

Hartshorne C of E



Primary School

June 2023 Updates

Friday 16 June 2023

Christian Value

Our Christian value this half term is: Responsibility

School Hours Expectation

"By September 2023 at the latest, all state-funded, mainstream schools will be expected to provide a compulsory school week of at least 32.5 hours."

In order to comply with the DfE we will be opening the gates from 8:30 to 8:45 from September 2023. Children arriving after this time will be marked as late.

Since Covid we have been flexible with two entrances and a large time window to come to school. Teachers have found that most children come to school at 8:30 and only a few arrive later. This has started to have an impact on learning for those who are later as they have missed a considerable amount of early morning activities and therefore are taking longer to settle. Learning time is precious; every minute matters and we want the absolute best for our children.

Ofsted: *The quality of education that schools provide is underpinned by a broad and balanced curriculum. Effective use of time is a crucial part of delivering this curriculum. Ofsted already look to see that schools are providing a broad and balanced curriculum for their pupils. Where inspectors have concerns about the quality of education provided in a state-funded mainstream school, they will look at whether the minimum expectation on length of the school week is being met. Where the school is not meeting the minimum expectation, inspectors will want to understand how they have come to that decision, and what impact it has on the quality of education provided. Where it is clear that increasing the overall time pupils spend in school would improve the quality of education, inspectors may reflect this in the inspection report and will also want to understand the plans that are in place to meet the minimum expectation. When considering this, Ofsted will be mindful that some schools will be transitioning towards meeting the minimum expectation ahead of September 2023.*

Online Safety

Limiting Harm from Upsetting Content (KS1/2)

Childnet have a great free resource, including activities for younger children to help them respond if they see upsetting content online and the importance of talking to a trusted adult. You can download the resources [HERE](#).

Courtesy of Alan Mackenzie

Cladding Work on the Infant Building

We are having some building works over the summer holidays on the infant block. The exterior of the building is going to be re-cladded. We are excited for this work to commence as the current cladding is old and looks quite dreary. This work will start 3 weeks before the summer holidays to make sure it is complete for when children return to school in September.

To keep children safe, the builders will fence off sections of the playground and start their work on Willow class end. The children in Willow class will do most of their learning in the hall, which they are used to being in for some maths and phonics sessions.

We will try and keep you posted with pictures of the progress during the holidays.

Message From The Chair of Governors: Co - Headteacher

The governors are very pleased to be able to tell you that we have appointed Mrs Mellor as the new co-headteacher who will be doing 2 days a week from September. We would like to reassure you that Mrs Layhe-Humphreys will be continuing as co-headteacher on the other 3 days.

Mrs Mellor will be visiting the school between now and September so pupils and hopefully parents/carers will have the opportunity to meet her before then. We have also included a little personal introduction from Mrs Mellor as well as a picture.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the pupils for their help, kindness and flexibility during the original interview process, with a very special mention to the school council who did an amazing job of undertaking a section of the interviews for us.

Sarah Withnall (Chair of Governors)

Message from Mrs Mellor

*I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to be Co-Headteacher at the joyful,
Hartshorne Primary school.*

*I am looking forward to working alongside Mrs Layhe-Humphreys in our partnership as Co-Headteachers
and together we will continue to build upon the success the school has already achieved under her
leadership.*

*I am very keen to get to know the children, staff, parents and governors and I look forward to my visits in
the next few weeks.*

Here's a little bit about me;

*I love being outdoors and walking with our dog Otto and in a few weeks I will be completing a mighty
hike in the Peak District to raise money for charity.*

*I am a keen gardener and spend as much time as I can in the garden with my two children and the dog!
This year, I am growing tomatoes, sweetcorn, potatoes, cucumber, cabbage, carrots, leeks and much
more!*

*This brings me so much joy because the one thing I love most in the world, is cooking for my family and
enjoying the food we grow!*

*I am excited to be Co- Headteacher at Hartshorne, to be part of the learning family and I look forward to
meeting you all.*



Keeping Children Safe in Hot Weather

Thank you for sending your children in with sun hats. It is really important in heat that children are covered with a hat, sun cream, loose clothing and hydrate regularly.

This [link](#) takes you to our school website with some information on keeping children safe in hot weather, courtesy of Derbyshire County Council.

Visitors in School

Last week we welcomed visitors from Valley CIDS, in Amber Valley to take part in workshops with children about transition, change through and RE theme. Check out the learning on your child's class page.

[Beech](#)

[Willow](#)

[Oak](#)

Pine

Our Christian Vision

We are a learning family, inspiration at our heart.

Inspired by our Christian values of friendship, compassion, creativity, trust, respect and responsibility to live life in all its fullness.

Family, showing God's love for one another to help us reach our full potential.

Learning continually and encouraging one another.

School, parents and governors.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23

Reminder - School Uniform Orders

Please order any new school uniform ready for September now, as leaving it later may mean it possibly won't arrive in time to start the autumn term.

Dates For Your Diary

<https://hartshorne.secure-primariesite.net/term-dates-1/> *Term dates for next academic year*

14 June SEND drop in 1.00-2.30

15 June Pine Class - Experience Eucharist (Church)

21 June Mrs Mellor visit (Co-headteacher)

26-30 June RSE week

29-30 June Y6 Bikeability

30 June Bobby the therapy dog visit

3 July New reception starters stay and play session (parents to stay)

5 July Pine & Oak Classes to Arboretum for Remembrance Teaching (Information to follow)

7 July Y6 Daart graduation (Information to follow)

10 July Mrs Mellor visit (Co-headteacher)

11 July New reception starters stay and play session (parents to stay)

12 July Picnic & Sports Day (Information to follow)

13 July New reception starters stay and play session (parents to stay)

19 July New reception starters stay and play session (parents to leave)

19 July Picnic & Sports Day Reserve

21 July Y6 leavers (Information to follow)

1 Sep INSET Day

4 Sep Return to school for Y1-Y6

6 Sep New reception children start am only

6 Sep Oak and Pine Class Scooter experience (Information to follow)

18 October School Photos



Have a lovely weekend
