



Herbert Strutt Primary School

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# NEWSLETTER

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## Perseverance!

Our first term has been extremely busy, with a new curriculum offering new challenges and opportunities. The children have focused on the value of persevering and have thought about what they will persevere with over the term. They have written what they are working on, on leaves outside the hall, completed challenges, such as jigsaws and balancing cards and have chosen targets to focus on when they are writing.

The Maths' week at the end of the term has given them all the opportunity to not only enjoy mathematics in a creative and fun way, but also to persevere with problems and puzzles. A big thank - you to Miss Tomlinson for organising this and to everyone at home and school for the huge effort you made with the family competition, maths' outfits and time given to visiting school to work with your child. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children did!

*Mrs Core*



*Children from Herbett Strutt School, Leaps and Bounds Nursery (formerly Mulberry Bush Nursery) and Turnditch School celebrate the new station mosaic and paintings with volunteers from Transition Belper along with rail industry and local authority representatives.*



# Read about the competitions we have entered this year...

## Rugby Festival for Y3 and Y4 - Wednesday 23rd September



On Wednesday 23rd September 2015, we went to Belper Rugby Club. It was really fun. I went in Ben's car. When we got there we practised so we could actually play the game. I ran to make me go faster. I ran from one post all the way to the other post and when I ran back I breathed in and it burned my throat. On the first rugby challenge we had to pass the ball and get it into the bin. We were against Kilburn.

They started with the ball and zoomed off. Luckily we (the best team) tagged them. In the next round, I started with the ball and the other team weren't concentrating. I got near to the goal but I got tagged so I passed the ball to Tommy. Unfortunately they intercepted my pass and they got about half way down the pitch and one of our players tagged them. As soon as we got the ball we were tagged again and they scored a point. 'Stop!' shouted the ref and then we had a break.

Other rugby challenges included a team passing game and a dodging game where everyone on your team had a ball and you all had to avoid being tagged by the other team.

Written by Aaron and Ben Y4

## Rugby Festival for Y5 and Y6 - Wednesday 30th of September



We took part in a Tag Rugby competition for Amber Valley Schools on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September at Belper Rugby club. It was for years 5 and 6. We played the following teams: Horsley, Munday, Riddings, Shirland, Kilburn, Loscoe, and Long Row. We finished equal 2nd in our first group games. We won 5, drew 1 and lost 2. It was an 8-a-side game.

When we arrived we were nervous but when we started playing it was very fun but very tricky. Our team did really well.

By Amy, Bradley and Dylan Y6

## School trip to the Christmas Play

**W**e have been able to book tickets this year to take all of the children to the theatre in Derby to see a Christmas play. We are going to Derby Theatre, in the Intu Centre, on Tuesday 8th December.

Reception & Y1 will be watching (morning back for lunch)

Y2-6 will be watching Cinderella (afternoon - back later)

FRIENDS have kindly agreed to cover the cost of the coaches, so the cost is just for the ticket.

## Topics next term will be:

**Reception:** Are all celebrations the same?

**Year 1/2:** How dark is dark?

**Year 3/4:** What does the "body machine" do with food?

**Year 5/6:** Was World War II really woeful?

## Attendance

**P**olite reminder for everybody. Since September 2013, schools are no longer allowed to authorise holidays in term time. The office holds forms for parents to request time off school for exceptional circumstances. If you believe your request is **exceptional**, then please make sure one of these forms is given to the office at least two weeks before the absence is needed. If your request is not authorised and your child is absent from school on the dates requested, then I have a duty to inform the Local Authority, who will issue a fixed-penalty fine. This fine is £120 per child, per parent.

**Illness** - please ring the school in the morning to let us know if your child is ill and won't be in. Our policy is that children should remain at home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea to prevent it from spreading to others. Thank - you.

Children using a cycle or scooter to get to/from school **MUST** wear a helmet. All bikes and scooters must be left at the cycle shed and not brought into the playground.

## Clubs next term

Breakfast Club every day (£4 a session): 7: 45 - 8:45am (Bookings through the school office)

Tuesday - 8:20am: The Golden Mile running club-all ages (adults must run with KS1)

### Lunchtime

Monday: Gardening: KS2 gate: Mrs Core

Wednesday: Choir: Y1 class: Mrs Mackney

Thursday: KS2 Newspaper: ICT Suite (Mrs Howell)

Thursday: Sewing: Y5 classroom (Miss Parsons)

Friday: KS2 Multi-Skills: Ball Court: Premier Sport

### After school until 4:15pm

Tuesday: KS1 Multi-Skills: Hall: Premier Sport

Tuesday: Junky Monkey (Crafts): Mrs Carr

Wednesday: Dance Club EYFS/KS1/Y3&4

Thursday: KS2 Archery

Friday: DCFC Football: All ages: Hall

## How we have been using the Pupil Premium funding this term:

**Reception (FS2):** Weekly YogaBugs session

**Y2:** Weekly Forest School - Shining Cliff Woods

**Y4:** Weekly violin/cello lessons for the class-music tutors

**Y5:** Weekly Forest School - Shining Cliff Woods

**FS2/KS1:** Daily ECAR lesson (Every Child a Reader) one-to-one with specialist teacher

**Y5/6:** Weekly small group booster sessions with a teacher - English/Maths

**All ages:** Lunchtime nurture/Positive Play groups - Cherry Tree/Oak Tree

**All classes:** Teaching Assistant for every class in the morning & afternoon interventions from them

**All classes:** Reduction in cost of trips out & visitors to school for topics



Jasmine, a member of the Magic Circle, visited school today on Monday, to launch our Maths' Week. Here she is with a group of Miss Tomlinson's class, demonstrating a mathematical magic trick. Each class had a session with her, where they had to use maths and magic. Ask your child about the magic they saw as well as the maths they used.

## Message from the new Chair of School Council

Hello, I am Felix Hughes, the new Chair of the School Council. This is not what I normally look like around school; it is in fact my great granddad's uniform (Albert Norman Richards). I am wearing it because the Y5/6 topic this term is World War II.



We have met once this term so far as the council and it is going smoothly. Billy (Y6) is the school secretary and he is a truly, amazing scribe.

Thank you for voting for me - if you did! My main aim is to re-open the Gold area in KS2, after it was damaged. I will include KS1 as well and listen to all suggestions. I look forward to serving the school council and making everyone happy.

Yours sincerely

Felix Hughes

## Operation Christmas Child



The school will again be supporting this appeal for shoeboxes filled with gifts for children based on need, regardless of their background or religious beliefs. Leaflets with full details of what to pack into the shoeboxes will be distributed to all pupils when they return after half term. Families may wish to wrap and pack their own shoebox but there will be some shoeboxes in each classroom for pupils to bring along individual items. All boxes should be brought to school by Friday 20th November so they can be taken to the depot in Derby for despatch.

### Dates for next term:-

**November 2: Back to school**

**November 5: Y5/6 trip to Stockport Air-raid shelters**

**November 5: Y3's 5-60 Sports programme starts**

**November 10: York Gospel Choirmaster visiting school to work with the choir**

**November 11: Remembrance Assembly - Y6 parents invited -10am (TBC)**

**November 9 – 20: Assessment weeks**

**November 23: Anti-bullying week**

**November 17: Parent Hub with Mrs Oliver (any new parents warmly invited): 2:15pm**

**November 25: Y1 Parents invited for school lunch**

**November 28: FRIENDS, Christmas Craft Fair in school: (11-1pm)**

**The December Diary Dates will be issued after Half Term Holiday**