

The Hazlemere Herald

June 2024



Dear parents/carers,

The month of June brought the sense of community and caring to life for me; mostly from my interactions with you, the parents and families of our school. We are entering a very exciting phase at Hazlemere Church of England School and we are all on this journey together. More details below.

Thank you to those who participated in our school Parental Surveys; we have had quite a big response and your feedback will help us form parts of the Development Strategy going forward. Results will be published once all stakeholders (parents, staff and pupils) have been surveyed.

We are indebted to the Friends of Hazlemere for their incredible Summer Fayre on Saturday 29th June. It was so well planned and really well attended. I got a bit wet, as you may have seen on our Facebook page! The Friends have supported us a lot this year and without their enthusiasm and your participation we would not be able to provide some of the really nice things we have this year.

Lots below including, building plans, staffing arrangements for September and children's highlights from June.

Do enjoy.

Mr Daniels

Capital Projects



At the risk of repeating myself over and over again, I was taken aback by the positive response my letter dated 10th June 2024 regarding capital projects that will take place over the next number of years.

Thank you all for being so supportive.

I have attached a copy of the letter to this news letter; essentially, **instead of asking families for a £25 per term contribution** to the school, we are instead **asking for a £10 per month contribution** to our school fund (which is a registered charity) with funds raised being used towards the school's requirement to fund 10% of all major capital projects. Donations to the school fund will be eligible for Gift Aid, meaning your money goes even further.

If you would like any further information please contact the school office or myself at drop-off and pick-up times.



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Monday 10th June 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to you today to ask for your support; this is not an easy letter to write, but I believe it is important for our whole community to be aware of the challenges we have, in the face of school operating budgets being continually squeezed. The reason for my letter is the need to future-proof our amazing school and **urgent** works that need to be completed to ensure a happy, safe and stimulating learning environment; something I am committed to provide for your children and the school staff.

I am now almost a year into what has been the best decision I have ever made, which was of course asking your children if I could be their Headteacher. During this time, I have worked extremely hard to get to know each one personally, speak to you as parents/carers face to face whenever I can, but also use my 'fresh eyes' to identify the priorities for this school for the next 3-5 years.

One of the most obvious priorities, and I'm sure it has been obvious to you, is the ageing site we have here and the associated problems that have arisen over the past number of years, namely;

- Leaking pitched and flat roofs causing ingress of damp.
- Antiquated plumbing/toilet facilities in the oldest parts of the site (180 years old)
- Condemned swimming pool that needs removing and redeveloping.

Having identified these concerns very early in my Headship here, I moved quickly to involve the Oxford Diocese, to which we belong and who are responsible for church schools within our area, to ask for their support. They agreed that the school can no longer wait for investment to remove any health & safety concerns and also to ensure we are the **First Choice** for any potential child or family in our area.

Although yet to be fully agreed, the Diocese has recommended a body of work to **commence in August 2024**, to take place over the next two years which will see these potential issues rectified. The costs for the work we need are in the region of £300,000. Thankfully, the vast majority of this will be kindly funded by the Diocese. However, as a Voluntary Aided school, we will need to contribute 10% of the total costs. And here is why I am writing to you today.

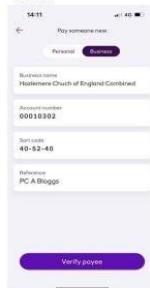
Like many schools around the country and due to many reasons, including how we are funded, we simply do not have £30,000 to put towards this project. It should be noted that this is a two-year project, so we do not need to find all of the money immediately, which is a blessing. Of course, we could look to take this from our existing budget, but I am reluctant to do this, thereby potentially compromising on delivering the highest standard of education possible to your children.

I have written to some charitable organisations and, along with my governing body and our fabulous PTA, The Friends of Hazlemere, we are discussing how we can design a project that will help us raise as much of our contribution as we can over the next 2 years and I'm confident we will succeed. However, to borrow a phrase from a leading supermarket, every little helps.

Therefore, and I do not do this lightly, I am asking you as part of our school community, if you could spare a contribution of £10 a month to help us on our way to securing these vital improvements. Given the commitment of the Diocese for this particular project, every £10 we receive from parents is worth £100 to the school. I should also say that this suggested monthly contribution will replace the £25 termly contribution previously requested by the school.

