



March News



Upcoming Dates

26th March – Birthday Celebrations in class (Jan, Feb, March Birthdays)

26th March – Last Day of Term

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12th April – Back to School

20th April – Class Photographs

30th April – Birthday Celebrations in class (April Birthdays)

3rd May – Bank Holiday Monday

29th May – Last Day of Term

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10th June – Back to School THURSDAY

11th June – Birthday Celebrations in class (May & June Birthdays)

19th July – Birthday Celebrations in class (July Birthdays)

23rd July – Last Day of Term



Welcome to our March 'Back to School' Newsletter!

Please take note of the 'Upcoming Dates' above, we try to provide you with as much notice as possible for the important things you won't want to miss.

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children seemed to have settled back into the routine of the school day and there are many happy, smiling faces around school. It is lovely to have everyone back together under one roof and for the children's learning to commence again, all from school. We have been immensely proud of all the children and how they have managed this difficult time for everyone. Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who have helped to keep school a safe place for everyone to visit.

There has been a lot of 'fun' learning taking place across the year groups and some amazing art work, writing and maths investigations taking place. I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised by the quality and the standard of the children's work produced.

It is coming close to the end of the Spring term and we can all enjoy 2 weeks' rest, ready for the final term of this academic year. The staff are busy planning the schemes of work in order to ensure that any gaps are filled and the children are provided with the learning that will be vital for the next year group. We will be holding virtual parents evening after the Easter holidays so you can be informed of your child's strengths and the important next steps. More information will be coming out after the Easter break.

Let's hope for good weather over the school holiday period so we can all enjoy some much needed sunshine and fresh air.

Take care and stay safe.

Kirsty Hutchinson

Headteacher



Meet our Governors

Every month one of our lovely Governors will be contributing to our Newsletters, this month, March, we hear from Andrew Hurst.



Hello everyone, I hope that you are all well and keeping safe. We are at last progressing towards more normal circumstances.

I have lived in Harden since 2004 and have been a Community Governor at the school for several years. I am a lawyer by profession and it has been challenging becoming involved in the education sector. In the last year I have assumed responsibility as the safeguarding governor, this has involved additional training, familiarisation and review of policies, records and registers and meetings (virtually) with others including the schools safeguarding lead. The pandemic has raised many and complicated challenges to the wellbeing, physical and mental health of pupils, parents and carers and staff. I have been very impressed at the schools' response to these challenges and its focus on supporting the health and wellbeing of all concerned whilst managing and maintaining high standard in the education and safety of those pupils. I am looking forward to the time when I'll be able to visit the school again in person to hear what the children have been up to. I'd like to wish you all a lovely Easter break.
Keep safe. Andrew

COMIC RELIEF

A huge THANK YOU to you all for your Comic Relief donations through ParentPay. You have managed to raise **£587.50** for this fantastic and worth while cause. Thank you and well done!

School Meals

Please ensure your ParentPay account is in **credit** to pay for future school meals. Meals should be paid for in advance, not in arrears. Any school meal debt has to be paid for by the school, therefore we are unable to spend this money on much needed learning resources for our children in school.



Birthdays

In order to help children, celebrate their birthdays during this pandemic we will hold a small birthday celebration in each class bubble during school time. If your child's birthday was in January, February or March we will help them celebrate in school on **Friday 26th March** (last day of term). On this day, if it has been your birthday, then you can come to school in non-school uniform and in the afternoon we will have a class treat/birthday games with buns and juice

- For birthdays in April we will help them celebrate on Friday 30th April
- For birthdays in May & June we will help them celebrate on 11th June
- For birthdays in July we will help them celebrate on 19th July



KS1

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have had a fantastic Forest Day in school this month. They made dens using science material knowledge to build a strong, waterproof shelters, they created natural art using stones, sticks, feathers and leaves, toasted marshmallows and finally had a sing song and a story around the campfire. It was a great way to end the week. Take a look at their pictures.



Reception update

It has been so lovely to have everyone back in the classroom and the children have thrown themselves back into school life.

They have been enjoying playing, being imaginative, taking on challenges and just spending time together.



