

January 2020



# Hartington C of E Primary School

*A Christian Community - Teaching, Learning, Caring*

<https://hartington.derbyshire.sch.uk/>

## WELCOME

Welcome to the January 2020 Governor's Newsletter.

We love the fact that Hartington is a small school with a family atmosphere, in the heart of the community. As with any school there are also challenges but we continue to thrive and are proud of our children and their many achievements.

The teaching and the staff's adaptability and support for each other, is fantastic. They are always looking for ways to enrich the experience for our youngsters.

There are lots of developments since the last newsletter which we are excited to share with you.

## WEBSITE

Please take time to visit our website at:

<https://hartington.derbyshire.sch.uk/>

You will find a wealth of information about the school and achievements of our pupils.



## WRAP AROUND CARE

The Breakfast Club continues to be well attended at £3 per session.

If a child is booked into Breakfast Club for the full week the cost is £12 per week. Pupils only pay for four out of the five sessions.

Parents / carers also have been given the option that their child can be booked into breakfast club from 7:30am with prior notice given to Mrs Blackwell for this arrangement.

In addition to the well attended Youth Club run by DCCT the cookery club will be revived again in the summer term due to the overwhelming requests from all pupils.



## AAA PROJECT

As you will be aware our school pupils have joined forces with elderly local residents in the pilot Youth Sports Trust (YST) 'Active Across Ages (AAA),' Project. The aim of this is 'To improve the physical, mental and social wellbeing of participants by providing volunteering opportunities, developing skills employers require and the confidence to be physically active. It is also ensuring opportunities to support the primary to secondary transition and enhance local community relationships.'



Hartington, alongside Anthony Gell, in Wirksworth, are the only two schools taking part in the Peak District, together with only eight other schools across England.

Key stage two pupils have become 'Active Buddies' after receiving training from the YST, and are now working with older residents, who they have named 'Silver Sports'.

They chose Boccia (a precision ball sport usually played by competitors who have a physical disability that requires the use of a wheelchair), as their specialist activity for the first three sessions. The older residents are also teaching the younger participants about activities they enjoyed in the playground as children, including the traditional games of hop scotch, and oranges and lemons.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

We have identified that the class 2 classroom roof will soon require re-roofing.

The majority of the money needed has been secured through Derbyshire County Council's Children and Young Adults Capital Programme Projects Allocation Board. Work will begin as soon as contractors are available.

## SAFEGUARDING

In order to ensure that all of our pupils remain safe we are constantly reviewing aspects of the school.

- The school has had additional security gates and fencing in the small yard and side entrance to the playground added to support safeguarding of the children. This will ensure all safeguarding requirements have been adhered to ensuring the safety of the children when accessing all of the outside area designated for Early Years during 'Free flow sessions'. Dave Chapman, DCC Area Surveyor has taken lead on this work and payment for this additional work was taken from the previous bid for Joint Matched Funding.
- All external doors in the school now have either a fob or keypad fitted for access, which are linked to the fire alarm system.



'Parent View' gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about our school.

It is important that we get as many responses on Parent view as possible. Please can all parents and carers follow the link and fill in the questionnaire:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Additionally if anyone has comments or suggestions about developments which could be made to the school please speak to someone in the school or, if preferred, one of the governors.



## CURRENT SCHEMES OF WORK

Last year our children enjoyed working on a number of interesting projects including learning about at John Muir, who is considered to be 'Father of the National Parks'. Our children visited Longshaw Estate where they were involved in activities which enabled them to realise the importance of our National Parks. This was under the supervision of the National Park Rangers. In addition the children in class 2 have been heavily involved with members from the community in the promotion of being mentally and physically active through sport. This has been delivered through the Youth Sports Trust. Both these important projects will be continuing this academic year

## SUPPORTING OUR PUPILS' WELLBEING

All teaching staff have received Positive Support Training. This will help to underpin and develop the existing ethos of our current nurturing and supportive environment ensuring full inclusion for all children. The delivery of these individual programmes will help to further boost the confidence, self-esteem and emotional well-being of our children. In addition to the positive support programme the school has planned to use the Early Help funding to create a Nurture programme for groups of children which will further enhance mental health and resilience.

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

The School Improvement Plan (SIP) looks at priorities for development to ensure the school is moving forward, celebrating successes as they happen and adapting to the changing needs of the pupils. This document monitors the implementation and impact the curriculum has on pupil progress and attainment.

Recent Important Developments include:

The outdoor provision for the Foundation Stage children has been enhanced and development of this area continues, but will remain a high priority in the School's Improvement Plan for the next academic year.

Money remains ring fenced in the school budget for the purchasing of resources for development of a mobile library/classroom in the hall and an area of reflection outside.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

We currently have the following job vacancies at the school:

Midday Supervisor

Clerk to Governors

If you think that you would like to join our team in any of the above positions please speak to Mrs Blackwell or Mrs Flower.

**RECENT MEETINGS**

Our next Governors meeting is on the 23rd January 2020.

Details, including minutes of all the meetings can be found on the school website.

**Hartington C of E Primary School's Governing Board:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Governor Type</b>
Mrs A Ivins	Co-Chair of Governors
Mrs E Broomhead MBE	Co-Chair of Governors /Foundation/ Derby Diocese
Mrs T Blackwell	Head teacher
Mrs J Flower	Staff Governor / Temp Clerk to Governors
Mr John Dean	Foundation Ex Officio
Mrs S Bruce	Local Authority
Mrs C Clayton	Co-opted Governor
Mrs B Davis	Parent Governor
Mrs K Webley	Parent Governor
Tim Polkinghorne	Associate Governor

**CONTACT US**

If you would like to contact the Governors with any suggestions, questions, complaints or any other matter, please speak to one of us or email: [governors@hartington.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:governors@hartington.derbyshire.sch.uk)

We hope you have enjoyed this newsletter and look forward to being in touch again soon.