We have investigated the best and easiest way to do this and we think that setting up a standing order direct to our school fund works best. In addition, as this is a charitable account, [your donations will enable us to receive Gift Aid](#) meaning your contributions will go even further in providing your children with the very best.

The standing order is so easy to set up as you can see below; simply find our **Business Account** under the name, **Hazlemere Church of England Combined School Fund**, account number **00010302** and sort code **40-52-40**. So that we can receive Gift Aid, use the reference **'PC child's initial and surname'** as in the screenshot below.



Simply put, with your help, for every £10 you contribute the diocese will contribute £90 to this project and with Gift Aid on top, this target is even more achievable.

Again, this hasn't been the easiest letter for me to write but I'm sure you are all aware and know me well enough by now to know I am absolutely committed to driving this school forward and I thank you all sincerely for your ongoing support.

If you would like to speak to me about this letter, then seek me out on the playground each morning at drop-off time or afternoons at collection time; I am always happy to chat face to face.

With warm regards,



Mr B Daniels
Headteacher

Phase 1 - Early Years Toilets and Pitched Roof

We have been approved by the Diocese for funding to repair our main pitched roof and also a complete renovation of the toilets and baby changing facilities in our Early Years building.

You will see from the photos attached, both the roof and the toilets are long overdue some attention and we have now secured the funding to **replace the EYFS toilets this summer.**

Unfortunately due to delays with our roofers, this part of the project will take place later in the year.

For now **we are thrilled to be able to launch a totally over-hauled EYFS in September 2024** as, to coincide with the new toilet facilities, the entire building has received new flooring and is currently being painted!

The entire cost of the works in EYFS are as follows:

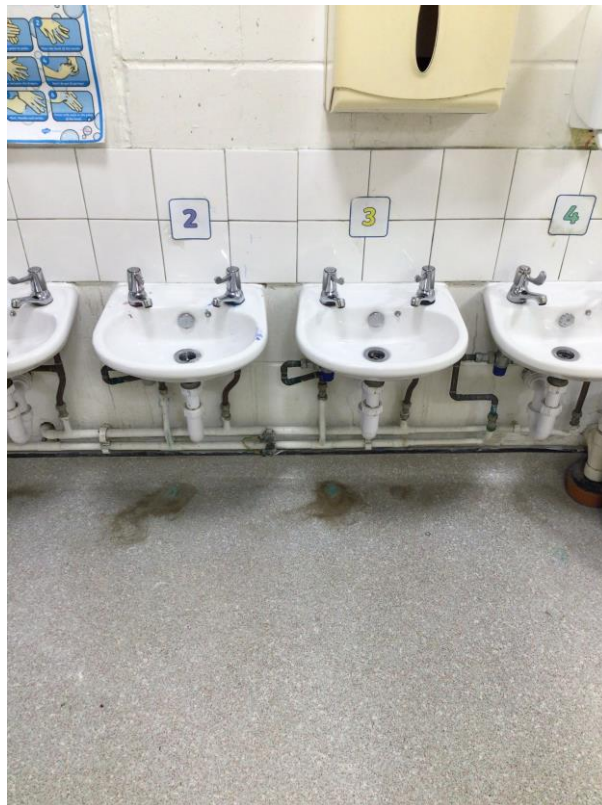
Toilet Renovation £32,605.93

Painting £1,500

Flooring £9,480

Total £43,585.93

Of course we look forward to sharing before and after photos with you and inviting you for a tour in September.



1 - Existing wash basins EYFS

We also have a family who have taken inspiration from the Wuermlis and would like to make and sell Biryani Boxes to raise funds....watch this space





Sports Day



We have had such great feedback about this year's Sports Day. It really was an incredible day **filled with laughter, sunshine, music and ice lollies!**

We are so thankful to Mrs Woodstock and her Year 6 team who planned the day meticulously. Encouragement was the emerging theme of the day as everywhere we looked our older role-models were encouraging their younger school friends to do their very best in each activity.

Of course on the day only one house could be crowned victorious and this time around it was Mandela's turn to claim victory.

Well done to the adults too who participated in the parents' races...such good sports!













Rocksteady lessons from September 2024!

Tuesday 4th June was very exciting as we had a real Rock n Roll experience first thing!

