



LIMITLESS POTENTIAL

IGNITE PASSION

EMBRACE DIFFERENCE

Hazlewood Newsletter Summer 1

Dear Parents, Carers,

We hope that all the children have enjoyed their first half-term back at school. As promised, we will produce a newsletter at the end of each half-term celebrating our school's achievements. We hope that you will find this information useful to you. The information includes important information regarding the 2021/ 22 Academic Year.

Summer 2 Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 8th June 2021: Parents/ Carers meeting - Relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education

Thursday 1st July 2021: Hazlewood Sports Festival—All day (More details to follow)

Wednesday 30th June 2022: Reception Information meeting with parents/ carers at 5.00 p.m.

Tuesday 6th July 2021: Year 6 - Flamingo Land visit

Wednesday 7th July 2021: Carnival/ Golf celebration (alternate day 08.07.21 if raining on 07.07.21)

Friday 9th July 2021: Summer reports to parents/ carers

Week beginning Monday 12th July 2021: Transition week - Children meeting new class teachers

Wednesday 14th July 2021: Summer Fair from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

School holiday dates 2021-22

Holiday	School Break up	Return to school
Autumn term 2021	Friday 16th July 2021	Thursday 2nd September 2021
Autumn half term 2021	Friday 22 October 2021	Monday 1st November 2021
Christmas 2021	Friday 17 December 2021	Wednesday 5th January 2022
Spring half term 2022	Friday 18 February 2022	Tuesday 1st March 2022
Easter 2022	Friday 8 April 2022	Tuesday 26th April 2022
Summer half term 2022	Friday 27 May 2022	Tuesday 7th June 2022
Summer 2022	Thursday 21 July 2022	TBC

Teacher Training Days

Terms	Dates
September 2021	Wednesday 1st September 2021
Christmas 2021	Tuesday 4th January 2022
Spring half term 2022	Monday 28th February 2022
Easter 2022	Monday 25th April 2022
Summer half term 2022	Monday 6th June 2022



2021/ 22 Hazlewood Team

Chair of Governors: Mr. Keith Oliver

Vice-Chair of Governors: Miss. Patricia Hunter

Headteacher: Mr. Stephane Bommel

Business Manager: Mrs. Linda Barron

Admission/Attendance Leader: Mrs. Lesley Simmister

Caretaker: Mr. Steve Grey

Lunchtime Team: Mrs. Jennifer Taylor/ Mrs. Victoria Miller/ Mrs. Gillian Vasey

Cleaning Team: Mrs. Ann Gates/ Mrs. Norma White/ Mrs. Sharon Bolton/ Mrs. Joanne Whillis

Teachers:

Nursery: Mrs. Alison Snell

Reception: Mrs. Vanessa Coxon (EYFS Leader)

Miss. Samantha Rutter

Year 1: Miss. Georgia Gould

Year 1/ 2: Miss. Sophie Bowman

Year 2: Mrs. Laurie Underwood (KS1 Leader)

Year 3: Mrs. Kate McKenna (Deputy Headteacher)

Year 4: Mrs. Liz Patterson (KS2 Leader)

Year 5: Miss. Kimberley Gill

Year 6: Mrs. Samantha Bowman

SENCO: Mrs. Sophie Wilson (Part-time)

Teaching Assistants

Nursery: New Teaching Assistant to be appointed in June 2021

Reception: Mrs. Cindy Wood

Reception & Year 1/ 2: Miss. Georgia Bell

Year 1: Mrs. Danni Ripon

Year 2: Miss. Sian Borsberry

KS2: Miss. Sarah Gibbison

KS2: Mrs Sharon Bolton

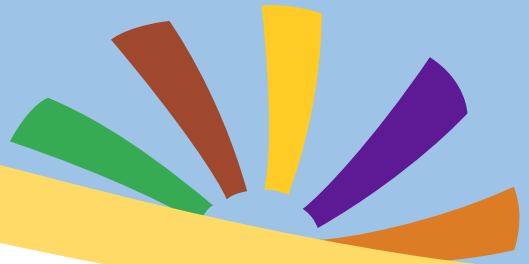
KS2: New Teaching Assistant to be appointed in June 2021 (Year 6 & Year 3 specifically)

PE coach: Mr Jack Foalle

NOTE: KS1 classes allocation for pupils (Year 1, Year 1/ 2 and Year 2) will be sent on Friday 11th June 2021

**"If everyone is moving forward together,
then success takes care of itself."**

Henry Ford



Good bye and Thank you!

