

# Newsletter February 2019

**C**are for each other and our school  
**A**lways try our best  
**R**emember our manners  
**E**njoy learning!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you very much for the wonderful attendance at Parents' Evening in January and for the very positive feedback we received following the parent questionnaire. A copy of the results is on the school's website.

More than 97% of the parents responded either yes or mostly to:

- My child is happy at this school.
- My child feels safe at this school.
- My child makes good progress at this school.
- My child is taught well at this school.

96% of the parents responded either yes or mostly to:

- This school is managed well and led well.
- I am made to feel welcome when I visit the school.

90-95% of the parents responded either yes or mostly to:

- My child is well looked after at this school.
- This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.
- I am happy with the way the concerns are dealt with.
- I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress and targets.
- I would recommend this school to another parent.
- I am invited to assemblies, activities and presentations involving my child.
- I am kept well informed about what is happening in school.

89% of the parents responded either yes or mostly to:

- This school deals effectively with bullying.

82% of the parents responded either yes or mostly to:

- My child receives the right amount and type of homework for their age.

The area we will continue to improve is children receiving the right amount and type of homework for their age. Each year group will continue to work with parents and children to ensure your views are explored.

We look forward to seeing parents at the various events that will take place in school next term and we would also like to thank you for your continued support for Hardwick.

Have a lovely half term holiday.

## Dates for your diaries

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Secondary School Confirmation Letters Posted
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photographs
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April- Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception Class Confirmation Letters Posted
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents Evening
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> June	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 Kingswood Residential Trip
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	City Wide Induction day
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Break Up for Summer

## Hardwick Primary Out and About

### Young Voices

On 21<sup>st</sup> January, 15 of our Year 5 choir members went to Resorts World Arena in Birmingham to become part of the world's biggest children's choir in a 'Young Voices' concert. Hardwick and schools around the country had been learning lots of brilliant songs and dances since September and met for a rehearsal in the afternoon and performance in the evening. There were over 6000 children in the choir! The children were absolutely amazing and a real credit to the school. They put so much energy into their singing and dancing and couldn't believe the size of the arena with its great lights and effects. We definitely hope to go again next year!

## Events in School

### Holiday Club

On 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February school will be running a holiday club for children in Year 4, 5 and 6. If you are interested please inform the school office.

## Family Learning and Community

### Book Fair

The recent half price Book Fair raised £500.70. Thank you to everyone for your support.

## Notices and Reminders

### Staying safe in the holidays

Please make sure you know what your child is doing online. Everyone needs to keep their security settings high to ensure your children stay safe online. This information is shown on our school website with usable links.

## Internet Safety for Children



Visit CEOP's online safety centre at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) for internet safety tips for parents and children. Also see <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

- Install a websafe browser on computers. In addition to browser safety settings you can use ClickCEOP add-ons to give your child quick access to help, advice and the ability to report. Visit [www.ceop.police.uk/browser-safety](http://www.ceop.police.uk/browser-safety)
- Ask your child to show you the sites they use and help them to create strong passwords for any they log into. A combination of numbers, capital letters and symbols is ideal.
- Talk to your child's mobile phone operator about filtering software to block inappropriate content and websites.
- If your child uses social networking sites to communicate with friends, ensure they set their profile setting to private and together add the ClickCEOP app to their profile on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/clickceop](http://www.facebook.com/clickceop)
- Help your children to understand that they should never give out personal details to online friends they do not know offline. These include an email address, mobile number, school name, sports club, arrangements for meeting up with friends and any pictures or videos of themselves, their family or friends.
- Make your children aware that they need to think carefully about the information, videos and pictures they put online or exchange with friends. Once published online or shared, they have lost control and anyone can change or share the images of them.
- If your child receives spam or junk email and texts, remind them never to believe their contents, reply to them or use them.
- It's not a good idea for your child to open files that are from people they don't know. They won't know what they contain - it could be a virus, or worse - an inappropriate image or film.
- Help your child to understand that some people lie online and that therefore, it's better to keep online mates online. They should never meet up with any strangers without an adult they trust.
- Always make sure your child feels comfortable in being able to come to you or someone they trust if they are worried about anything online. Teach young people how to block someone online and report them if they feel uncomfortable. Most sites will have guidance on this and any reports can be made directly to the CEOP Centre via [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

## Popular Apps your child may be using:



### Snapchat

Snapchat is a popular photo-sharing app for Apple and Android mobile devices, that lets users share their photos for a few seconds before they 'disappear'. However anyone receiving a pic can keep it by taking a screen shot or new apps have been developed which enable the picture to be retained without even doing that. The site is being heavily criticised for making it easy for children to be stalked or groomed. The age limit to join the site is 13, but many children do so much younger.



### Ask.fm

On Ask.fm, anonymous users ask other users questions. This means that they can easily hide their identity and effectively, say what they like without any consequences. Bullying and abuse on the site has allegedly led to very traumatic experiences amongst youngsters, in some cases tragically taking their own lives. The site owners have said that they will include a 'report abuse' button, provide optional registration and employ more people as moderators.



### Yik Yak

"No profiles, no passwords, it's all anonymous", says the app's publicity. Designed as a means of posting news and messages in local communities and on college and school campuses, the app has gained a reputation as a tool for cyber bullies and its use has been banned in many schools in the UK and US.



### Habbo

Habbo (full name Habbo Hotel) - is a social networking site aimed at teenagers, although we have heard of children as young as eight years old using it.



### Shots of Me (or just Shots)

An app that enables users to take and post selfies, hence using only the front-view camera of their mobile phone. Shots has been subject to widespread concern about its use to send inappropriate photos and possibly resulting cyber bullying and blackmail.