Rocksteady, **winners of Wellbeing Resource of the Year 2022**, put on a stellar performance in front of the whole school, demonstrating how to use music as a way of expressing ourselves and also as a way of discovering talents we didn't know we had.

For instance, within 15 minutes of being in our school we already had a group of children up on their feet performing We Will Rock You, despite never having played the electric guitar, bass guitar, keyboards or drums before; it was amazing!

Rocksteady will be providing music tuition each Monday from September with special Rock Concerts to parents at the end of each term.

If you are interested in your child participating please follow this link

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>





Year 6 Activities

This time of year is a rite of passage for pupils in Year 6; once SATS are completed, things like **residential, Performances and Leavers' Assembly slowly take over**. These children have been probably busier than they have ever been and it is great to see them prepare to take the next step in their journeys.

Here is an update from Mrs Asare-Archer

Wow! What a month June has been for Year 6! It all started at the beginning of the month with our residential to Kingswood. We had a wonderful three days having a real adventure and making some amazing memories. The most exciting activities were the climbing wall and zip wire where many children and adults over came their fears to reach the top. The accommodation was great and the food was amazing!

As soon as we came back from our residential, we began rehearsals for our end of year performance - The Greatest Show. We are in full swing of rehearsals, set building, costume designing and prop making and we look forward to performing to the whole school and our parents at the beginning of July.

To help us perfect our performance skills we had a visit for **Katy Kartwheel who led a Circus workshop**, where she taught us juggling, plate spinning, diabolos and many other circus skills that we have added in to our play.

And finally, we had the privilege of visiting **Pinewood Studios** which was a real inspiration and has many of Year 6 thinking about future careers in the film industry. We had a tour of the studios and were told about all the amazing blockbuster films that were made there. We could see large outdoor sets being built for the next major Marvel films; we also got to hold a real Oscar - a taste of what's to come for some inspiring actors in the class.



























Year 5 Residential to Longridge

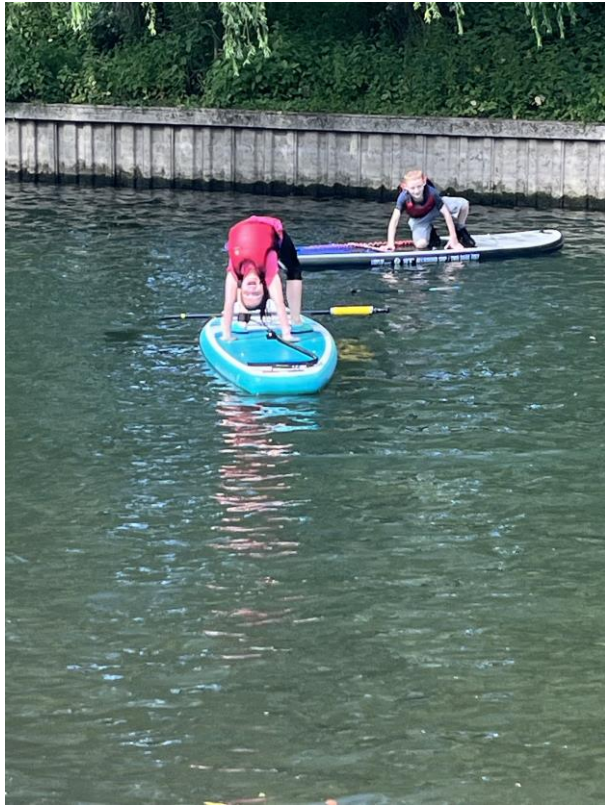
Last week our Year 5 children spent a night at Longridge, enjoying activities such as Lazer Tag, Raft Building, Paddle Boarding and the dreaded High Swing.

We are grateful to the staff who went, Miss Tierney, Mrs Farmer and Mrs Lyle....they weren't as lucky as the Year 6 staff in terms of getting sleep but they were cheery when I visited them Friday with a bacon sandwich!











New Nurture Provision from September

We are delighted to announce our new in-house Nurture Provision that will be **launching from September 2024.**

This exciting new intervention will be **run by Mrs Dymott under the guidance of our Inclusion Manager, Mrs Brocklehurst.**

What is Nurture?

