

Hallam Fields Junior School Newsletter

12th September 2022

Beginning and end of the day

We have had a few parents who have commented how busy it is especially at pick up time and how hard it is to see their child. During Covid we had been able to stagger the start and end of the day by longer, whilst fitting around Field House Infant School and also with Derbyshire County Council agreeing to the increase in hours for our crossing patrol. However, this was only on a temporary basis and for many reasons we have had to return to times which are much closer together. We didn't want to return though to all the children coming in and leaving at the same time as had happened over many years.

We appreciate how limited the space is outside of school to wait and have been asking the county council for a number of years to convert the land outside of school by the fence so that there is more space for parents to stand, as well as to possibly put a locked scooter storage on. So far, we have been unsuccessful however we are once again arguing the point on grounds of the safety of all. **In order to help the situation can we please ask that at the beginning of the day ONLY year 4 and year 6 children (including any parents) are stood next to school when the gates open and they come in for 8.55am. Once these years have come in then year 3 and 5 can come to the gates to line up before they come in at 9.00am.**

At the end of the day if you are collecting a child from either year 3 or year 5 then we ask that you please step back and allow the children to leave from year 4 and year 6 first at 3.25pm, this will make it easier for staff to see the adults collecting the children quicker and then they can have left when year 3 and 5 come out for 3.30pm.

Race for Life

This year like some previous years we will be carrying out a sponsored race for life with all classes. You will have already received a sponsor form and we appreciate any donation however small for the cancer charity which is so close to so many. We have planned the races for Tuesday 20th September during the day. Each class will run around the field with Miss Godridge and Mrs Healy (who is coming back especially) organising the races. All children should come to school in their PE kit on the 20th. The fundraising link for any money raised is as follows:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/hallam-fields-junior-school-2>

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Seesaw

Thank you to those of you who have signed up to receive messages via the Seesaw app. If you have not yet and are struggling or need details again, please let us know. Without signing up you will miss out on some of the messages we are sending out.

Jewellery

Please ensure that children only wear **stud earrings** and not any hoops to school. They should be able to take out any stud earrings on days they have PE lessons.

Queen Elizabeth II

As I am sure you will all be aware Monday 19th September has been named as the day for the funeral and a Bank Holiday for all. School will therefore be closed that day in addition to all Inset dates already shared with you.

In assembly on Friday, we shared some photos of the Queen as we talked about her life, and also shared a letter we received at the end of last term to thank us for the cards the children had sent as part of her Jubilee Celebrations.

Year 6 Residential

We are sending a link to all parents with a child in year 6 to gauge interest in sending children on a residential in July for 3 days. We have tried as a school to reduce the cost for all children as much as possible as we appreciate it is expensive. Please complete the online form by the end of the week whether you are interested or not so we can finalise numbers. A deposit will be required by Monday 26th September with further payments being paid via Parent Pay throughout the year. These can be small regular amounts if this is easier.

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