Mr Jack Topham

Although it is sad to see excellent teachers go, I find it great comfort in knowing that we are losing them to fantastic opportunities and position of greater influence in their new school.

We say farewell to an outstanding class teacher who has contributed greatly to our school since joining us in September 2018. Mr Topham has successfully been appointed as Senior Leader for English and Maths at Shiney Row Primary School, Houghton le Spring starting in September 2021. Mr Topham has been a significant member of our team - always setting the bar high because he truly believes in the potential of every child in his class. I have the deepest professional respect for Mr. Topham and I sincerely believe that he will bring his unique energy, optimism and passion to his new school. We will all miss his unique laughter and great sense of humour!

Congratulations to: Miss Gould (Year 1) and Miss Bowman (Year 1/ 2)

I have great pleasure in informing you that both Miss Gould and Miss Bowman have now secured a permanent teaching position at Hazlewood Community Primary School. As newly qualified teachers, they have both demonstrated an excellent approach to their new role under some very challenging circumstances due to the COVID-19 restrictions and demands made on all school staff. They can both be very proud of their amazing achievements.

Congratulations to: Mrs McKenna - Deputy Headteacher (Year 3)

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Kate McKenna to Hazlewood Community Primary School. Mrs McKenna will join our team as our new Deputy Headteacher.

She is currently working full-time as a class teacher and senior leader at Town End Academy, Sunderland and a senior leader in Education for Wise Academies Multi Academy Trust.

Mrs McKenna describes teaching as the 'best job in the world' and she stated that her initial visit at Hazlewood was 'magical'. Mrs McKenna is passionate about helping children to realise that they are capable of achieving their dreams. She is excited at joining our fantastic team in September 2021. She will be an excellent asset to our school as an experienced school leader and she is thrilled to be joining us on our exciting adventure towards becoming an outstanding school.



Heartfelt
Congratulations to you!



Governors News

Hello from your Governing Body!

We are a group of 13 ordinary people who volunteer our time to help the school team in any way that we can. We are made up of parents, members of staff, members of the community and local authority representatives and share a passion for supporting the school.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new governors: Alison Rutherford, Sam Bowman, Dianne Imray, Daniel Atkinson, Helen Hayes and James Dixon.

Alison commented, "As a new Trust Governor, I am thrilled to have join Hazlewood Primary School Governor's team and I am delighted for the opportunity to be able to make a difference to the school, all the pupils and the staff. I am proud to be a part of such a fantastic team of dedicated people, who are committed to help shape and enhance the future of our children. Being able to influence the younger generation is something that I am really passionate about and I believe there are some very exciting times ahead for us all."

The last year (also known as "You're on mute!")

Of course the impact of Covid-19 has been huge and as a governing body we have done all we can to support staff throughout this difficult time. Like the children, we have had to adapt to new ways of working and have carried out our meetings virtually. 'You're on mute' or 'can you hear me' have become regular lines in our meetings, as many of you can probably relate to! We are so proud of how our school team all pulled together during lockdown to support our children and families and of the focus that has been given to wellbeing since returning.

"Ask not what the school can do for you but what you can do for the school."


We are feeling excited about what is to come at Hazlewood and we share the ambition of the school on their journey towards becoming 'Outstanding'. We will do everything we can practically do to support that. It is very important to us that we work in a way that is helpful to the school and takes on board the views of all staff members.

We are looking forward to working with our new Deputy Head, Kate McKenna and we would like to take the opportunity to welcome her to the Hazlewood Team. It has been really enjoyable taking part in recent team meetings looking at the way forward for our school. The enthusiasm from staff is infectious and, as always, the passion and hard work has shone through. It gives us great hope for the future and we are confident that as a whole team we can achieve our goals.



