KS2 Running Club (JS Sport & Education /Mrs Hurworth)
8am to 8.45am

DIARY DATES

20th May—7th June 2024

Happy, Healthy Fortnight

27th—31st May 2024

Half Term

SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 3rd June

Training Day
(no children in school)

Week Beginning 3rd June 2024

Y4 Multiplication Check

3rd—14th June 2024

Y1 Phonics Screening Check

28th June 2024

Sports Day— afternoon
(back up date: 2nd July 2024)

Friday 21st June 2024

Non-Uniform Day (please bring a bottle donation for the Fete)

Saturday 29th June 2024

Golden Jubilee Fete
12noon—3pm

8th—12th July 2024

Maths Week

10th and 11th July 2024

KS2 Production 6pm

16th July 2024

Move Up Morning

19th July 2024

Last Day of Summer Term

Being the best we can be.

Outdoor Learning garden clearance

On Saturday 11th May, community volunteers, pupils, parents and school staff mucked in to tackle the garden area behind the swimming pool. This area had, until recently, not been used for a long time and was in need of some serious TLC.

Their hard work, fuelled by coffee and cake provided by volunteers from St Edmund's Church, revealed a bug hotel and three large tractor tyres that had been swallowed by a very large bush. They also managed to clear the stage area, meaning that it can be used in the future for outdoor plays and recitals.

Now that the area is free from brambles and the stinging nettles are contained to the edges, the plan is to develop this area for outdoor learning and to use some of our Sports Premium funding to purchase a large gazebo to enable a class to work out in the garden.



Thanks to everyone that gave up their Saturday morning to help, particularly Ollie and Robin, my superstar gardeners!

Road Safety around the School

As the warmer weather arrives and encourages more of us to walk, scoot or cycle to school, I just wanted to take the opportunity to ask you all to be considerate of others and safe on the morning and afternoon school run.

The speed limit on Jopling Way is **20** miles per hour and, with the number of cars parked along the roadway leading up to the school, I would urge you to observe this. The front of the school is always very busy at drop off with a number of cars using the car park as a turning circle before unloading their children alongside children arriving on foot, scooter or bike. Please be considerate of each other and be vigilant for other road users during this busy time.

Community Swimming Pool

Over the past few weeks there have been many meetings and discussions with the Swimming Pool Committee about the pool and we have all been working hard together in an attempt to get it open. However, progress has been slowed by a leak in the pump room which blew the electrics and required an electrician to come out and undertake various repairs and upgrades. Now that the repairs have been carried out, the Pool Committee are looking for volunteers who would be willing to undertake a two-day Small Pool Operators training course and join their team of volunteers to check the chemical balance of the pool three times a day. If you have the time and would be willing to share responsibility for the daily chemical dosing of the pool, please email the Office and we will pass on your details to the Committee. Without volunteers, the pool may not be able to open.

Succession Planning for September 2024

Since the announcement of my resignation, a number of parents have contacted me to ask about plans for September 2024.

I would like to reassure you that the Governing Board are working closely with the Local Authority to ensure appropriate leadership is in place for the beginning of the Autumn Term 2024.

Negotiations are ongoing and as soon as plans are finalised, the Chair of Governors will arrange to update parents. I appreciate that this is unsettling for you and hope that they will be able to share their plans with you soon.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Important Reminders:

Bikeability permissions need to be returned by **Year 2 and 3 parents** on **Tuesday 4th June** so that final numbers can be shared with organisers.

Permissions and deposits for the **KS2 Autumn Term residential trip** need to be returned asap to the Office. Please speak to us in confidence if you require financial assistance with this.