

Newsletter 34 – Friday 27th June 2025

Please take minute to look at “The week ahead...” section at the bottom. It’s a super busy time of year and there is a lot to remember next week!

Fabulous Foundation Stage garden party

Thank you to all of our lovely Foundation Stage families for supporting our annual garden party this year. It was a fabulous day and it’s always a joy to see so many parents and families in school. Your generosity and support resulted in Foundation Stage raising over £500 which will all go straight into their own pot to enable them to enhance the learning environment further with resources and equipment. Thank you to the staff for organising a great day!

Happy in Hathersage

Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Balchin and Mr. Close have had a great 3 days out at Hathersage with the Year 5s. They have climbed up to Stanage edge (which looked terrifyingly windy on Thursday!), cycled the Monsal trail and swam in the lido at Hathersage. A huge thank you to the staff for taking them – it’s a massive ask of staff to be away for 3 days from their own families and commitments and especially when they have to do their own catering!

Staffing changes

This year sees some big changes to our staffing team at Holly Hill.

Mr. Beckett will be leaving us as his year’s contract with us comes to an end and he takes up a position closer to home. We wish him lots of luck and thank him for his work with us this year.

As you know, we are a very close-knit team and when long standing members of staff leave, it can be a very emotional time.

After 29 and 25 years respectively at Holly Hill, Ms. Ellis and Mrs. Binder have decided to take retirement together this year. Leaving together is the perfect end to what has been a fabulous working relationship in the office. They have lots of plans for their retirement as they are the best of friends outside of work as well.

Also, after 15 years of the most amazing teaching, Mrs. Cordon has decided to leave this year and take a position closer to home. I can’t begin to put into words the difference she has made during her time here at Holly Hill and just how much we are going to miss her. Her new school are more lucky than they know!

We have had a busy few weeks recruiting but have successfully appointed a new office team and two new teachers. We look forward to welcoming them all to school in September.

Transition letters

Your child should have brought home their transition letter today. This tells you your child's class and teacher for next year as well as the whole school staffing structure and details of transition mornings which will take place on Monday and Tuesday next week.

Welcome meetings

Please see below a list of dates and times for our parent welcome meetings that will happen next week as part of our transition package. This is an opportunity for you to hear all about the year group that your child will move into in September, as well as meeting the teachers and a chance to chat with them after the presentation if you need to.

Wear Yellow for Shine

On Thursday 3rd July, we will be taking part in 'Go Yellow for Shine', raising awareness and funds to support those living with hydrocephalus or spina bifida. Shine provide specialist support and advice for spina bifida and hydrocephalus (a cause very important to us and our families at Holly Hill). To take part in 'Go Yellow for Shine', we are simply asking you to wear an item of yellow clothing and make a donation to Shine by bringing £1 into school or donating online. We can't wait to see you looking bright and colourful!

The week ahead...

- Monday 30th and Tuesday 1st – Transition mornings for children (Y6 at Selston High)
- Monday 30th June @ 3.40pm – Key Stage 1 welcome meeting for parents
- Tuesday 1st July @ 3.40pm – Y5/6 welcome meeting for parents
- Wednesday 2nd July – Tough Runner for Key Stage 1 and 2 (bring a towel and full change of clothes including pants, socks and shoes!)
- Wednesday 2nd July @ 3.40pm – Y3/4 welcome meeting for parents
- Thursday 3rd July – Wear Yellow for Shine
- Friday 4th July – Bikeability starts for Year 6

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs. Leanne Steed

Headteacher