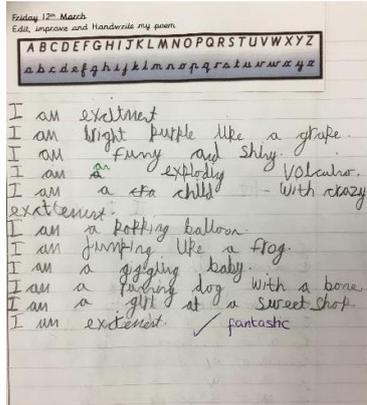
Year 1 update

Year 1 have been embracing their differences to link to their text "The boy and the giant". They talked about how we are all different but are all friends and discussed how they can celebrate their differences. They also talked about appearances as well as personality differences. It was a lovely activity for the first week back and really allowed our Year 1 friendships to blossom once more.



Year 2 update

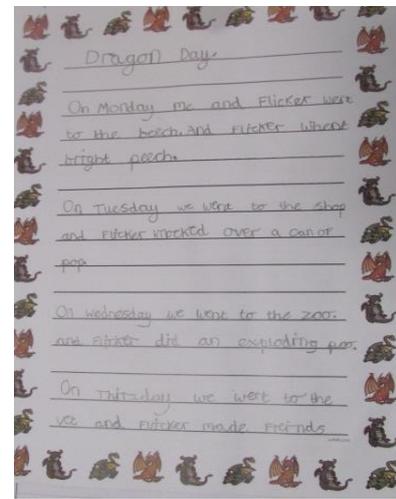
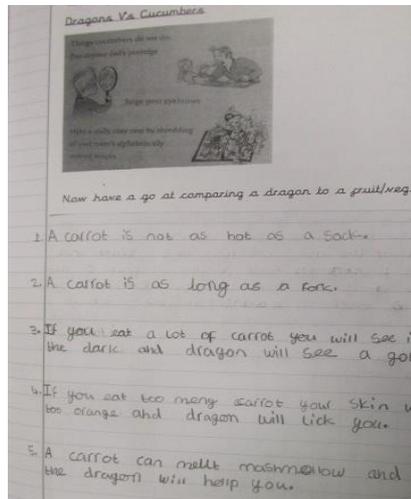
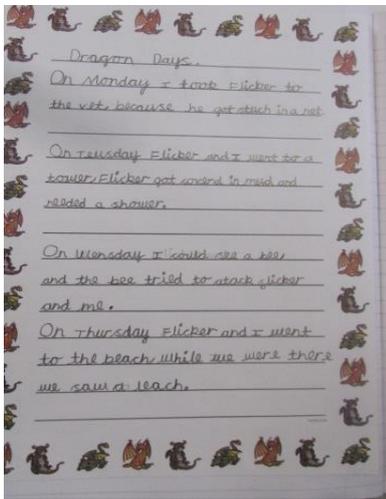
Year 2 have had a wonderful return to school, and enjoyed the start of their English text 'The Colour Monster' which is a book that explores feelings and emotions. It allowed us to consider how we were feeling, create our own colour monsters mixing different powder paints and create some beautiful poetry.



Year 3 update

It has been a busy few weeks in Year 3 and it's fantastic to have everyone back in class.

We have really enjoyed reading our new text – The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd and have produced lots of great work. The children have created poems, compared growing dragons to different fruits and have started to make their own clay models of dragons.



As part of the history topic -Tudors, we found out about people and events during that time and have made clay Medallions and begun to draw Tudor portraits.



In science we have been investigating plants and the best condition for them to grow. We have also started to grow grass heads and sunflowers.



Year 4 update

Year 4 have taken a practical, outdoor approach to their learning this term with their new topic 'The Tudors'. The children enjoyed a 'washing line' activity in the playground where they arranged key points in history in time chronological order.



In maths they learnt about fractions by doing various challenges which involved bars of chocolate, the best part was sharing out the chocolate afterwards with the children eating their fraction!



Year 4 have been enhancing their flexibility, balance and core strength in PE, these skills underpin the key elements of all sports. The hall sounded like the children were in agony as they held their legs a few inches off the ground by using their core muscles, but it can't have been that bad as they were spotted practicing this in their lunch break.