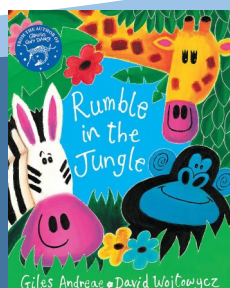
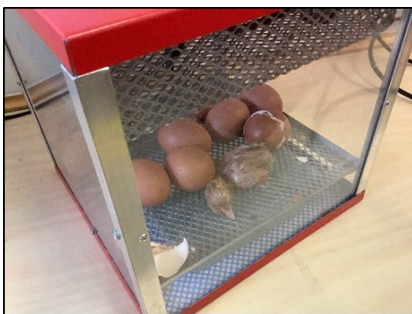


Nursery News

Summer 1 in Nursery has been very exciting. The main news being of course the arrival of our lovely chickens. The 'Living Egg' company brought us 10 eggs and our incubator. We were extremely lucky that all 10 eggs hatched. We had 8 hens and 2 cockerels. Unfortunately we are not allowed to keep Cockerels as they are too noisy! The chicks that could not stay with us have been rehomed. The children have loved watching the chicks grow and they have all been able to handle them. We are continuing to watch their development as they grown into  hens. The children helped Mrs Snell to build the coop and it now takes pride of place in our garden. Our chicken coop will remain in nursery garden so we can keep a close eye on them. We can't wait for our first eggs but that will be a little while yet. They don't start to lay eggs until they are 18 to 23 weeks old. Our chicks are only 6 weeks old!

During the Summer holidays we would love our nursery parents to help us to look after our chickens. Mrs Snell will be asking for volunteers nearer the time.

We have also enjoyed taking part in our puddle jump to raise money for our summer carnival. Nursery are using the book 'Rumble in the Jungle' to base our golf theme on. We have been learning some of the poems in the book to perform at the carnival. We are also looking forward to our visit from 'Animal Antics'. Some of these animal visitors won't be so cute and fluffy!!!!!!





Reception News

We have ignited the passion in Reception with our Pirate topic, as we all love playing pirates, ooarrrr me hearties! We received a letter off Pirate Black Beard and he set us many challenges to become 'Perfect Pirates'. We made patterned eye patches, painted our own pirates, made a pirate raft at Forest school, cooked pirate omelette on the fire pit and made treasure maps. We all became perfect pirates and only a few of us had to walk the plank!

The highlight of our week is always Forest School. We love our outdoor classroom. We have been developing many skills, such as fire safety rules, cooking on the camp fire, art and learning about nature. However, the best learning we have done is learning how to roll down the mound as fast as we can!

I am the music man, I come from down your way! Our music lessons have been so exciting, this half term. We have been playing percussion instruments quietly, loudly, and fast and slow. We found it tricky to play the instruments slowly and loudly together but it was fun! We followed instructions and we got to have a go at being the conductor. Mr Bommel could hear our fantastic music all the way up the corridor in his office and Mrs Coxon and Mrs Wood said we were the best percussionists they had ever heard! We have also learned some pirate songs and we can't wait to share them with you at the carnival.

We have had a great time learning skills to play cricket. The coach Matthew was amazing and we had lots of fun, working in teams and helping each other. We learned how to throw and catch a ball and how to bat safely. Miss Rutter told us we were brilliant cricketers and we can't wait to play again!

The Reception team would like to say a BIG Thank you to everyone who took part in the puddle jump. We had a brilliant turn out and it was lovely hearing all the giggles! Thank you to all the sponsors, we raised an amazing amount of money to build our Sphero golf hole.





Year 1 News

What an amazing term we have had!

