

HARTLEY PRIMARY ACADEMY  
NEWSLETTER 11 – July

Academic Year 2013-2014

**Dear Parents and Carers**

This is the final newsletter of the year – how quickly this year has passed us by!

There are a few items of news which I would like to pass on to you before we break for the summer holidays.

**Secondary Admissions**

The children from Year 6 are going to 12 different Secondary Schools. The majority of the children, 31, (54%) are going to Longfield Academy. One child (1.7%) is going to the Leigh Academy, 21 (36%) children passed the Selective test and 20 of which (34%) are moving on to Grammar Schools, one to the independent sector (1.7%). The remaining 5 (8%) children are going to attend alternative local secondary schools in the area.

**Results for the children in Year 6**

<b>End of Year Results</b>	Hartley Primary Academy 2014	Department for Education floor standards (minimum expectations)
L4+ Reading	<b>93%</b>	<b>65%</b>
L4+ Writing	<b>90%</b>	<b>65%</b>
L4+ Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	<b>73%</b>	
L4+ Maths	<b>90%</b>	<b>65%</b>
L4+ Reading, Writing and Maths	<b>86%</b>	
L5+ Reading	<b>64%</b>	
L5+ Writing	<b>51%</b>	
L5+ Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	<b>56%</b>	
L5+ Maths	<b>53%</b>	
L6 Reading	<b>0%</b>	
L6 Writing	<b>5%</b>	
L6 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	<b>5%</b>	
L6 Maths	<b>19%</b>	
Expected Progress in Reading	<b>91%</b>	<b>(England median figures 2013) 92%</b>
Expected Progress in Writing	<b>100%</b>	<b>(England median figures 2013) 92%</b>
Expected Progress in Maths	<b>98%</b>	<b>(England median figures 2013) 90%</b>

**Results for children in Year 2**

	<b>2+</b>	<b>2b+</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Maths</b>	93%	82%	35%
<b>Reading</b>	93%	89%	40%
<b>Writing</b>	89%	82%	22%
<b>Science</b>	95%		42%

**Year 1 Phonics**

98.3% of the year group achieved the threshold for 'passing' the Phonics test.

## **Early Years Foundation Stage**

80% of children were considered to be either achieving expected progress or exceeding expected progress.

Well done to all of the teachers throughout the school – every teacher is part of a Year 6's story of success. Well done to Teaching Assistants and Booster Teachers **and** well done to parents for supporting the learning at home!

## **Assessment and Target setting**

We set targets for children based on the expectations of progress defined by the Department for Education. Each year the 'floor standards' are raised, this year 65% (from 60% last year) of children are expected to achieve Level 4+ - considered to be 'secondary ready'. Progress is a different measure. Children are expected to make a *minimum* of two levels of progress from Year 2 to Year 6. If children *only* make this level of progress the school can be judged by Ofsted to be 'requiring improvement'. In essence, achieving only what is expected is not good enough. Schools considered 'Good or Outstanding' are expected to have a large percentage of children *exceeding* two levels of progress. The bar is constantly being raised, given, as a nation, our descent within the international league tables. There is clearly work to be done and we would be doing a disservice to our children if we did not respond to the challenge.

Levels in the way we have been used to measuring attainment and progress will no longer be used in assessment. The DfE has no preferred system as yet and it is vital that local schools follow a common system. Until an agreed system has been adopted within the local area we will continue to use the current system of levels. We will keep you informed of changes.

## **Class Assemblies**

How lovely to see our youngest children performing for their parents, with great confidence and aplomb, the learning they have been enjoying linked to 'The Rainbow Fish'. This was followed by Year 1 sharing their learning – a summary of the various Quest topics they have followed during this year; followed by a photo-story version – delightful!

## **PTA**

The PTA are tireless in their work; not everything they do is 'headline' material, for example, they provide refreshments for the Reception Parents' Evening and then again, twice, for the transition days. Water is provided each year for Sports Day courtesy of the PTA. The 'Washed and Ready to Wear' rail is maintained and it is gratifying for those who do the work behind the scenes, collecting, washing and sorting that this is becoming increasingly well-used. Finally for this year, the end of term Discos are organised and run by members of the PTA. The team are all busy people which makes their generous donations of time even more appreciated. On the behalf of all parents – Thank you PTA!

## **Sports Days and Visits**

We were incredibly lucky with the weather and we had two amazing Sports Days earlier this month. We maintain the track events as always but we also have different competitive activities, such as Javelin, Obstacle course, Shot Put and a host of other challenges in the hope that there is 'something for everyone'. The children work together within their House teams. This year Pumas won in Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage and Lions won in Key Stage 2. Our thanks to everyone who supported and everyone who helped on the day, including Sports Ambassadors from Longfield Academy – who were excellent! Particular thanks to Mrs Fewell, Mr Goldsmith and – for the final time – Mrs Platt who enjoyed her very last Sports Day at Hartley.

Year 4 children visited Horton Kirby Field Study Centre to do some field-work investigating first-hand the River Darent – a beautiful day and a great time had by all. Once again Botany Bay was the destination for Year 2 in their field-work study of coastal features.

Year 6 has been in and out of school on their Transition visits to their secondary schools. They are now ready to fly!

## **Year 6 Production - 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'**

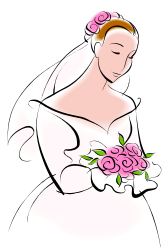
How our children love to tease their teachers! In the few days before the performances the Year 6 adults were gnashing their teeth and tearing their hair out with frustration and anxiety wondering if the play would ever come together, would the singing be loud enough, would children learn their words in time?? Sleepless nights all round! They need not have worried – the children – as they always do – put everything into their evening shows and delighted their families and friends with superb acting, singing and delivery of the most

cheesy lines and dreadful jokes! What a finale to their time at Hartley! Some children displayed talent hitherto undiscovered – and all of them thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience – as did the audience! A fantastic achievement!