### Omegle

Omegle's strapline is "Chat to strangers", so it is clear at the outset that your kids may be letting themselves (and you) in for a number of issues.



### Chatroulette

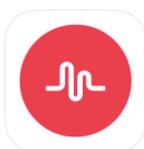
Again, on Chatroulette, kids have no idea who they are talking to on the other end of the screen, an instant cause for concern.



Facebook requires everyone to be at least **13 years old** before they can create an account. Creating an account with false information is a violation of Facebook's terms. If school become aware of any children having a Facebook account, they will be reported.

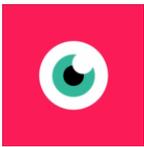


Roblox is the world's largest interactive platform for play that allows kids to imagine, create, and play together in immersive 3D worlds. All the games and experiences on Roblox have been created by the players themselves. Once a player has signed up and created an avatar, they are given their own piece of real estate along with a virtual toolbox (known as "Roblox Studio") for building. They can monetize their creations to earn "Robux," a virtual currency on Roblox. Users who are under **13** must have their parent(s) change their date of birth. This requires that a parent's email address be filed on their account so the parent can verify the change.



Musical.ly 13+ is a free social media music app where users can watch user generated lip sync video, and create video themselves lip-syncing or dancing to music available on the app. It has over 80 millions users. Choose your music, or mix someone else's video and create your own short music or audio video using filters and video styles. It is a fun lip-

sync style app, where users can mime and dance to music they choose from within the app or create their own music videos.



Users can also live stream to their Musical.ly friends/followers via Musical.ly's add on app Live.ly which is also free and available for download only from the Apple app store.

People can watch another person's musical.ly and either:

- like (click a heart)
- comment (click a dialogue bubble)
- ask a question, start a duet!, share on Facebook, share on Instagram, share on FB messenger, share via twitter or email or text message or vine or link (by clicking the three dots)
- shoot a video using the same song or clip (by clicking the spinning circle)

When out and about over the holidays, play with friends and stay in a group. Avoid playing near roads. We really want you to enjoy your half term holiday, but remember to stay safe.

### **Nursery Places for September 2019**

If your child is due to start Nursery in September 2019 and you have **not** put their name down on our waiting list, please do so by the end of March 2019. Please see Mrs Keen in the School Office. We will be sending offer letters out in April.

Your child must have turned 3 years before the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 to start in our Nursery in September.



### **Emergency Contact Details**

If you change your phone/mobile number, please ensure you inform the school office. It is vital that we are able to contact you, or those people you have given us permission to contact, in an emergency situation.

### **Leave of Absence/ Holidays**

Please ensure that all leave of absences are taken outside of school term time. For more information please see our school attendance policy on the school website.

### **Attendance & Punctuality - School Opening times: 8.45am to 3:15pm**

We would like to remind parents about the importance of being in school on time and children collected promptly at the end of the school day.

The School gates open at 8.45 a.m. Children need to be in their class by 8.55 a.m. to begin their lessons promptly.

Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their class and the beginning of lessons. This means that they are often unsettled and confused about tasks. Their teacher will not always be able to re explain work.

It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young.

We are required to monitor children's punctuality and attendance. On-going lateness (after the class register has been taken) is classified as an unauthorised absence.

We understand that there may be rare occasions when you are unavoidably late due to unforeseen circumstances. On these occasions please make sure that you contact the school office to inform us when you will arrive.

Children must be collected from their classes at 3.15p.m. promptly.

High levels of unauthorised absences or poor punctuality can result in a referral to the Educational Welfare Service or other agencies which have a duty to investigate further and could result in legal action being taken against you.

Please keep in mind that Breakfast Club is available to children from 8.00 am.

### Absence Procedures

Just a reminder of procedures if your child is absent from school. Could you please contact school before 9.00am on the day of absence. You can ring the **school office** on **01332 272249** or email [admin@hardwick.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hardwick.derby.sch.uk) Please provide the reason for absence, the child's name, class and your name. As a safeguarding procedure, if we do not hear anything we will contact you to confirm the absence. If we still haven't been able to ascertain where your child is then we may make a home visit.

### Appointments

Please arrange any GP or Dentist appointments for your child after school or during school holidays.. If you have to make any appointments during school time please provide an appointment card/letter to enable school to authorise the absence otherwise the absence will be un-authorised. Please ensure you do not need to collect your child over the Lunchtime period, as it is difficult for us to locate your child during break times.

### Bad Weather

Hardwick Primary School will remain **OPEN** unless you receive a text message (by 8.00 am) to say otherwise. In the unlikely event that we do have to close the school due to **severe** snow fall a message will be sent out via Radio Derby, Capital FM and Gem FM and via a school text message, which would be sent by 8.00 am.



Can you please ensure you send your child(ren) to school every day with a warm coat, hat and gloves even if they come to school by car. Your children will be outside wherever possible at break and lunchtimes. In bad weather conditions please ensure your child has appropriate footwear in school such as wellies, trainers or boots. **We also ask that you write clearly your child's name in all of their clothes and shoes.**

### Our school website

Our website address is <http://www.hardwickprimaryschoolderby.co.uk> where you will find out many things that are happening in school and our term times.

Please download the eSchools App to your phone / iPad to keep in touch with your child's attendance, notice of events, letters home etc. Please ask the office for your user name and password if this has been mislaid.

To download the eSchools App from the school website click on "parents" and then "parent forms and links" and then navigate to the "eSchools App User Guide". Please see the Office for support if required.

Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 8.45am**

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