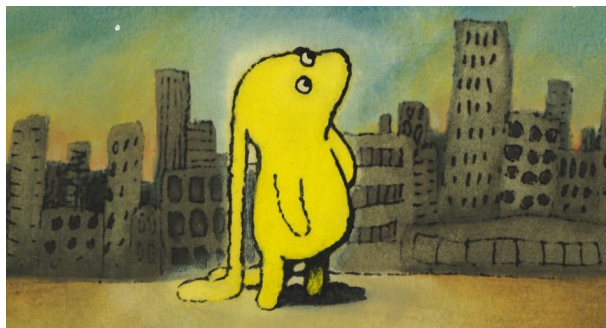
Year 1 had a very exciting start to the term when we found a mysterious object crashed in the middle of our classroom! We discovered that this was a spaceship belonging to alien Beegu who was lost on our planet. Beegu inspired us to write for different purposes including letter writing and postcards. We have also looked at acrostic poetry and have written some incredible acrostic poems about space!

The children in Year 1 have been working scientifically this term. We have loved learning about materials and carried out an investigation to find out which material would make the best tea bag for Miss Gould. You will have to ask the boys and girls to find out what the result was!

Year 1 have really enjoyed working creatively, using different media and design techniques to create some wonderful models and space scenes. We have also had lots of fun learning how to navigate the Spheros in our computing lessons. This was trickier than it looked but the children were resilient and demonstrated some lovely team work. We can't wait to use these to navigate our mini golf course!

Well done for a fantastic term Year 1.

We are so proud of you all!





Year 1 / 2 News

This half term in Year 1/2 we have had a blast with our 'To Infinity and Beyond' topic. The children have really engrossed themselves into learning and have created excellent pieces of work. We have had a lot of hands-on and practical learning experiences which have seemed to really ignite their passion and instil curiosity for life beyond Earth.

We have designed aliens in spaceships for creating our very own narratives, which was super exciting! We have also enjoyed researching famous great explorers, particularly Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake, who we have created fact files for.



More recently we have started to make progress on our golf course project in D&T. The children have been able to experience cutting wood using hacksaws and mitre blocks in the classroom to create their own photo frames.



★ ★ ★
to infinity
★ AND ★
BEYOND! ★



Year 2 News

This half term Year 2 have absolutely loved our 'Witchcraft and Wizardry' topic which has seen us:

- ◇ Design and make our own wands



- ◇ Use our knowledge of capacity to measure and mix our own flying and invisibility potions (which actually made things disappear!)



- ◇ Take 'Herbology' lessons to plant sunflower seeds and learn the Harry Potter theme tune on keyboard using Garageband



Year 2 News (Cont...)

We have also started to work on our Harry Potter themed mini golf hole. We practised our woodwork skills by cutting strip wood using hacksaws, glued it together using wood glue then painted it to make a photo frame. We have created a Coat of Arms which will go into the photo frame.

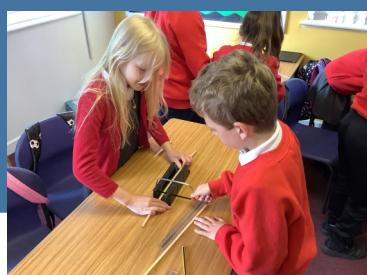
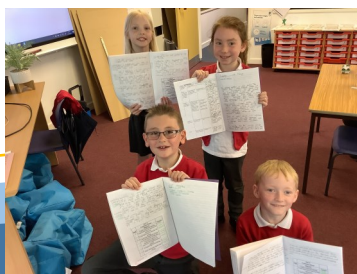


Year 3 News

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their obstacle course which helped raise money for our golf course project. They were also all great spectators and cheered the whole bubble on as they went around. I think some people particularly enjoyed using the water guns to squirt their peers! We then used some of the sponsorship money to buy a set of mini hack-saws so children could begin their project. We are all excited to see our end result!

Nature art for Mental Health Week went down a treat in Year 3! All children loved exploring forest school to find resources to create their masterpieces. Excellent team working and cooperation shown by all.

In Year 3 we have enjoyed writing about 'The True Story of Little Red Riding Hood'. We wrote from the perspective of the Wolf and told our readers his version of the story as never told before. Why don't you ask us what we think really happened!



News Year 4

It's all about the Arts

Year 4 has rhythm!