At the end of the production there was a collection for the Royal Brompton Hospital Charity – a charity close to the hearts of the children in Year 6 – and a fantastic £331.08 was raised! Year 6 friends and family – thank you for your generosity. There are two benches in the Junior Playground Quiet Garden dedicated to the memory of Demir Suleymanoglu. These were bought with a generous donation from a Year 6 family.

### **Musical Concerts**

It is a real source of pleasure that musical concerts are being revived thanks to Miss Czapiewski, Mrs Lovett and Mrs Collings and their tireless efforts to rehearse and organise concerts and performances. We have a choir of over 60 children and Miss Czapiewski provides opportunities for children with musical talent who learn music in school and out of school to share their skills with their peers. Despite the imminence of the end of term she worked with – what seemed like – half of the school to produce one final concert last Friday! Some amazing talent was enjoyed by all!



### **Miss Czapiewski is getting married over the summer!**

All the more remarkable then to share with you the news that Miss Czapiewski will be marrying Mr Fowler in August! She has been organising a wedding alongside everything else! We hope they have a lovely day and the sun shines down. I am sure you will join us in congratulating the happy couple. Miss Czapiewski will be coming back as Mrs Fowler in the new term – we will all try and call her by her correct title around school!



### **School Staffing Structure**

In September there will be some key positions which you need to be aware of. Mr Dutton will be the Leader of Upper Key Stage 2 with responsibility for Maths from Years 3 – 6. He will be in charge of the day to day running of years five and six, behaviour, discipline and progress. Mrs Smitherman will be the Leader of Lower Key Stage 2 with responsibility for Environments for Learning across the school. She will be in charge of the day to day running of years three and four, behaviour, discipline and progress. Miss Galinis will be the Leader of Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 along with Phonics and Literacy in these years. She will be in charge of the day to day running of years R, one and two, behaviour, discipline and progress. Mrs Smith sits on both our Middle and Senior Leadership teams, linking between the two.

If you have concerns or issues regarding any aspect of your child's learning experience your first point of reference is the Class Teacher, followed by the Key Stage Leader.

### **Picking up from Brazilian Football**

Having mentioned this already recently I was disappointed to see that yet again a family had brought their dog onto the lower field when collecting their child from Brazilian Football. **DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ANY PART OF THE SITE AT ANY TIME** – and this most definitely includes Brazilian Football! Children play on the field – it is a school sporting facility it is most definitely not a public park!

### **Parking**

No newsletter would be complete without a parking paragraph. I have received a further letter of complaint from a resident who lives close to school – and have written back to apologise on the school's behalf. Residents require access to the bottom of Fairby Lane (obviously, since there are houses on either side of the lane and cars are parked in driveways!) Please do not block access to residents' homes – and if you are politely asked to move your vehicle by a resident, please be respectful and attempt to do so.

### **Holiday Reading**

Kent Libraries is organising once again their summer reading challenge. If you would like to visit our website ([www.hartleyprimaryacademy.org.uk](http://www.hartleyprimaryacademy.org.uk)) under Latest News is a reading list which Mrs Smith has put together which might help if you are choosing books to take away or just to curl up with – as part of our own Extreme Reading Challenge!

### **Midday Supervisor Vacancy**

We have a vacancy in our Midday Supervisor team going forward in September. If you are interested in applying for the position (Mon/Tues/Wed each week for an hour and a half each day) please email

[office@hartley.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@hartley.kent.sch.uk) for an application form. We will also be advertising the post via the school's website and application forms can be downloaded from there.

### Holidays in school time

With the calendar below in mind, it is timely to remind parents that holidays in school time are not authorised and that we follow Trust procedures of applying for fines to be issued. There has been a change in Westminster recently – but until we hear differently from the DfE about children being taken out of school for holidays we will be enforcing the current guidelines.

### School Population

We have places for 420 children in total at Hartley – you will be interested to know that 419 of those places are filled from September. We have only one space across the entire school!

### Calendar for 2014/15

With the new term being such as a busy one, please see below for an overview of the dates and events booked in so far.

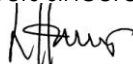
<b>September Dates</b>	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>STAFF TRAINING DAY - School closed for children</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Term 1 begins – welcome back!
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Foundation Stage Teachers Home Visits
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Foundation Stage pupils first day
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Karate starts after school
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Grammar School Selection Tests
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Foundation Stage pupils' first day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Boom Academy starts after school
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Extension Club begins PTA Committee Meeting (7.30pm)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Phonics Meeting for Foundation Stage parents (2.00pm)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	'Meet the Teacher' (6.30pm-7.10pm/7.10pm-8.00pm)/ PTA AGM 8.45pm
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	First Year 6 group starts Bikeability
<b>October Dates</b>	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Term 1 Ends
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>STAFF TRAINING DAY - School closed for children</b>
<b>November Dates</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Term 2 Begins
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Hat Day – bring a bottle or sweets
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Christmas Fair
<b>December Dates</b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Boom Academy's last session
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Discos (Years 1 – 6 only)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Term 2 Ends

### STOP PRESS!

The daily amount for school dinners will continue to be £2.20 or £11.00 per week for Junior-aged children. If you would like to pay for the term, the whole amount will be £79.20. Please make cheques payable to TCS Independent Ltd.

HAVE A VERY HAPPY AND RELAXING HOLIDAY!

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Hollingworth  
**Principal**