Year 5 update

We take our physical and mental health really seriously in year 5. Since we've returned back to school, we are loving our daily 'Fitness and Fun' sessions that we take part in every morning. Here are some pictures from a recent assault course/fitness circuit which we all really enjoyed. Other activities have included: noughts and crosses relay games, partner ladders and the class' favourite – four-corner hockey. Alongside these 'wake up-shake up' style activities each morning we've also been out every afternoon for our daily mile sessions where the children's stamina is improving rapidly.

Furthermore, we've also been looking after our mental well-being by taking part in extra circle time gatherings, where the children have been communicating about theirs and others' feelings.

Recently in the 'what we would dream' circle time the children came up with some amazing ideas such as, an end to Covid-19, an end to nastiness only kindness exists and long/happy healthy lives for all our families.



Year 6 update

Year 6 have been up to all sorts this month...building stone towers, designing cakes and making banana pancakes, take a look!



Poppy



Sofia

Cake Design Competition! The winning design was By Charlie and the cake was kindly made by the other Miss Hall (Miss L Hall). Year 6 had an afternoon tea Party on their first day back with cake, hot chocolate and juice.



Pancake Day – Retake! Using a recipe for banana pancakes, the children worked in groups to make the mixture, cook their pancakes and then choose toppings before finally enjoying them! We definitely have some budding chefs 😊 The children also worked out costs per serving and also if they were to sell them how much profit they would make.



Bingley Easter Holidays 2021 Multi Sports Camps

Organised and led by Coach Mark Gunn plus guest assistant coaches (all fully DBS checked and insured)

TUESDAY 30th MARCH 2021 & WEDNESDAY 31st MARCH 2021

9am-4pm with FREE 8am onwards early drop off & FREE 4:45pm later pick up

Harden Primary School, Long Lane, Harden, Bingley BD16 1LJ

Cost = ONLY £20 per child per day for Boys & Girls in Reception to Y8

**LIMITED PLACES PER CAMP with activities
adapted to ensure the children's, parents' & staff safety**

The days of **BASKETBALL, MULTI SPORTS, NERF CHALLENGES & LOTS MORE FUN GAMES** hosted at Harden Primary School will feature action packed days full of fun sporting skills, games and competitions led by Coach Mark making the most of each camp also including the children's favourite activities such as NERF as well as free play breaks, creative play, snack shop, etc...

For further information please visit <https://www.facebook.com/coachgunnbasketball>

To book a place on the camp contact:

Mark Gunn – 07912 178917 – coachmarkgunn@gmail.com

Breakfast club



For all Harden primary school children

At Your School

We are a well established breakfast club that has been running from school for over 10 years offering a safe friendly and secure environment for your children to relax and have breakfast with their class friends before school.

There will be games to play, craft activities to do, or just catch up with friends before school starts, or maybe time to finish off any homework.

All staff have significant experience working with children and have the relevant DBS check and first aid certificate.

We open at 7.45am and drop your children to their class rooms when school opens.

If you require any further information please contact Julie on: **07941708535**

Bright Stars @ Harden Holiday Club

***** NEW TO HARDEN VILLAGE *****

A CHILDCARE CLUB FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Ofsted certified. This business is owned and run by Mel Murley (former Manageress of Harden Pre School)

A holiday club for all school aged children with some spaces for children aged 2-4 years

Venue: Harden Primary School Hall

Hours: Flexible from 7.30-5.30pm with the option of half days

Activities will include: Craft Workshops, Sports and Athletics, Outdoor Nature Trips/Walks, Museum and Cinema Outings, Animal Visits, Cycling/Cycling Proficiency, First Aid Training, Gardening, Board Games, Sewing/Knitting Workshops, Lego Club, Dance and Baking.

Currently taking bookings for the Summer Holidays for the period of Monday 26th July to Friday 20th August 2021 inclusive.

For more information or to **BOOK NOW** email:
hardenholidayclub@gmail.com

We accept childcare vouchers

Please note: This holiday club is not associated or operated by Harden Primary School. The premises are being used solely as a venue.