This half term Year 4 have had a fun and exciting opportunity to learn to play the Remo drums.

Ian, a music specialist, has been visiting us once a week. We have learnt about rhythm, pitch, and pianoforte.

The children have stepped up and have been amazing. "Mr Teoh is so funny, and I have learnt a lot." Said Riley. ✨

Year 4 are looking forward to performing the drums at the Carnival in July.



Following in the footsteps of Matisse

As part of our circus project, Year 4 have been studying the work of Henri Matisse. We investigated his circus cut-out collages. We looked carefully at image, form and colour. From this we designed our own circus cut-outs. The results were amazing!



By Henri Matisse, 1947



By James Redpath, 2021



Year 5 News

Welcome to the Movies

Wow! What a term it has been in Year 5. Our topic about the movies has proven to be a real blockbuster. The children have learnt about the history of film with some new Laurel and Hardy fans in Year 5. As always, the artwork for movie posters has been a popular topic with some aspiring artists in the midst. A fantastic range of homework has accompanied the topics stretching from Minecraft set designs to movie trailers. "I have loved this topic, I have never realised how much work goes into making a movie!" said George.

The topic is leading to the whole school golf project linking with Spheros so expect to see 'Hollywood' in the Year 5 design.



Year 6 News

In Year 6 we have been learning about the circulatory system. This includes the heart, lungs and all of the vessels that transport blood around the body. In order for the children to fully understand the heart, it's chambers and the vessels attached to it, Year 6 dissected enormous cow hearts in groups of 3 or 4. We very carefully used surgical scalpels to cut open the heart to find key features of this amazing muscular organ including the aorta, the vena cava, valves, atria and ventricles. The children loved it and haven't stopped talking about it!





Mini Golf Sphero Project:

In order to develop wellbeing across the school, we decided to create a whole school project that would get all children involved in a hands-on, fun and creative project. We wanted to focus on foundation subjects such as Computing, Design Technology and Art so we came up with the idea of each class creating their very own mini golf hole which would result in a complete 9-hole golf course.

In order for us to do this, we knew we would need the support of our community. We asked our families if they could donate materials and each bubble created a fun sponsored activity.

Bubble 1: Puddle Jump



Bubble 2: Obstacle course





Mini Golf Sphero Project:

Bubble 2: Obstacle course (Cont...)



Bubble 3: Car wash and cake sale



Fundraising was a huge success and we raised over £4000! Thank you to family and friends of Hazlewood for your kind generosity and continued support. This money has enabled us to buy materials we need to make our holes spectacular. Mr Grey is working very hard to help our classes build the golf bases.

It is intended that all children will use Spheros to either 'drive' or code through the mini golf obstacles into the hole. Spheros are spherical programmable robots that can be used throughout the whole school with a simple 'drive' function for younger children, to coding using blocks and loops for older children. We have had fun this half term learning how to use the Sphero's.






Mental Health & Well-Being Support group for Parents & Carers

The new Hazlewood Parent/Carer Support Group started up this term. We have had our first virtual meeting and hope to meet in person very soon. We all have our own reasons for joining the group but what we do have in common is wanting to support each other, whether that be through something really difficult our children are facing, or just general day to day challenges that come with family life.

We are really keen to encourage any parents or carers who are interested to get in touch. There are lots of ways you can get involved - join us at a virtual catch up, meet up in person, or just join our email group where we can share ideas and resources.

If you would like more information  please email: eleanorwhitaker1@outlook.com



**MENTAL HEALTH
& WELL-BEING
FOR ALL**



THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our parents/ carers for your outstanding support and dedication to our school. This has been without a doubt the most challenging year ever for all of us. We can all be very proud of our children and our achievements as a school community.

I would like to pay a special tribute to my exceptional team here at Hazlewood. I would like to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to my team who every day make a real and vital difference to the lives of our children and young people. Their passion, commitment and drive to inspire our children and adults alike is something I am personally extremely proud of and grateful for – especially so this year .

Have a great half-term break!

Stephane Bommel

(Proud) Headteacher

