



# HURSTHEAD INFANT SCHOOL

*We care, we learn, we belong*

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Dear Parents

Thank you to those families that took the time to complete the parent survey. We are very pleased to receive your feedback and constructive comments. We received 162 responses which is a 63% return.

We were overwhelmed with the positive comments we received – thank you so much for those that not only took the time to let us know how we can move forward, but also took the time to thank school and the staff for everything they do, and the positive impact it has on your children. Please see below some changes we will make in light of your feedback.

You said...	What we already do...	What we will do....
SeeSaw is difficult to navigate  More information about what my child is doing at school	Currently we have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Curriculum nights for Year 1 and 2</li><li>• SeeSaw App to communicate with parents</li><li>• Weekly blogs for all year groups to keep you up to date on what your child is doing on a weekly basis</li><li>• Online and face to face parents evening</li><li>• Next Steps for your children sent home three times a year</li><li>• 3 open afternoons</li><li>• Host a stay and play session for new reception parents and children</li><li>• New reception parents invited to have lunch with children on their first day.</li><li>• Reception parent welcome evening</li></ul>	In addition to what we already offer we will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extend curriculum night to include reception</li><li>• Teachers will show parents how to use SeeSaw at our curriculum nights</li></ul>
More after school activities	As well as Elm Cottage we also offer the following after school extracurricular activities. Four of these clubs were new this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cricket</li><li>• Netball</li><li>• French</li><li>• Sewing</li><li>• Football</li></ul>	As we provide so many clubs already for our children, I have assumed that parents are referring to when clubs reach capacity. Please note that after school clubs are restricted by the space we have to provide them. We do understand that it can be frustrating when parents cannot book their child onto a club as they are full. Unfortunately, we do have to restrict numbers for clubs based on legal ratios of adults to children and this is unavoidable. Links are sent out on a

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tri Golf</li> <li>• Boxercise</li> <li>• Multi Skills</li> <li>• Dance</li> <li>• Drama</li> <li>• Cookery</li> <li>• Forest Schools</li> <li>• Ukulele</li> <li>• Drums</li> <li>• Art and crafts</li> <li>• Recorder Club</li> </ul>	<p>first come, first served basis, and we let parents know when bookings open. Next year we are excited to build on our already extensive after school offer. Please see below the clubs we are planning to make available (asterix denotes the clubs that are available to reception children from Autumn Term):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sewing</li> <li>• Football *</li> <li>• Netball</li> <li>• Tri Golf</li> <li>• Boxercise</li> <li>• Multi Skills *</li> <li>• Dance</li> <li>• Drama *</li> <li>• Construction Club *</li> <li>• Cookery</li> <li>• Forest Schools</li> <li>• Ukulele</li> <li>• Drums</li> <li>• Art and crafts *</li> <li>• Recorder</li> <li>• Choir</li> <li>• Cricket</li> </ul>
More notice of events	<p>The events that are organised by the PSA are greatly appreciated by children. They also involve a lot of hard work from the PSA, parents who get involved, staff and our whole community. Funds raised are invaluable to school and children, parents and staff are grateful for the enrichment they provide for our pupils.</p>	<p>We will meet with the PSA committee at the beginning of the year to map out dates as best we can. Please note that events happening on planned dates is dependant on having enough parent volunteers to go ahead.</p>

### Staffing

I am sad to let you know that Miss Care and Miss Hollowood will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. Miss Care has worked at Hursthead Infant School for 18 years and has had a positive impact on so many children and staff. She is an extremely dedicated member of the team - I am always grateful for her support and her 'can do' attitude. She will be missed by all of us. Miss Hollowood is a caring and hardworking member of staff. I am grateful for her flexible approach and the relationships she has built with the children she supports. Although we are sad to see Miss Hollowood go, she is leaving us to become a teacher, so I am happy she is following her passion. Good luck Miss Hollowood!