A Nurture group is a focused, short-term intervention for primary or secondary school pupils with any kind of additional need in terms of their social, emotional or behavioural development.

Nurture groups are designed to address the social and emotional needs that can hamper pupils' learning. So to aid children's ability to learn what is already part of their mainstream education, Nurture helps develop vital social skills, to develop confidence and to take pride in achieving.

Nurture groups are also designed to help children make friends and participate in social situations by giving them the skills to build and recognise healthy relationships.

We have just finished updating and redecorating one of our office spaces in school and this will become the dedicated Nurture Room. Once it is up-and-running we will share photos of our Nurture Space with you.

Our in-house Nurture provision will be carrying on from Calm Little Minds who have made such a positive impact in our school.



5 - Mrs Dymott - Nurture Lead



6 - Mrs Brocklehurst - Inclusion Manager

Transition Day 2024

Children are so excited about progressing to the next year group; while our Year 6 children go to visit their Secondary Schools, Tuesday 2nd July will see the rest of their children spend the morning with their new New Teacher and Teaching Assistant.

Our class-based staffing structure will be as follows from September 2024

EYFS Team

Mrs Howard (Nursery and Reception Teacher & Team Leader)

Mrs Richards (Level 4, HLTA)

Miss Eastman (Level 3 Early Years, Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Webb (Teaching Assistant)

Year 1

Miss Lane (Teacher)

Mrs Kogut (Teaching Assistant)

Year 2

Mrs Hipgrave (Teacher)

Mrs Lyle (Teaching Assistant)

Year 3

Mrs Bartlett (Teacher)

Mrs Button (Teaching Assistant)

Year 4

Mrs Woodstock & Miss Hussain (Teachers / Class Share)

Mrs Hibbert (Teaching Assistant)

Year 5

Miss Tierney (Teacher)

Mrs Farmer (Teaching Assistant)

Year 6

Mrs Asare-Archer/Mrs Opiola (Teachers / Class Share)

Mrs Dymott (Teaching Assistant)

Ms. Kehoe, Mrs Cooke and Mrs Richards (Higher Level Teaching Assistants) will provide teachers with Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA)

Staffing Updates

We are sad to see two members of our close team leave this Summer but we are happy for them in their new pursuits,

Firstly, after completing her period of maternity leave, **Mrs Haq has decided not to return, instead taking the time to raise her young family.** Mrs Haq joined our school in 2015 and we are very sad to see her go but we are so happy that she gets to spend such quality time with her family.

After a very successful first year in teaching with us here in Hazlemere, **Miss Harper will be leaving us in order to pursue a passion of hers which is teaching in a dedicated school for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.** Although we are so sad to say goodbye, we know that this is absolutely the right move for Miss Harper; she will be sorely missed by children and staff alike.

We do have one new member of staff joining us from September; **we are delighted to introduce Miss Aamina Hussain.** Miss Hussain has been **with us since September,** where she has **completed her School-Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT)** in Year 2. After a very successful (and very impressive) interview we are delighted to have appointed her to our fantastic staff team.

I'm sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Haq and Miss Harper for making such a difference here and also join me in welcoming Miss Hussain to the team.



7 - Mrs Haq



8 - Miss Hussain

Dates for your Diary



July 2024

Wednesday 3rd Year 3 Trip to the Wycombe Museum

Wednesday 10th Year 6 Performance 1 16.00 start

Thursday 11th Year 6 Performance 2 18.00 start

Friday 12th Bastille Day

Monday 15th EYFS Pirtate Dress Up Day

Friday 19th School Reports Sent Home

Monday 22nd Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 09.15 start

Tuesday 23rd END OF SCHOOL YEAR 13.00 FINISH

In the Community



Summer Holiday Gymnastics and Trampolining Camps!

Throughout the Summer Holidays we will be running some fun and action-packed gymnastics and trampolining holiday camp days for ages 4 – 11 years, with air tracks, trampoline, floor, vault, beam and bars

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DATES: Running Wednesdays at Hazlemere Youth Centre & Thursdays at Court Garden throughout the school holidays

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 Monday 19th August – Thursday 22nd August

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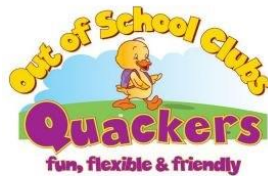
Adults - age 15+

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