Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone from our Easter break, which seems rather ridiculous to say considering we are about to commence another four days from school for the actual Easter weekend! This term is quite disrupted by bank holidays and polling days, and as a school we understand the frustration from some of our parents about the addition polling day. We did challenge the 23rd May polling day but we were met with the response from Trafford Council that ‘they had exhausted all other possible avenues. Quite simply, there is no other local venue that we can use.’ Class teachers will send home additional homework for children to complete on this day, however it is not compulsory and it is down to parental discretion whether it is completed.

As always we have a fun packed half term but hopefully this newsletter will keep you up to date with all the events and help you to identify key things happening in your child’s year group.

Kind regards

Ms S Foord

Heyes Lane’s Award Winning SEND Provision

We are delighted to have won an award in the Potential Plus UK Above and Beyond National Awards. Heyes Lane was recognised for our effective provision for pupils with SEND and higher learning potential (Dual and Multiple Exceptionality, DME), along with our positive partnership with parents/carers. Mrs Meacock attended the awards ceremony in Birmingham in February half term and accepted the award on the school’s behalf. She enjoyed afternoon tea and hearing from guest speakers Bobby Seagull and Johnny Ball. This is a fantastic achievement for HLPS and reflects the hard work of our staff to support our pupils’ needs. To find out more, go to: https://www.potentialplusuk.org/index.php/above-and-beyond-awards/
**Staffing**

Mrs Bowes (Y5) will be commencing her maternity leave in the next couple of weeks and Mr A Hurd will be taking over 5FB. Mr Hurd joined Heyes Lane this week and is working across Y5 getting to know all the children and ensuring a smooth transition. We will keep you updated as to when Baby Bowes makes an appearance!

After 18 years service to Heyes Lane, Mrs Harding, who has worked in the school office initially in the Infant School and then as the amalgamated primary school will be retiring at the end of this half term. She has seen many changes over the years and has been a familiar faces to many of our families who have come through the school. We wish her a restful retirement and thank her for all her work over the years.

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**Twitter**

If you haven’t already joined our Year Group Twitter feeds, please do so. It is an excellent way of finding out what your child has been learning about and will give you information to prompt conversations about school. Therefore stopping that age old answer of ‘I can’t remember what I did today!’ The links are as below:

- Year 6:  [https://twitter.com/HeyesLaneY6](https://twitter.com/HeyesLaneY6)
- Year 5:  [https://twitter.com/HeyesLaneY5](https://twitter.com/HeyesLaneY5)
- Year 4:  [https://twitter.com/HeyesLaneY4](https://twitter.com/HeyesLaneY4)
- Year 3:  [https://twitter.com/HeyesLaneY3](https://twitter.com/HeyesLaneY3)
- Year 2:  [https://twitter.com/HeyesLaneY2](https://twitter.com/HeyesLaneY2)
- Year 1:  [https://twitter.com/HeyesLaneY1](https://twitter.com/HeyesLaneY1)
- Reception:  [https://twitter.com/HLPSReception](https://twitter.com/HLPSReception)
- Nursery:  [https://twitter.com/HLPSNursery](https://twitter.com/HLPSNursery)

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**School Clubs**

Our before, during and after school clubs commence from next week on Tuesday 23rd April. They will run until Friday 19th July, therefore there will be no clubs in the final week of the summer term. There are a few places remaining in certain clubs so log on to ParentPay and book your child into a club while there’s still space.

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**LOOK OUT IN YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL BAG FOR A FLYER ABOUT OUR EXCITING ‘BE THE BEST ME!’ EVENT WHICH IS HAPPENING LATER THIS TERM!**
Tree Planting

You may remember that last term Heyes Lane were teaming up with The Conservation Volunteers group from Sale to take part in the ‘Trees for Learning Project’ backed by DEFRA. We had a mixed bag of weather over the three days, sadly on the first day we were battered with rain and wind but the children showed great resilience and carried on to ensure the 700 trees were planted. It was lovely to see the older children supporting the younger ones and I think the children will remember their tree planting days for a long time.

I would like to thank those parents, carers and grandparents who helped out during the three days, they did a sterling job and the sharing of their time was much appreciated.

Ruth, who led the project, will be returning later this term to work with our Y3 children to check the health of the trees, water them, fix any tree guards to help them conclude their topic on trees.

Car Parking...

Can we please remind all parents about parking and driving responsibly on the streets surrounding school. With the cooler weather more parents are choosing to drive their child to and from school and sadly in recent months we have had multiple ‘near misses’. The school car park is solely for staff during the hours of 8am—5pm and the school driveway should not be used as a turning area!

I have contacted Trafford Council and they will be undertaking spot checks over the coming weeks and months.

PTA School Discos

It has been lovely to see the children in years 1—6 enjoying their school discos over the last few months. At the last PTA meeting it was decided that from now on the funds raised at each disco will go directly back to the year groups involved rather than going into the main PTA fund. This money will be used by class teachers to buy specific books and resources to enhance the children’s learning. So far the Y5/6 disco raised £710, the Y1/2 disco produced £662. and the Y3/4 disco is yet TBC.

EYFS, keep an eye out for the flyer for your disco, it came out today. Slips back on Tuesday please.
## Upcoming Dates for your Diary:

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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018 - 2019

AUTUMN TERM
Tuesday 4th September 2018 to Friday 19th October 2018

Half Term Break
Monday 22nd October 2018 — Friday 26th October 2018 (school closed)

Tuesday 30th October 2018 to Friday 21st December 2018

Xmas Break
Monday 24th December 2018 — Friday 4th January 2019 (school closed)

SPRING TERM
Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 8th February 2019

Half Term Break
Monday 11th February 2019 — Friday 15th February 2019 (school closed)

Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 29th March 2019

Easter Break
Monday 1st April 2019 — Friday 12th April 2019 (school closed)

SUMMER TERM
Monday 15th April 2019 to Friday 24th May 2019
Friday 19th April 2019 (Good Friday) and Monday 22nd April 2019 (school closed for Easter Weekend)

Whitsun Break
Monday 27th May 2019 — Friday 7th June 2019 (school closed)

Monday 10th June 2019 to Friday 26th July 2019

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NON PUPIL DAYS (school closed)
Monday 3rd September 2018
Monday 29th October 2018
Friday 4th January 2019
Thursday 2nd May 2019 (Polling Day) (To be confirmed)
Friday 3rd May 2019

School is also closed on the following days:
Monday 6th May 2019 (May Day)

TEST WEEKS
Week commencing Monday 13th May 2019

IMPORTANT

The law gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time.
Any application for absence must only be made in exceptional circumstances.
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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019 - 2020

AUTUMN TERM

Tuesday 3rd September 2019 to Friday 18th October 2019 (34 days)

Half Term Break

Tuesday 29th October 2019 to Friday 20th December 2019 (39 days)

SPRING TERM

Tuesday 7th January 2020 to Friday 7th February 2020 (24 days)

Half Term Break

Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 27th March 2020 (30 days)

SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 14th April 2020 to Friday 22nd May 2020 (28 days)

Whitsun Break

Monday 8th June 2020 to Friday 24th July 2020 (35 days)

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NON PUPIL DAYS

Monday 2nd September 2019
Monday 28th October 2019
Monday 6th January 2020
Thursday 30th April 2020 (Polling Day)
Friday 1st May 2020

School is also closed on the following days:
Monday 4th May 2020 (May Day)

TEST WEEKS

Week commencing Monday 11th May 2020

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