### PSA

Thank you to the PSA who work tirelessly to organise events thought out the year. These events enrich our community, bring us together, and make our children very happy! They also raise valuable funds for school which we use to enhance our children's personal development. Some of the activities the funds have been used for this year include a T-rex visit, inspirational visitors, climbing wall, French classes, school trips and music lessons. The May Fair raised almost £3,000 – thank you to all those that helped organised the event – it really was an exciting day. I know how much hard work goes into planning these types of days and we are grateful for the time put into organising, setting up, running stalls and cleaning up. Thank you to everyone who attended – I know you all had a fabulous time.

There are a number of committee members stepping down this year including our Chair Natalie and Vice Chair Laura, Mel (Treasurer) and Natalie (Secretary). Thank you to all of you. Without the committee, the PSA could not have continued to provide all the wonderful experiences for our children and community. You will be missed by all, but I

know you will still advise the new committee with your wealth of experience! Details of the new committee will be communicated to parents – thank you for those who came forward for these vacancies.

We know that parents help at PSA events to enrich their children’s school experience, and to raise money for school. I am sure parents will know that children are extremely thankful for this. In addition, we will be inviting parents who have helped in any capacity at events, whether that be in organising, or on the day, to a coffee morning at school. Those parents who so generously give up their time to come into school every week as a parent helper, will also be invited. Details to follow later on next academic year.

### Our Pupil Achievements

We continue to be so proud of our children who have worked extremely hard and made excellent progress over the year. Please see results below in reading, writing and maths. In some cases, our results (in particular our greater depth results) are more than four times the national average. This is credit to the children, our wonderful staff who have high expectations for all, and to the adults at home who support the children and school. Well done everyone, and thank you!

Year 2 End of Key Stage 1	Meeting the expected standard		Meeting the greater depth standard	
	Hursthead Infant School	National Average (2023)	Hursthead Infant School	National (2023)
Reading	91%	68%	56%	19%
Writing	87%	60%	36%	8%
Maths	96%	71%	47%	16%

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	Hursthead Infant School	National Average (2023)
Pass	96%	79%

Reception GLD (Good Level of Development)	Hursthead Infant School	National Average (2023)
Pass	87%	67%

### Green Team – a thank you from Miss Simpson

The Green Team have had a fantastic year. They have done a wonderful job promoting environmental awareness at our school. This year the children have been working towards Stockport’s Schools Climate Assembly. They worked as a team to come up with some brilliant eco-friendly ideas and submitted these to Stockport Council. Two children from the Green Team then represented the school at the Climate Assembly in March. Following on from the Climate Assembly, Stockport Council have chosen one of the ideas the children submitted for a special calendar that will be shared with schools, parents, community groups, and Local Councillors to promote environmentally friendly ideas throughout the year. The Green Team then created a poster of their idea which will be featured in the calendar. We look forward to receiving this next year. Well done Green Team, we are so proud of you!

### Before and after school provision

You may be entitled to support in paying for before and after school provision. These links provide further detail [Tax-Free Childcare](#) or [Universal Credit Childcare](#).

## Summer Events

Please find a link to events over the Summer from our Ethnic Diversity Service:

<https://padlet.com/stockported/s/summer-term-2024-festivals-celebrations-and-events-mry1xpmxqfpiv0f6>

## Dates for next academic year

<b>Wednesday 4 September</b>	School re-opens New Reception children (group A) 8.45-12 (11.30-12 parents to attend lunch, optional) New Reception children (group B) 12.30-3.15
<b>Thursday 5th September</b>	New Reception (group B) 8.45-12 (11.30-12 parents to attend lunch, optional) New Reception (group A) 12.30-3.15
<b>Friday 6th September</b>	New Reception children to start full-time
<b>Thursday 19 September</b>	Curriculum evenings for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents 7-8pm (parent only event)
<b>WB 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Online Parent Evenings
<b>WB 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Face to face Parent Evenings

Thank you for your continued support,

Karen Grant  
Headteacher